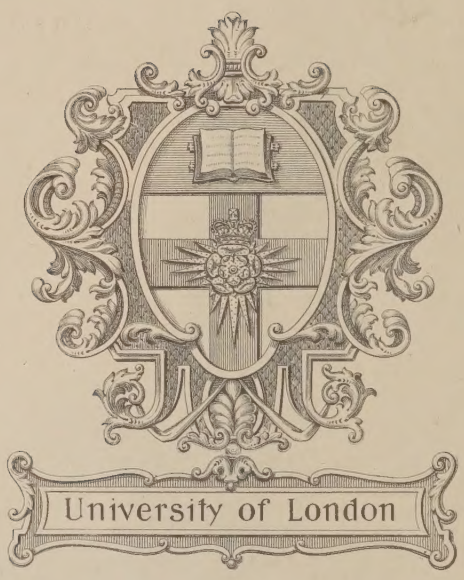
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VICTORIA R.

Victoria, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Defender of the Faith.

To Our trusty and well-beloved Wyndham Slade, Esquire, Lucius Henry Fitzgerald, Esquire, and George Russell, Esquire, greeting.

Whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled, have by a joint address humbly represented unto Us, that a Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to try a petition complaining of an undue election and return for the Borough of Great Yarmouth have reported to the House that they had reason to believe that Corrupt Practices have extensively prevailed at the last Election for the Borough of Great Yarmouth, and have humbly prayed that We will be graciously pleased to cause inquiry to be made pursuant to the provisions of the Act of Parliament passed in the Sixteenth Year of Our Reign, intituled "An Act to provide for more effectual Inquiry into the Existence of "Corrupt Practices at Elections for Members to serve in Parliament," by the appointment of you, the said Wyndham Slade, Lucius Henry Fitzgerald, and George Russell, as Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry into the existence of such corrupt practices.

Know ye, that We, in compliance with the prayer of the said joint address, have authorized and appointed, and do by these presents, in pursuance of the powers vested in Us by the said Act, authorize and appoint you, the said Wyndham Slade, Lucius Henry Fitzgerald, and George Russell, to be Commissioners for the purpose of making inquiry under the said Act into the existence of such corrupt practices in the said joint address referred to.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the Sixteenth day of June 1866, in the twenty-ninth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's command.

(Signed) G. GREY.

REPORT.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

We the Commissioners appointed under Your Majesty's Warrant to inquire into the existence of Corrupt Practices at the last Election of Members to serve in Parliament for the Borough of Great Yarmouth, humbly submit the following Report to Your Majesty:

In obedience to Your Majesty's commands we opened the Commission in the Town Hall of Great Yarmouth on the 16th day of August last, and continued the Inquiry by daily sittings (with an adjournment from the 12th day of September to the 3rd day of October) until the 15th day of October. A period of 34 days was occupied in the examination of 656 witnesses summoned before us in open court.

We commenced by inquiring into the existence of corrupt practices at the election of 1865, and finding that corrupt practices had been committed thereat, we proceeded, as directed by the Statute, to make the like inquiry concerning the previous election which took place in April 1859. We found that corrupt practices had been committed thereat, and proceeded to inquire into the next previous election which took place in August 1857. At this election the members were returned without a contest, and upon inquiry we did not find that any corrupt practices had been committed thereat; we did not therefore inquire concerning any election previous thereto, except so far as the occurrences at previous elections served to explain the corrupt practices which we found prevailing in 1859 and 1865.

Great Yarmouth in the county of Norfolk was one of the very first boroughs to send burgesses to Parliament, having been summoned in 1296. For several centuries the right to elect members was exercised by the governing body of the Freemen of the town, the electors termed the inquest were composed of six freemen and six common councilmen, and the members were almost invariably chosen from the governing body itself. After the Restoration, it was decided by a Committee of the House of Commons, on petition, that the right to choose members was vested in the Freemen at large, and from that time to the passing of the Statute commonly called the Reform Act, the members were elected by the Freemen alone. In the year 1848 the Freemen were altogether disfranchised, so that the only qualification now existing is the 10*l.* household franchise, created by the Reform Act. The town presents a busy and thriving appearance, and contains a population of nearly 40,000 inhabitants. At the census of 1861 the population of Yarmouth proper was 30,088; of Gorleston and Southtown 4,485, and the increase since that date is estimated at 15 per cent. The principal industry of the town is directed to the prosecution of the fisheries, but the shipping trade generally has decreased since the introduction of the railway which, however, has benefited other branches of industry. Upon the passing of the Reform Act the limits of the borough were extended, and now comprise the suburb of Gorleston and Southtown on the right bank of the river Yare in the county of Suffolk. The actual number of electors on the register of 1864-5 was 1,647 (for Yarmouth 1,369, for Gorleston 278), of whom 1,432 voted at the election of 1865 (for Yarmouth 1,197, for Gorleston 235). There are only two political parties now in Yarmouth, a Liberal and a Conservative party. The old Whig party, which had been long represented by the families of Walpole, Townshend, and Anson, became extinct as a separate party when Mr. Rumbold, in 1852, coalesced with Sir E. Lacon, the Conservative, in opposition to the two Liberal candidates. Ev. 28,790. Ev. 28,803.

The last election for the borough took place upon Wednesday, July 12th, 1865. The candidates were Sir Edmund Henry Knowles Lacon, Bart., and Mr. James Goodson, on the Conservative side; and Mr. Alexander Brogden and Mr. Philip Vanderbyl on the Liberal side.

Sir Edmund Lacon is a gentleman of large property, living in the neighbourhood, and carrying on the business of a banker and brewer in the town of Yarmouth, and had represented the borough in two previous Parliaments. Mr. James Goodson is a barrister, and a director of the Great Eastern Railway Company, and was at that time chairman of the company, which possesses a terminus in Yarmouth. In March 1864 he was desirous Ev. 2770. Ev. 5657.

of a seat in Parliament, and having obtained an interview with Sir Henry Stracey, one of the late members who had declined again to come forward, was by that gentleman
Ev. 25,077. recommended to the Conservative party in the borough. Mr. Brogden is an ironmaster carrying on business at Ulverstone in Lancashire, and also in South Wales, and had no
Ev. 6046. connexion whatever with Great Yarmouth. He was recommended to the Liberal party by Mr. Watkin, who had himself stood two contested elections for the borough, in the Liberal interest. Mr. Philip Vanderbyl is a merchant and banker in the city of London, was unconnected with the town, and is now member of Parliament for the Borough of Bridgewater. In addition to these candidates Mr. John Clark Marshman had also canvassed the borough in company with Mr. Brogden. Mr. Marshman is a gentleman of independent fortune, was formerly in the East India Company's Civil Service, and is a
Ev. 7412. member of several of the East Indian Railway Boards. He had previously canvassed three other constituencies as a Liberal upon purist principles without success; for causes presently to be mentioned, he resigned the contest, when his place was supplied by Mr. Vanderbyl.

The canvass on both sides commenced about the same time, and continued on the part of the Conservative candidates up to the day of election; at its conclusion they claimed not only a majority of promises over their opponents, but the promises of a
Ev. 6849. majority of voters on the register. No reference, however, was made in this calculation to the number of these promises which it was notorious could not be depended upon unless confirmed by money, in the event of money being spent on either side.

Ev. 6069. The canvass of the Liberal candidates was completed at an earlier period; and although a majority of promises was not claimed by them, the canvass was deemed by the heads of the party sufficiently favourable to warrant the expectation of success for one at least of the candidates, should bribery not be resorted to on the other side; and at a meeting of the party held about ten days before the election, when the result of the canvass was discussed, it was plainly declared, that, in such event, the election could not be carried without bribery. The effect of this announcement on the two Liberal candidates was very different. Mr. Marshman whose own observation had led him
Ev. 7431. to the same conclusion, determined at once to abandon a position which he could not maintain without violating the law; Mr. Brogden, after an ineffectual attempt to effect a compromise with the other side which would avoid a contest altogether, left Yarmouth for London to provide himself with a more accommodating colleague, and the means of securing his election at any cost. Mr. Marshman, who had prepared an address to the electors in which he stated that in reference to his own character and the moral interests of the town it was advisable that he should retire, was prevailed upon, partly by the remonstrance of Mr. Watkin, to withhold the announcement of his resignation for a few days; and on the Friday previous to the election Mr. Brogden returned to Yarmouth followed by Mr. Vanderbyl, who had agreed to take the place of Mr. Marshman and to pay half of all
Ev. 5797. expenses to be incurred, "whatever they might be," in the event of his being elected
Ev. 6143. member, and half the legal expenses incurred since the retirement of Mr. Marshman in the event of his not being elected.

Concurrently with the open canvass of the whole constituency carried on by the candidates, in the course of which no reference to illegal considerations was ever breathed by either candidate or voter, another canvass, secret but active, was during the whole period pursued amongst that portion of the constituency well known to be venal, by a numerous body of partisans of either side, whom political zeal or less worthy motives urged to lend their services upon this, as on former occasions. The portion of
Ev. 24,672. the constituency considered to be venal was estimated by the chief "illegal agent" on
Ev. 26,730. one side at 550 votes, and by one who had signalized himself as an active partizan on both sides, but who on this occasion acted with the Liberals, at 600 votes; and amongst this portion of the constituency arrangements were made on both sides as to the amount which each individual voter should have, in the event of money being forthcoming at last.

On the Saturday previous to the election both parties stood ready prepared for the contest. Mr. Brogden was in Yarmouth accompanied by his new colleague, and surrounded by his banker, his solicitor, two confidential clerks, and two professional agents of corruption. He had provided himself by a loan from the Imperial Bank with 6,000*l.*, part of which was already in the hands of his clerks, part ready to be brought down at the shortest notice; but he hesitated to use it. He had convinced himself in
Ev. 6091. the course of his canvass that "the borough, although Liberal, was much under the "influence of Sir Edmund Lacon, and that if the election was allowed to pursue an "unfettered course the probability was that Sir Edmund Lacon and one Liberal would "be returned." Rumours had also reached him that Mr. Goodson's money was not forthcoming, and that that gentleman would retire at the last moment; hence he indulged

the hope that a bold front would induce the opposite party to agree to a compromise, and allow one from each side to be returned without a contest. The Liberal party encouraged him in this expectation; and the less scrupulous portion of his friends urged him to lose no time and secure his election by those means which they were confident would be, if they had not already been resorted to by his opponents in order to defeat him.

The Conservative party, and the Conservative condidates, meanwhile would listen to no overtures for compromise. The candidates relied on their canvass books; and the party were confident that they could not be beaten except by money, and equally confident that the money would be found on their own side, if wanted to secure the election. Nor was their confidence without foundation. Mr. Samuel Nightingale, the partner of Sir Edmund Lacon in his brewery, had provided himself with the sum of 4,000*l.* in gold, which sum the experience of a former occasion had told him was requisite and sufficient for the emergency. Ev. 2385.

It would appear that at this time but three persons connected with the election, in the town of Yarmouth, were wholly unconscious of the true position of affairs; namely, Sir Edmund Lacon, Mr. James Goodson, and Mr. Philip Vanderbyl.

The last-named gentleman had but just arrived in the town, and was too busily occupied in making himself acquainted with the electors who called upon him to be expected to see far beneath the surface, or to realize at its full value the nature of the contract into which he had entered with Mr. Brogden, from whom he had heard no particulars of the situation.

Mr. James Goodson told us that he had not "troubled himself" with any previous knowledge of the history of Yarmouth, and had not received from his canvass of the electors the same impressions which forced themselves upon the mind of Mr. Marshman, as upon a former occasion they had forced themselves upon that of his predecessor Sir Henry Stracey. He was perhaps wanting in that observation which gave to those gentlemen so quick and keen an insight into the truth, and attributed the prosperous appearance of his canvass book to the combined influence of the bank, the brewery, and the railway. So little did Mr. Goodson see behind the scenes, that, in the district of Gorleston two thirds of which were in the opinion of the "illegal agents" corrupt, he deemed the electors "so "alive to the advantages which Sir Edmund Lacon and himself would confer upon the town "that they did not need refreshing."

But the delusion under which Sir Edmund Lacon laboured, that corrupt practices were confined to his opponents, is only to be accounted for upon the hypothesis that he deliberately resolved to be ignorant, and was fortified in that ignorance by the determined reticence of every friend in the town who might have enlightened him as to the real state of the constituency. His avocations brought him into constant contact with those not only cognizant of those practices, but who took a leading part in them. He had stood three contested elections for the borough; had been twice returned member; had twice been petitioned against on the ground of bribery (on one of which occasions the petition failed from an informality); and had once successfully petitioned against the opposite party on the same ground. His return in 1859 had been secured by bribery, and that bribery had been proved before and found by a Committee of the House of Commons, and he had unconsciously and without inquiry actually repaid 1,000*l.* of the money so expended. Three of the persons then proved to have been most active in bribing for the Conservative party were again similarly employed on the present occasion, and amongst them, the chief "illegal agent"; and yet he told us, that the proceedings at the former election were no precedent for the present one; that the conspicuous absence of this man from his canvass and committee room never suggested to him he might have some other indirect means of advancing his cause, and that at the conclusion of the polling he had no belief, and no reason to believe, that a shilling had been spent in effecting his return, beyond what he would have to pay through the hands of his legal agents. Ev. 2997.

The confidence of the Conservative party as to both their candidates, possibly based upon the principle laid down by Mr. Nightingale that it was as cheap to buy two votes as one, had even extended to the expectation that Mr. Brogden would retire from the contest; but the appearance of Mr. Vanderbyl on the scene in the place of Mr. Marshman, whose reasons for withdrawing could not have been misunderstood, convinced them that the time for action had arrived, and accordingly on that evening Mr. Nightingale caused 1,000*l.* to be conveyed by a "strange gentleman" to Mr. John Cooper, a printer and stationer, who was then the known and recognized "illegal agent" of the party. The greater part of this first 1,000*l.* was immediately sent by Mr. Cooper to Gorleston as "the weak point." On the Sunday and Monday following two further sums, amounting in all to 3,500*l.*, were sent by the same hand to Mr. Cooper, and 500*l.* to Mr. Isaac Shuckford, a fish merchant and zealous partizan of the cause. Mr. Cooper gave to us, together with a list of those voters Ev. 2531. Ev. 1169

whom he had himself bought, the names of nine sub-agents, to whom he had given various sums of money. The two largest sums were sent to Mr. John Grimes Rivett, and Ev. 4259. Mr. John Lummis, who are both dead. Mr. Rivett lived in Gorleston, and the management of the entire bribery in that district was left in his hands. Mr. Cooper told us that he sent him altogether 1,500*l.* Mr. Rivett's death prevented us from tracing the whole of this sum into the hands of the voters, but we are of opinion that it was all used Ev. 1174. in the manner and for the purpose intended. No account was rendered of the monies so expended, which were disbursed at the discretion of the sub-agents; but the whole sum of 4,000*l.* (with the exception of 170*l.* which was returned by Mr. Shuckford to Mr. Nightingale during our inquiry) was disposed of before the day of polling.

Ev. 6205. It was not until the afternoon of Monday that Mr. Brogden made up his mind to go on with the election. He had been told that he was too late, and that the election was already lost, but he decided nevertheless to proceed. An intimation to this effect was given to his agents, who commenced their work without delay. Mr. John Edwards, an accountant of Preston, in Lancashire, was the principal agent. He had been engaged by Mr. Brogden early in the canvass to take the management of the election. About a week before the polling day Mr. Edwards summoned to his aid Mr. Cornelius Satterthwaite, also of Preston. Mr. Satterthwaite, who was known in Yarmouth under the name Ev. 11,584 *et seq.* of "Mr. Jones," does not appear to have taken any part whatever in the proceedings until the Sunday previous to the election, when, in anticipation of his services being required, he arranged with Mr. Downing, a fish merchant and one of the chief local agents of bribery, the mode of proceeding to be adopted in the disbursement of money. Mr. Satterthwaite proposed that tickets should be issued to the electors, to be exchanged by them for money after they had polled. But this system, it was objected, would not do for Yarmouth, where the sub-agents claimed to distribute the money, and where the voters required to be paid before going to the poll. It was ultimately arranged, with the sanction of Mr. Edwards, that tickets should be issued by a certain number of "captains," whose handwriting was known, and should be distributed amongst the voters who were to exchange them for money with "Mr. Jones" before the day of election. The tickets were to be inscribed with a number, a capital letter, and a minute mark to guard against forgery. The number was that of the voter on the register, whose name had been previously given in by the sub-agent as requiring money; and the capital letter was A, B, C, or D, representing respectively 5*l.*, 10*l.*, 15*l.*, or 20*l.* Upon the ticket being presented, "Mr. Jones" was to refer to the register and identify the voter by his number. He was then to write the capital letter against his name, hand him the money, and keep the ticket as a voucher.

The system so arranged was in part carried out by Mr. Satterthwaite, who was occupied until a late hour on Monday night, and the whole of Tuesday, in paying the voters who came to him with tickets, or were sent to him by the sub-agents; and he was thus enabled to read us out a list of 239 names, whose number on the register had been given in to him on tickets, or for whom money had been drawn. But of these, forty-one persons called before us denied receiving any money from Mr. Satterthwaite, fifteen of whom were gentlemen against whom no suspicion of bribery could attach, and who came forward indignantly to deny the scandal thus publicly cast upon them. Of the remaining twenty-six persons named, sixteen voted on the Conservative side and six abstained from voting altogether. We should add, however, that eight persons whose names had not been Ev. 12,426. given in by Mr. Satterthwaite, acknowledged to having received money as substitutes for those in whose names it had been drawn. The failure of this system was attributed partly to the lateness of the period at which it was determined to go on with the election, and the hurry which was thereby caused, and partly to the dishonesty of those through whose hands the money passed. Mr. Satterthwaite told us that in many instances lists of voters were brought to him, and that he had to part with the money in gross sums; but that for every sum so drawn he placed a corresponding letter against the name on the register. So public at last did this system become, that several of the voters examined by us said, that they heard that money was being given away, and that although they would have voted without money, yet they thought that they might as well have it as others.

Besides the voters bribed by Mr. Satterthwaite, Mr. Edwards gave us an additional list Ev. 6279. of eighty persons whom he had himself paid without tickets. The whole of the money thus spent was accounted for a few days after the election to Mr. Brogden's clerk; and of the above-mentioned sum of 6,000*l.* only 299*l.* 14*s.* remained to the credit of Mr. Brogden on this account.

The result of the contest was that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson were returned, the numbers polled being for Lacon, 828; Goodson, 784; Brogden, 634; Vanderbyl, 589.

It is matter of remark that under the above circumstances Mr. Brogden should, at

his own expense, have presented the petition which led to the finding of the House of Commons, which was the foundation of this Commission.

We find, in respect of the said election of 1865,—

That corrupt and illegal practices extensively prevailed thereat:

That the said election was conducted on behalf of Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon and Mr. James Goodson in a corrupt and illegal manner:

That Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon and Mr. James Goodson paid to their election agent the sum of 893*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.*, and no more, for their joint expenses of the said election:

That a further sum of 4,000*l.* was advanced by Mr. Samuel Nightingale, of which 3,500*l.* was paid to Mr. John Cooper and 500*l.* to Mr. Isaac Shuckford to be expended in bribing the electors to vote for Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon and Mr. James Goodson; but that it was not proved that the said sum was advanced with the knowledge or consent of Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon or Mr. James Goodson:

That of this money a sum of 3,830*l.* was expended in illegal payments, of which a sum of 2,267*l.* was expended in bribing 144 electors, whose names appear in the schedule hereunto annexed, to vote for Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon and Mr. James Goodson:

That of the sum of 1,563*l.*, balance of the said sum of 3,830*l.*, the greater part was expended in bribing about 60 electors, whose names we were unable to ascertain, to vote for Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and the remainder was retained by the agents and sub-agents as payment for their illegal services:

That a further sum of 15*l.* was expended by Stephen John Frederick Stafford in bribing Abraham Solomon to vote for Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon and Mr. James Goodson.

We find—

That the said election was conducted by and on behalf of Mr. Alexander Brogden and on behalf of Mr. Philip Vanderbyl in a corrupt and illegal manner:

That Mr. Alexander Brogden and Mr. Philip Vanderbyl paid to their election agent the sum of 643*l.* 13*s.* for their joint expenses of the said election, of which sum 150*l.* only was paid by Mr. Philip Vanderbyl:

That Mr. Marshman paid to his election agent the sum of 101*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* for his expenses of the canvass:

That a further sum of 6,000*l.* was provided by Mr. Alexander Brogden for the illegal purposes of the election; of this money a sum of 3328*l.* 10*s.* was expended by Mr. Cornelius Satterthwaite in bribing 206 electors, and a sum of 1502*l.* was expended by Mr. John Edwards in bribing 80 electors, whose names appear in the Schedule hereunto annexed, to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl: and that of the balance of 1,169*l.* 10*s.* part was expended in bribing about 14 electors, whose names we were unable to ascertain, to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl, part was paid to the agents or retained by the local sub-agents as payment for their illegal services, and a small sum remained to the credit of Mr. Brogden:

That before the said election Mr. Philip Vanderbyl entered into a corrupt agreement with Mr. Brogden that, in the event of his being returned, he would repay Mr. Brogden one-half of the money so advanced by him for the purposes of bribery.

We find—

That 98 persons whose names are set forth in Schedule A. annexed to this report committed corrupt practices, and were guilty of acts of bribery, in respect of the votes of other persons.

That 430 persons whose names are set forth in Schedule B. annexed to this report committed corrupt practices, and were guilty of acts of bribery, in respect of their own votes:

That 29 of the persons named in the last-mentioned Schedule, and whose names are set forth in Schedule C. annexed to this report, were guilty of acts of bribery on both sides.

We now proceed to the election of 1859, into which we next inquired. The result was necessarily less complete and satisfactory than that of our inquiry into the election of 1865, owing to the circumstance that some of the principal persons, who could have given us most information on the subject, were dead; and also, that a very considerable change had taken place in the body of the constituency since the year 1859, it having been stated to us that no less than 500 new names appeared on the register of 1864-5 which were not on that of 1858-9. Ev. 7511.

The election took place on the 29th of April 1859. Sir Edmund Lacon was associated upon this occasion with Sir Henry Stracey as his colleague in the Conservative interest. Sir Henry Stracey had at one time represented the county of Norfolk, in which county he possesses considerable landed property. He communicated to Sir E. Lacon his intention to become a candidate for Great Yarmouth, and it was agreed that they should canvass together. Sir Henry Stracey told us, with the utmost frankness, that, although he was entirely ignorant of the details, and did not even know, at the time of his examination before us, what the cost of his election had been, he came to Yarmouth with a general knowledge of the character of the constituency, and convinced himself during the progress of his canvass of the existence of a corrupt element in that body. Whatever delusion existed in the mind of Sir Edmund Lacon was not shared in by him, and on the understanding that the expenses of the contest were to be divided equally, he told us that he gave a *carte blanche* to his banker, Mr. Harvey, to advance whatever money was required for the purposes of the election on the requisition of one of three gentlemen whom he named, and he appointed Mr. W. C. Reynolds, a solicitor of the town, as his confidential agent to see that the understanding was carried out.

Ev. 25,026 *et seq.*

At this time Mr. John Green was the registration agent and recognized "illegal agent" of the Conservative party, and his death has prevented us from arriving at any positive conclusion as to the amount of money which reached his hands, for the purpose of bribery. We are satisfied that 2,000*l.* was paid by Mr. Harvey, who is a banker at Norwich and also Member of Parliament for Thetford, on the part of Sir Henry Stracey; but we had no evidence which satisfied us that more than 1,500*l.* came into the hands of Mr. Green from this source. We are satisfied also that Mr. Nightingale paid into Mr. Green's hands at least 1,000*l.*, and that from some source Mr. Green received at least 500*l.* more on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon. When the fact came out in the course of our inquiry that the sum advanced on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey was 2,000*l.*, it was suggested that a deceased relative of Sir Edmund Lacon might have advanced another 500*l.* on his behalf; and Mr. Reynolds told us that, although he laboured under the impression that 1,500*l.* and not 2,000*l.* was the sum, yet that he had, at the time, satisfied himself, by inquiry of Mr. Green, that whatever sum had come into Mr. Green's hands from Sir Henry Stracey, a similar amount had been paid on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon. We did not think that the objects of our inquiry necessitated us to prolong the investigation to ascertain whether 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* was the exact sum which reached Mr. Green, because we were prevented from tracing the money into the hands of the voters, except so far as we were informed of its distribution by the sub-agents whom we examined, but we entertain no doubt that 3,000*l.* at the least was expended in bribing voters on behalf of the Conservative candidates.

Ev. 27,443.

Ev. 25,548.

Sir Edmund Lacon emphatically denied all knowledge of this expenditure, which Mr. Nightingale stated he had never communicated to him, and we have no reason to believe that the facts at this time were so notorious that they must have forced themselves on the attention of one who plainly had no desire to inquire. Sir Edmund Lacon was satisfied with success, and attributed that success to an influence which we must now allude to as forming an important element in the political condition of the place, and to some extent explaining the ignorance under which he laboured, viz., the influence of the brewery in which he is the principal partner. Mr. Nightingale, who is the managing partner, told us that 203 or 204 houses were supplied with beer by this brewery, of which, "just under 40" were public-houses belonging to the firm, constituting nine-tenths of all the public and beer houses in the borough, and most of them being tenanted by voters. In addition to this, the sale of grains from the brewery to the cowkeepers of the town is very large, and the option of taking a contract to purchase the grains at a diminished rate constitutes a very valuable consideration to the cowkeeper who happens also to be a voter. It is obvious, that the political influence thus at the command of the brewery is very extensive, and very liable to be abused; and Mr. Nightingale avowed that he used all legitimate means to extend it.

Ev. 27,270 *et seq.*

Mr. Nightingale denied positively that he had "ever used a threat or put one into execution;" that although he "always asked a man's politics before he put him into a house," he had never turned out a tenant on that ground, and that "politics would not be a consideration," where one man was more likely to do business than another. We are bound to say, that no case was brought to our notice in which any coercion was attempted, although in some instances it was obvious that the considerations above mentioned had influenced the voter as to the side which he had taken at the poll. We were informed that at the previous election of 1857, mainly in reliance on this influence, little or no bribery was resorted to by the Conservative party, and we have no reason to doubt this statement, which was confirmed by evidence from the opposite side; it then failed to ensure

success and its defeat was attributed to the bribery which was brought to bear against it. From that time Mr. Nightingale told us that he "made up his mind that they "would not be subject to such annoyance and be victimized again, and accordingly he "found the money unknown to Sir Edmund Lacon or anybody else." He subsequently recovered this money from Sir Edmund Lacon in the following manner. Mr. Charles Cory, a solicitor of the town, the town clerk and a strong partizan of the Conservative party, was employed by Sir E. Lacon to defend him on the hearing of the petition before the Committee of the House of Commons, and to defend an action of libel brought against Sir Edmund Lacon in relation to those election proceedings. He also was employed to prosecute a man named Fayerman for perjury committed before the same committee. The bill of costs for these legal proceedings was necessarily large, and Mr. Cory, at the instance of Mr. Nightingale, agreed to include in this bill the sum of 1,000*l.* or 1,200*l.* (whatever the amount might be, for neither of them would pledge their recollection to the exact sum) in such a manner that Sir Edmund Lacon would not be able to detect the item. The whole amount of the bill of costs was 2,300*l.* and was paid by Sir Edmund Lacon in three several payments on account, and a balance of 1,500*l.* which was paid when the bill of costs itself was sent in. Sir Edmund told us that he was absent from home when the bill was sent in, and having ascertained the amount of the balance due, he wrote to his partner to pass the money to the account of Mr. Cory who kept his account at Sir Edmund's bank. On his return home he found the packet containing the bill of costs on his table, and burnt it without looking at it, disgusted at the whole affair and the animosity displayed against him. Mr. Nightingale also advanced 200*l.* or 300*l.* to Mr. Stolworthy for the same purpose, but no part of this money was ever repaid to him.

Ev. 2343.

Ev. 3131.

Ev. 2805.

The candidates on the Liberal side were Mr. Adolphus William Young and Mr. Edward William Watkin. Mr. Young had been educated as a solicitor, but had been long out of practice, and had formerly represented the colony of Victoria in the Australian legislature. He had been one of the Members for Yarmouth in the previous Parliament, having been elected without a contest in August 1857. Mr. Watkin is a gentleman of considerable wealth, chairman and director of several large railway companies, and now Member of Parliament for the borough of Stockport. His connexion with Yarmouth was of somewhat longer standing than that of Mr. Young, and of a more important character; and in order to understand the influence which he has exerted upon it, we must refer to earlier events.

Ev. 24,793 *et seq.*

Mr. Watkin first canvassed Great Yarmouth in company with Mr. Torrens McCullagh at the general election, which took place in April 1857. Mr. McCullagh had been the unsuccessful candidate at the then preceding election of 1852, when in company with the late Admiral Sir Charles Napier he contested the borough with Sir Edmund Lacon and the late Mr. Rumbold. Mr. Rumbold was a member of the old Whig party, and had represented the place for nearly 30 years; upon the occasion referred to he was returned by a majority of 26 over Mr. McCullagh, by means of bribery which to a small amount was employed by his friends; Sir Edmund Lacon being at the head of the poll, and no money having been spent by the Liberal party. At the election of April 1857, Sir Edmund Lacon was again the candidate, with the Honourable C. S. Vereker, on the Conservative interest. The result of the contest was that Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh were returned members. This return was subsequently, on the petition of Sir Edmund Lacon, declared void by a Committee of the House of Commons, on the ground of bribery by the agents of the sitting members. The scope of our Commission did not permit of our making a minute inquiry into the circumstances of this election, but we were satisfied on the evidence of three witnesses, through whose hands the money passed, that a considerable sum of money was spent in bribery by the Liberal party, and that part of this money came from Mr. Watkin himself. From his own statement, volunteered to us, it appeared that in addition to the sum of 87*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* which he paid to the duly appointed election agent, he had advanced before and after the election to Mr. Meall, a stationer, whom he described as the "unofficial treasurer of the election," appointed by the party, the sum of 830*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*, of which 150*l.* only was afterwards paid over to the election agent, and comprised in the election auditor's account. That Mr. Watkin was ignorant at the time of the specific use which was made of his money we do not doubt, but his ignorance was dispelled at a subsequent period, when Mr. Meall rendered to him an account of the expenditure which, as he told us, left "a small sum, perhaps 200*l.* or 300*l.* which would be spent in the unmistakeable bribery of voters." Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh were disqualified by the above decision of the Committee from becoming candidates again, and Mr. John Mellor and Mr. Young offered themselves to the constituency, and were elected without opposition in the month of August of the same year.

Ev. 24,263.

Ev. 24,840.

Ev. 24,960.

The election now under consideration took place after a dissolution, and Mr. John Mellor not presenting himself again, Mr. Watkin reappeared at Yarmouth as the col-

league of Mr. Young. The Liberal canvass commenced about three weeks previous to the day of election, and immediately on his arrival at Yarmouth, Mr. Watkin gave 400*l.* to the same Mr. Meall who had spent his money upon the former occasion. Mr. Meall however was now ill and incapable of taking a part in the canvass. In his place Mr. John Mainprice, a wine and spirit merchant, of Yarmouth, seems to have been the person pointed out by general consent as most fit to become "the unofficial treasurer" of this election. To this gentleman Mr. Young sent, or believed he sent, 500*l.* as to the manager of the election; but the money did not come into Mr. Mainprice's hands in an open and direct manner. We give the proceeding in his own words, "I was
Ev. 20,610. "sent for to the 'Star' a few days before the election, one evening it was, two or "three days before the election; as far as my memory serves me it would be about that "time, and I left my great coat in a small room, I think, called the Victoria, and I was "called into another room; and on leaving the hotel, and putting on my great coat, I "found something weighty in the pockets." This "something weighty" was parcels of gold which Mr. Mainprice handed over to Mr. Christopher Steward, who occupied at that time the same position in the Liberal party that Mr. Green, and subsequently Mr. John Cooper, held amongst their opponents. Besides these parcels of gold thus surreptitiously placed in his pocket, Mr. Mainprice received in a more direct way 350*l.* from Mr. Watkin, and 320*l.* from Mr. Young, the latter being paid by cheques, which were cashed by Mr. Livingston at a bank in the town, and the money handed by him to Mr. Steward. Mr. Young could not recollect to whom he had given these cheques, but Mr. Watkin had sent his own money by his clerk, Mr. Rawlinson, who is since dead. Mr. Meall is also dead. We entertain no doubt that the money placed in Mr. Mainprice's pocket was the 400*l.* originally given by Mr. Watkin to Mr. Meall, and the 500*l.* believed to have been sent by Mr. Young to Mr. Mainprice, both being advances utterly useless for any but corrupt purposes in the hands to which they were confided. The
Ev. 19,489. money which thus reached Mr. C. Steward, was disposed of before the day of election; three or four voters he bribed himself, and 1,420*l.* he distributed to other agents, who detailed to us the mode in which they had disposed of it, the greater part of it being employed in buying votes; we found no reason to think that any other sum than that which came from the candidates was expended in bribing on the Liberal side.

In explanation of his advances Mr. Young informed us that he was entirely ignorant of the provisions of the Corrupt Practices Act, which required election payments to be made through the election auditor, and that no one in Yarmouth called his attention to the law; that he understood that Mr. Mainprice was "conducting the election;" and that the money was required for the employment of people, "that" to use his own words, "there was a
Ev. 25,860. "great deal of talk about bringing people from long distances, and all sorts of things, 'an "army of observation somebody christened it,' and that up to the day of polling he had "no suspicion whatever that any part of the money entrusted to Mr. Mainprice had "been employed in the purchase of votes." On that day, however, his suspicions were aroused by being told by Mr. Watkin that more money was wanted, to which he replied "Well I will have nothing more to do with it, and I think I have given too much money "already." We agree with this opinion at that time expressed by Mr. Young. Whilst, therefore, we acquit him of any deliberate intention of effecting his return by a resort to bribery, we cannot but hold him responsible for the consequences of an excessive expenditure through an illegal channel.

Mr. Watkin's position is less defensible. His experience of the borough was longer, his means of knowledge fuller. He had stood one contested election, and had been returned by a majority of the electors. He was aware of the influence over which he had triumphed in 1857, and he knew also the means by which that triumph had been gained. He had been petitioned against and had defended his seat before a Committee of the House of Commons. The bribery charged against his agents had been proved; and
Ev. 24,842. he knew that his counsel, better instructed than himself, had declined to call as a witness to the purity of his election the man who had been the "unofficial treasurer" of his money. He had learnt from this man at a later period that part at least of his money had been employed in "unmistakeable bribery." He could not be unaware that his return to Great Yarmouth on this occasion was a temptation to the friends who supported him, and a provocation to those influences which he denounced in his opponents; and yet his first act on coming to canvass was to pay 400*l.* to the very man who had abused his confidence on the former occasion and spent his money in "unmistakeable bribery." We do not desire to throw any doubt upon the sincerity of his declaration to his friends that "He hoped he should not be got into the difficulty he was got in 1857, and relied on their prudence to keep him from any difficulty of the sort," but we cannot but remark that his acts were inconsistent with his profession and his knowledge. He knew the law,

and he knew that he was setting it at nought. The 750*l.* which he sent to Mr. Mainprice, was brought down by him, not in oyster barrels as had been currently but erroneously reported to be the case in 1857, but in his own portmanteau. It might have been harmless there, it was mischievous in the hands of Mr. Christopher Steward. Mr. Watkin told us, that looking at this transaction with the eyes of 1866, he should say that it was not prudent to trust so large a sum through an illegal channel, but that "looking at it "in the way we unfortunately look at these things in the midst of a contest" he should say that it was prudent. In this opinion we cannot concur. We should be doing injustice to Mr. Watkin's obvious abilities if we supposed him incapable of reasoning, even in the heat of a contested election, and we should be doing injustice to ourselves if we hesitated to state our opinion to be, that by his disregard of the Act of Parliament and incautious proceedings he largely contributed to the corruption of 1859, and in his support of Mr. Brogden and his interference with Mr. Marshman he must take his share of the responsibility which belongs to all concerned in the degradation of the constituency in 1865 and the exposure to which it has led.

Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey were returned members, the numbers polled being for Lacon, 699; Stracey, 659; Watkin, 568; Young, 536. A petition was presented against their return on the ground of bribery, but the Committee before whom it was tried found the sitting members to have been duly elected. Sir Edmund Lacon was himself examined before the Committee, and denied a charge of personal bribery which had been made against him.

We find, in respect of the said election of 1859,

That corrupt and illegal practices extensively prevailed thereat:

That the said election was conducted on behalf of Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon, and by and on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey, in a corrupt and illegal manner:

That Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey paid to their election agent the sum of 809*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* for their joint expenses of the said election:

That a further sum of 1,000*l.* at the least was advanced to Mr. John Green, and a further sum of 200*l.* at the least to Mr. Stolworthy, by Mr. Samuel Nightingale, on behalf of Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon, to be expended by them in bribing the electors to vote for Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey, but that the said sums were not advanced with the knowledge or consent of Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon:

That a further sum of 1,500*l.* was paid to Mr. John Green to be expended by him in bribing the electors to vote for Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey, and that the said sum, together with an additional sum of 500*l.*, was advanced by Mr. Harvey, upon the authority and by the direction of Sir Henry Stracey:

That a sum of 3,000*l.* at the least was expended at the said election in bribing the electors to vote for Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey:

That a sum of 1,000*l.* was subsequently repaid by Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon to Mr. Samuel Nightingale through Mr. Charles Cory; that this sum was included by Mr. Cory in a bill of costs presented by him to Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon, but that it did not appear that Sir Edmund H. K. Lacon was aware at the time he paid the said bill that he was repaying a sum of money advanced on his behalf for the purposes of bribery.

We find—

That the said election was conducted by and on behalf of Mr. Edward William Watkin and Mr. Adolphus William Young in a corrupt and illegal manner:

That Mr. Edward William Watkin and Mr. Adolphus William Young paid to their election agent the sum of 603*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* for their joint expenses of the said election:

That a further sum of 750*l.* was provided by Mr. Edward William Watkin for the illegal purposes of the election, and that the greater part of this money was expended in bribing the electors to vote for Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young:

That a further sum of 820*l.* was provided by Mr. Adolphus William Young for the illegal purposes of the election, and that the greater part of this money was expended in bribing the electors to vote for Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young.

We find—

That 47 persons, whose names are set forth in Schedule D. annexed to this report, committed corrupt practices, and were guilty of acts of bribery in respect of the votes of other persons:

That 122 persons, whose names are set forth in Schedule E. annexed to this report, committed corrupt practices, and were guilty of acts of bribery in respect of their own votes.

In Schedule F. we have given the names of 69 persons who are said to have received bribes at the last-mentioned election, but who, in consequence of their death, or absence from Yarmouth at the time of our inquiry, were not called before or examined by us.

The election which immediately preceded the one we have now inquired into, took place in the month of August 1857. On this occasion, as we have before stated, Mr. Mellor and Mr. Adolphus William Young were returned without opposition. It had been suggested to us at an early period of our inquiry that these gentlemen had made a corrupt bargain with Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh, the then recently unseated members, by purchasing their interest, and what was styled "the goodwill of the borough," for a specified sum of money. We found upon inquiry that there was no foundation for this charge. Mr. Watkin for himself and Mr. John Mellor emphatically denied it, as did also Mr. Young for himself and Mr. McCullagh. It therefore did not appear to us to be necessary to call either Mr. Justice Mellor or Mr. McCullagh Torrens as witnesses before us. We find that no corrupt practices were committed at this election; and we are therefore precluded from making inquiry into any election previous thereto.

Ev. 2,649.
Ev. 11,321.
Ev. 24,809.
Ev. 25,779 *et seq.*

In conclusion we beg to submit the following observations on the "Corrupt Practices Prevention Acts" as we found them in operation at the last election for Great Yarmouth.

The 26th Vict. c. 29. section 2, forbids any payment, advance, loan or deposit, by or on behalf of any candidate, to be made before, during, or after the election, in respect of such election, otherwise than through an agent, whose name and address has been declared to the Returning Officer on or before the day of nomination; and every person making such payment, advance, loan, or deposit, otherwise than through such agent, is declared guilty of a misdemeanor. Section 3. directs that all bills, charges, or claims upon the candidates shall be sent to the agent within one month after the election.

We found these provisions systematically violated at the last election. An agent, it is true, was appointed by each of the candidates, and all unexceptionable bills and claims were sent in to him, and all lawful payments made by him. But other agents were employed by, or on behalf of all the candidates, except Mr. Marshman, and payments made by them in disobedience to the Statute. A private friend lent 3,000*l.* to Mr. Nightingale for the purposes of the election; and the manager of a Joint Stock Bank in London lent 6,000*l.* to Mr. Brogden for the same purposes; both being apparently unconscious that, irrespective of the corrupt purposes for which the money was intended, they were by so doing, committing a misdemeanor under the Statute. It is worthy also of remark at this place, that whilst so large a sum was placed by Mr. Brogden in the hands of his unlawful agents, Mr. Clowes, the regularly appointed agent of the election, was, as he told us, advancing money out of his own pocket for the payment of the lawful claims made upon him previous to the day of nomination.

Ev. 20,177.

Section 4 directs that a detailed statement of all election expenses incurred, including the personal expenses of the candidates, shall be within two months after the election made out and signed by the agent (including the candidate in case of payments made by him), and delivered, with the bills and vouchers, to the Returning Officer, who is directed to publish an abstract thereof; and imposes a penalty of 5*l.* upon the agent or candidate, who makes default in delivering this statement, for every day in which he so makes default.

We found that at the last election detailed statements were made out and signed by the regularly appointed agents, and delivered to the Returning Officer, of all expenses incurred by or on behalf of the candidates, and paid by the agents themselves; but such statements did not include the personal expenses of the candidates, nor did either of the candidates sign, and deliver to the returning officer a statement of their personal expenses as required by the Statute. It may be doubted whether the penalties incurred by this default could now under any circumstances be recovered, in consequence of the protection afforded by the 5th section, against the consequences of all illegal acts at an election.

Section 5 extends the provisions of the 14th section of the Corrupt Practices Prevention Act 1854, to a misdemeanor, and to all offences under Corrupt Practices Prevention Acts, and the 14th Section of the Act of 1854, enacts that no person shall be liable to any penalty or forfeiture unless the prosecution, action, or suit, shall be commenced within one year next after the offence has been committed.

The effect of this Section is to render all offences, declared or created by the Corrupt Practices Prevention Acts, practically dispunishable, because unless a private individual should incur, upon public grounds, the expenses of a prosecution, or the risk of an action or suit, it is almost impossible, in the ordinary course of events, that the result of a Commission of Inquiry can be laid before the Attorney General in the manner pointed out by the 9th Section, so that a prosecution can be instituted by him in the interest of public morality within the limits of time prescribed.

But section 7 still further provides for the complete immunity of those who disobey the Statute. The 9th section of 15th and 16th Vict. c. 57, gave to Commissioners of Inquiry under that Statute a discretion in granting or withholding a certificate of indemnity to the witnesses examined before them; the witness being only entitled to such indemnity where the Commissioners are satisfied that he has made a "true discovery to the best of his knowledge touching all things to which he is so examined." This section is repealed by the 26th Vict. c. 29; section 7 of which Statute provides that "when any witness shall "answer every question relating to the matters aforesaid which he shall be required by "such Committee or Commissioners (as the case may be) to answer, and the answer to "which may criminate or tend to criminate him, he shall be entitled to receive" a certificate of indemnity. Under this enactment it is virtually impossible for Commissioners of Inquiry to withhold the certificate, even in cases where they are of opinion that a witness had not testified before them according to the truth. The only persons, then, to whom the want of certificate would deprive of any benefit, are those persons whom the Commissioners might refuse to examine, but who would probably be the very persons whose truthful evidence would best serve the purposes of the inquiry.

Another important change in the previous law has been introduced by the same section. Ev. 8974.
Our attention was called to it during the Inquiry, when a gentleman claimed to be exempt from answering a question on the ground of the matter being a privileged communication between solicitor and client, and pointed out to us that the words "on the ground of "privilege" had been omitted in the later Act. These words inserted into the former Act had made a plea of privileged communication of no avail, but as the law now stands, it appears to be a sufficient answer in such a case.

But, in fact (and we found that it was so understood in Great Yarmouth), the certificate of the Commissioners conferred no protection on any witness beyond what was already conferred by the 5th Section of the Statute. In a few instances only was our certificate asked for, and we think it right to say, for the credit generally of the witnesses examined by us, that few instances occurred in which we should have hesitated to grant the certificate, had any discretion to withhold it been left to us by the Statute.

We subjoin the evidence taken before us.

All which we humbly submit to Your Majesty's gracious consideration.

(Signed) WYNDHAM SLADE.
LUCIUS H. FITZGERALD.
GEORGE RUSSELL.

Temple, 20 December 1866.

SCHEDULES.

Schedule A.

A List of Persons who gave Bribes at the Election of 1865.

* These persons were guilty of bribery by making payments declared illegal by 17 & 18 Vict. c. 102.

Ablitt, Charles John.
Aldred, Edward Cooper (not on register).
Arbon, George, the younger.
Archer, Thomas.

Balls, Richard.
Barber, John (not on register).
Beales, William.
*Bentham, Robert Alexander (not on register.)
Blyth, William.
Bonney, Joseph.
Botwright, Charles.
Brand, Henry.
Brand, William Jermyn.
Brogden, Alexander (not on register.)
Brown, Edward.
Bullimore, Robert.
Bunn, Charles Victor.
Buston, John Trueman (Fuller's Hill).

Cattermole, William.
*Clowes, John (Regent Street).
Cooper, John.

Downing, Thomas William (King Street).
Dumbleton, Robert.

Eagleton, John.
Eastick, Zachariah (not on register).
Edwards, Edward Robert.
Edwards, John (not on register).
Edwards, Thomas Booth.
Ellis, Robert Beane.
Ellis, James Graver (not on register).

Fill, Samuel John.
Fisk, William (Gorleston, absent).
Foulsham, Joseph.
Fowler, Daniel Read.
Fox, Thomas.
Frosdick, James Thomas.

Grief, William.

Halday, —— (not on register).
Hammond, John, junior.
Harvey, George.
Hickling, John (not on register).
*Hudspith, Joseph.
Hudson, Thomas.
Humphrey, George.
Hutchins, William.

Johnson, Edwin Orfeur.
Johnson, William Tobias.
Johnston, George Collins (not on register).
Juler, Miles (not on register.)

Kelf, Thomas.
Killett, William.
King, George Rundle.

Lane, Benjamin, senior (not on register).
Lane, Benjamin, junior (not on register).
Leggett, Edward.
Leman, Henry (not on register).
Lindoff, Benjamin.
*Livingstone, William.
Longhurst, William O.
Lummis, John (dead).

Malden, John.
Martin, Robert.
Moore, George William.

Neave, James William.
Newman, Samuel (Southtown).
Newman, William (not on register).
Nightingale, Samuel.
Nockles, Robert.

Palmer, Frederick.
Parker, William.
Powell, Benjamin.

Read, George (Gorleston).
Rivett, John Grimes (dead).

Salmon, William (not on register.)
Satterthwaite, Cornelius (not on register.)
Savage, John Thomas.
Savory, Henry.
Seago, Samuel.
Shattock, James.
Shuckford, Isaac.
Staff, William Henry.
Stafford, Stephen John Frederick.
Stagg, Edward.
Swann, Henry King.
Symonds, Robert John.

Thompson, James Holmes.
Tingay, John Webster.
Tricker, Samuel.

Utting, William.

*Vanderbyl, Philip (not on register).

Walsh, John.
Warner, Robert Rogers.
Watts, John (Symonds Square).
Watson, George.
Whiting, John.
Wilshack, Harris.
Wilshack, Joseph.
*Wolton, John Hyem (not on register.)

Schedule B.

A List of Persons who received Bribes at the Election of 1865.

* These persons were guilty of bribery by receiving payments declared illegal by 17 & 18 Vict. c. 102.

Ablett, Edward.
Adamson, Peter.
Adcock John (absent).
Aldridge, Samuel.
Alsop, Stephen (absent).
Amis, Henry.
Appleton, James.
Arbon, Daniel.
Arbon, George, junior.
Archbold, Robert Shepherd.
Archer, Thomas.
Arnoup, George Goddard.
Ashby, Benjamin.

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Aldous, George.
Annison, Robert.

Bacon Robert (Caister Road).
Bacon Robert (Howard Street).
Baldwin, William Diboll.
Balls, Henry Charles.
Balls Robert (dead).
Bambridge, Henry.
Barber, James.
Barber, Thomas Robert.
Barham, Charles.
*Barnard, Robert.
Barnes, Henry.
Bayfield, Edmund.
Bayfield, Shearman.
Beales, Daniel.
Beales, Daniel, junior (dead).
Beales, William.
Beckett, William.
Bell, John.
Bellamy, Frederick.
Benslyn, T. (absent).
Benslyn, John (St. George's Road).
Bessey, Robert.
Bickers, William.
Bitton, John.
Blazer, John.
Botwright, Charles.
Boulton, Samuel, senior.
Boulton, Samuel, junior.
Bracey, Samuel Paget.
Brady, Edward.
*Brereton, Benjamin.
Brown, Alfred.
Brown, Edward.
Brown, Jeffrey.
Brown, Robert (Row 112).
Budds, William J.
Burman, Edward.
Burton, George.
Burwell, Robert.
Butcher, Henry James.
Butcher, William (absent).
Butler, William.
Butterfield, John.

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Ballard, Joseph (through his wife.)
Balls, Charles.
Barber, Samuel.

Barwood, Thomas.
Bensley, Joseph.
Betts, Thomas.
Blake, James.
Bonney, Edward.
Bonney, Joseph.
Bradnum, Benjamin.
Bradnum, Isaac.
Brown, Thomas.
Bull, Charles.
Burton, Clement.

Cady, George.
Cadywould, Henry George.
Carr, William.
Carrier, William Porter.
Carter, Daniel (King Street).
*Carter, Daniel Draper.
Carter, George C.
Chapman, Samuel.
Chase, Robert.
Chestney, John Everson.
Clark, Edmund.
Claxton, James, junior.
Clements, Thomas William.
Coleman, Thomas.
Collins, Edward.
*Collins, John (dead).
Cooper, William.
Courtman, William.
*Cotton, William John.
Cox, John (South Quay).
Crickmer, Charles Robert.
Crisp, Barker.
Crisp, Frederick.
Crow, John.
Crowe, William.
Crucknell, Henry.
Culham, Stephen (dead).
Curson, Matthew.
Curtis, Henry.

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Cole, William (through his wife).
Cooper, Henry (absent).
Colthorpe, Edward Dennis.
*Colwell, Charles.
Cox, Lee Stephen (through his wife).
Crisp, Joseph (absent).

Darnell William (dead).
Davey, Elijah, junior.
Davies, John (Crown Road).
Decks, Thomas.
Ditcham, John.
Drake, Samuel.
Draper, Joseph.
Duffell, Thomas.
Dunnell, George.
Durrant, Alfred.
Durrant, Robert.
Dye, Charles (Caister Road).
Dye, William J. (dead).

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Denton, Robert.
Denton, Samuel.
Denton, William.
Draper, Joseph.
Duffield, George Noah.
Durrant, George.
Durrant, John.
Durrant, Thomas.
Dye, Robert Barrell.

Easter, Augustus (absent).
Edwards, William.
Elliott, Thomas.
Ellis, William (dead).
Elmer, James (dead).
Etheridge, Robert.

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Edwards, Robert.
Eidsforth, William Spencer.
Ellett, James.

Fenn, Robert.
Field, Michael, junior.
Fill, Joseph (absent).
Fisk, James.
Fisk, Robert.
Forder, Charles.
Foulsham, Joseph.
Francis, George.
Fransham, Jeremiah.
Frosdick, Christmas.
Frosdick, William.
Fulcher, James.

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Fisk, William (absent).
Fleming, Samuel.
Fleming, Thomas Ritson.
Fleming, William.
Francis, John.

Garwood, Charles Ives.
Garwood, Robert.
Gaze, Mark.
Gedge, William.
George, Henry.
Gillings, George.
Gillings, John.
Girling, John.
Goffin, Alfred.
Goffin, Robert.
*Goldsmith, Samuel.
Gooch, Thomas.
Gooch, Thomas (Church Plain).
Gooch, Henry.
Gowing, John.
Gravener, Daniel.
Green, Robert.
Griffiths, Alfred.
Grymes, James.
Gurney, Matthew.

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George, William.
Gibbs, Jonas.
Godbolt, Frederick.
Green, George.

Hacon, William.
Haines, James.
Haines, John, junior.
Hallums, Robert.
Hammond, Robert Hunting.
Harbord, James.
Harbord, Robert.
Harbord, Thomas.
Harman, William.
Harris, John.
Hastings, Richard.
Haylett, Samuel (absent).
Hayward, Isaac.
Heath, Joseph.
Hewitt, William.
Holmes, William.
Holmes, George Martin.
Horth, James.
Houghton, Thomas (dead).
Houghton, William (dead).
Housago, Henry.
Howard, Charles.
Howard, Samuel.
Howes, James (absent).
Howes, William (North Road and Apollo Walk).
Howlett, Benjamin.
*Hubbard, John.
Humphrey, George.
Humphrey, William (Saint George's Road).
Hunt, G. C. (absent).
Hutchins, William.

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Halfknight, James.
Hammond, Richard (High Road, Southtown).
Harrod, Richard, J.
Hart, James.
Hastings, George (absent).
Hewson, John.
Howes, William (High Street, Gorleston).
Humfrey, John.
Humfrey, Henry Thomas.
Hurrell, Robert.

Ives, Jonathan (Gorleston).

Jackson, John.
*Jackson, Joseph.
Jay, Francis.
Jex, Edward.
Johnson, George (Market Gates).
Johnson, John (St. Peter's Road).
Johnson, John (Market Place).
*Johnson, James (Row 108).
Johnson, Robert (Hall Plain).
Johnson, James (Queen's Road).
Johnson, Robert (King Street).
Jones, John (Regent Road).
Jones, Robert.
Joyce, Robert.
Julier, John (absent).

Kelf, Samuel Stephen.
Killett, William.
King, Abel (dead).
King Henry (Row 92).
King, Henry (Market Place).
King, William.
Kirk, Thomas.
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Kemp, Richard.
King, Henry (Southtown).
King, George Rundle.

Lacey, Christopher Thomas.
Lark, Daniel.
Larke, Arthur.
Last, James.
Lawrence, Henry.
Lawrence, William.
Laws, Noah.
Laws, Joseph.
Lawson, George.
Lawson, James.
Laxon, John.
Laxon, Robert.
Layton, Thomas.
Leak, Thomas.
Lee, William.
Leggett, Samuel.
Littlewood, William.
Lodge, William.
Longhurst, William Overton.

GORLESTON.

Larke, Henry John.
Lee, Edward.
Leggett, Thomas.
Leggett, William.

Makepeace, William.
Mallett, Samuel.
Marshall, John.
Martin, James.
Maystone, George.
Middleton, James.
Miles, Robert Tennant.
Miller, Thomas Moore.
Miller, William (Albion Road).
Miller, William Thomas (Blenheim Place, absent).
Mobbs, Samuel.
Morl, James.
Morter, Edward.
Moss, Thomas William.
Motts, Benjamin.
Munsey, Henry.

GORLESTON.

Matson, William.
Mays, James.
Mayes, William.
Minter, Robert.
Moore, Charles B.

Neave, James William.
Newark, John.
Newark, Frederick T.
Newstead, Thomas.
Nicholls, John Cubitt.
Nobbs, Robert.
Nutman, Henry.

GORLESTON.

Newman, Samuel.
Newman, Samuel (Southtown).

Osborn, George.

Palmer, James (King Street).
Palmer, William (Howard Street).
Parker, William.
Parsley, Samuel (absent).
Patrick, Samuel.
Paston, James (St. George's Road).
Peachment, Stephen (dead).
Peck, James.
Peek, George.
Pigney, Samuel.
Pope, George.
Postle, Christopher (absent).
Powditch, William.
Pratt, Robert (Providence Place).
*Press, Benjamin.
Pye, Robert.

GORLESTON.

Pestell, Samuel.

Quinton, John (Crown Road).

Rackham, Charles.
Rackham, John.
Read, Henry John.
Read, Robert (dead).
Riches, William.
Richmond, Robert.
*Rising, Thomas.
Roberts, Samuel Bultitude.
*Robinson, John.
*Robinson, Samuel.
Routledge, Edward.
Rudd, Samuel.
Rudram, Stephen.
Rushmer, Robert.
Ruthen, James.

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Rand, William.
Read, George.
Read, John.
Read, Samuel.
Rivett, John Ely.
Roof, Edward.

Saunders, James Lorn.
Savory, Henry.
Seago, Samuel.
Secret, Joseph.
Sewell, Robert.
Sharman, John (King Street).
Sharman, John (George Street).
Shearman, Joshua.
Shimmon, Jacob.
Sillis, William Isaac, junior.
Sillis, William, senior.
Simms, Thomas.
Smith, James (Northumberland Place.)
Smith, James (Church Plain).
Smith, William (Gaol Street).
Soanes, Henry.
Solomon, Abraham (dead).
Sparrow, Samuel James.
Springall, Edward.
Staff, William Henry.
Stanley, John.
*Stevens, John Brown (absent).
Stubbs, James.
*Sumner, George.
Sumner, John.
Swan, Nathaniel.
Swan, William King.
Symonds, Samuel.

GORLESTON.

Sadler, John.
Shattock, James.
Smith, Charles.
Smith, Reuben.
Smith, William (Fen Street).
Snell, William.
Stanford, Joseph.
Stone, Thomas.
Suffling, Jeremiah.
Swann, Nathaniel.

Teasdell, Charles.
Thetford, Samuel.
Thirkettle, John.
Thrower, James.
Thurlow, James.
Todd, John.
Tooley, Charles.
Topps, William.
Towner, Charles.
Trainer, Henry.
Tricker, Samuel.
Tripp, Edward.
Trorey, William.
Trott, William.
Turrell, James.
Turrell, Thomas.

GORLESTON.

Thurston, John.

Veale, Charles (Gorleston).
Vincent, James (Gorleston).

Wade, Henry Rice.
Wade, William.
Wales, Charles William.
Walsh, John.
Watts, Matthew.
Watts, John (Symonds Square).
Webb, Robert.
Weeds, Francis James.
West, John Davey.
Westbrook, John.
Westgate, Robert.
Westoby, John.
Westoby, Matthew.
Woodcock, Thomas.
Wooden, Thomas.
Woods, Simon.
Woolsey, Thomas, senior.
Woolsey, Thomas, junior.
Worledge, William (absent).
Wright, Edward.
Wright, Francis.
Wright, Richard (Albion Road).
Wright, William (Marine Parade).

GORLESTON.

Warner, Robert Rogers.
Watson, Christmas.
Welton, John.
Wightman, Abel Woods.
Wilkins William.
Wisker John.
Woods, Charles, senior.
Wright, Joseph.

Yaxley, John.
Youngs, Robert William.

Schedule C.

A List of Persons included in Schedule B. who received Money on both Sides.

Adcock, John.

Beales, Daniel, junior (dead).
Bickers, William.
Brown, Alfred.
Brown Robert (Row 112).
Burwell, Robert.

Carr, William.
Clark, Edmund.
Crucknell, Henry.
Culham, Stephen (dead).
Curson, Matthew.

Garwood, Charles Ives.
Goffin, Alfred.
Gravener, Daniel.
George, William (Southtown).
Godbolt, Frederick.

Harrod, Richard J.
Holmes, George Martin.
Houghton, Thomas (dead).

Jones, John (Regent Road).

Killett, William.
King, Henry (Row 92).

Nobbs, Robert.

Savory, Henry.
Soanes, Henry.
Stubbs, James.

Walsh, John.
Weeds, Francis James.
Woods, Simon.

Schedule D.

A List of Persons who gave Bribes at the Election of 1859.

* These persons were guilty of bribery by making payments declared illegal by 17 & 18 Vict., c. 103.

Beales, William.
Bunn, James William.
Burwell, Robert.
Buston, John Trueman.

Cattermole, William.
Chamberlin, Charles Henry.
Cooper, John
*Cory, Charles.
Clements, George.
Child, John.
Colk, George.

Downing, Thomas William.

Eagleton, John.
Edwards, Thomas Booth.

Fowler, Daniel Read.
Gowen, John.

George, Robert (Southtown).
Greenhow, Henry.

Harvey, George.
*Harvey, Robert John H.

Johnson, William Tobias.

Lane, Benjamin.
*Livingstone, William.
Louttid, Edwin Duncan.

Mainprice, John.

Newman, William.
Nightingale, Samuel.

Powell, Benjamin.
Preston, Edward H. L.

Reynolds, George.
Reynolds, William Collett.
Rivett, John Grimes (dead).
Roberts, James.

Savage, John Thomas.
Shuckford, Isaac.
Smith, William (Gaol Street).
Steward, Christopher.
Stracey, Sir Henry.
Swan, Henry King.

Utting, William.

Watkin, Edward William.
Watson, George.
Wilshack, Harris.
Wilshack, Joseph.
*Wolton, John Hyem.

Yaxley, Richard.
*Young, Adolphus W.

Schedule E.

A List of Persons who received Bribes at the Election of 1859.

Aldridge, Samuel.
Amis, Henry.
Annison, Robert.
Appleton, James.
Archbold, Robert Shepherd.
Ashby, Benjamin.

Ballard, Joseph G.
Barber, Thomas Robert.
Bayfield, Shearman.
Bensley, Joseph.
Benstead, James.
Bessey, Robert.
Bland, Arthur.
Bland, James.
Botwright, Charles.
Boulton, Samuel (senior).
Bowell, John.
Bracey, Samuel Paget.
Brady, Edward.

Cady, George.
Carrier, William Porter.
Chaston, George.
Chestney, John Everson.
Clark, Edmund.
Claxton, James (junior).
Colby, Rouse.
Cooper, William.
Courtman, William.
Curson, Matthew.

Denton, Samuel.
Diver, John.
Draper, Joseph.
Duffield, John.
Durrant, George.
Durrant, John.
Durrant, Robert.
Dye, Charles.
Dye, Robert Barrell.

Edwards, Robert.

Field, Michael.
Fisk, Robert.

Francis, George.
Fransham, Jeremiah.
Frost, Thomas.

Gaze, Mark.
George, Henry.
George, Robert.
Gibbs, Jonas.
Gillings, George.
Gillings, John.
Godbolt, Frederick.
Goffin, Alfred.

Halfknight, James.
Hall, Abraham.
Hall, James Barnard.
Harrod, Richard J.
Hastings, Richard.
Holdsworth, Stephen.
Holmes, George Martin.
Horth, James.
Housago, Henry.
Howard, John.
Howes, William (North Road).
Humphrey, George.
Hunt, William.
Hurrell, Robert.

Johnson, George (Market Gates).
Johnson, James (Queen's Road).
Joyce, Robert.

King, Henry (Row 92).
King, Henry (mariner).
King, William.
Knowles, James.

Laws, Joseph.
Laws, Noah.
Leggett, Thomas.
Lubbock, Charles.

Mallett, Samuel.
Marjoram, Daniel.
Martin, William.
Mason, William.
Matson, William.
Mayes, William.
Miller, Willam (Albion Road).
Minter, Robert.
Motts, Benjamin.
Moyse, Thomas.

Nelson, George.
Newark, John.
Newman, Samuel.
Nicholls, John Cubitt.

Palmer, James.
Parker, George.
Pye, William Bloomfield.

Rand, William.
Riches, William.
Richmond, William.
Rivett John Ely.
Roberts, Samuel Bultitude.
Roling, James.
Rudram, Stephen.
Rushmer, Robert.
Rushmer, William Charles.

Savory, Henry.
Scott, Robert.
Seago, Samuel.
Sharman, John (King Street).
Smith, Edward.
Smith, William (Gaol Street).
Smith, Reuben.
Solomon, Abraham (dead).
Soanes, Thomas.
Stanford, Joseph.
Suffling, Jeremiah.
Sumner, John.
Swan, Henry King.
Symonds, Samuel.

Turrell, James.
Turrell, Thomas.

Veale, Charles.

Watts, John (North Market Road).
Woods, Charles (senior).

Schedule F.

A List of Persons, dead or absent, who were said to have received Bribes at the Election of 1859.

Alexander, Alfred.

Bacon, William.
Baldwin, Charles.
Ballard, Joseph.
Balls, Robert.
Banks, Isaac C.
Beales, Daniel.
Brookes, John.
Brown, Robert.

Cable, Samuel.
Cadywould, James.
Catchpole, Robert.
Cattermole, Thomas.
Clay, Thomas.
Colthorpe, Edward.

Davey, Robert.
Dunn, Samuel.

Earl, Robert.
Ellis, William.
England, James.

Farman, Samuel.
Frarey, Robert.

Goodwin, Samuel.
Goulder, John.
Green, Charles.
Green, Robert.
Gurney, James.

Harpley, Alfred.
Hurren, George.
Harvey, Charles.
Hastings, George.
Haylett, James.
Horn, John.
Howlett, George.
Hunt, Elijah.
Hunter, Henry.
Hunter, William D.

Johnson, Samuel.

Keable, Henry.
Kent, William.

Lavender, William.
Layton, Thomas B.
Layton, William B.
Libbis, James.
Lummis, John.

Marsh, William C.
Marshall, William.
Mason, George.
Miller, Isaac.
Mingay, William.
Myhill, Robert.

Neave, Richard.

Peachment, Stephen.
Pike, Robert.
Plummer, Joseph.
Powley, Daniel.

Remlance, William.
Richmond, William.
Royal, John.
Rushmer, William (Pier Road).

Seago, Samuel.
Sharman, James.
Solomon, Abraham.
Spurgeon, Charles.
Swan, Henry.

Tatham, George.
Todd, Charles.

Whitesides, Edward.
Wright, William.

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MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

TAKEN BEFORE

WYNDHAM SLADE, Esq.,
LUCIUS HENRY FITZGERALD, Esq., and
GEORGE RUSSELL, Esq.,

Commissioners appointed to Inquire into the Existence of Corrupt Practices at Elections

FOR

THE BOROUGH OF GREAT YARMOUTH.

FIRST DAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 16th August 1866.

Mr. Charles John Palmer sworn ; examined by Mr. Slade.

1. Who was the mayor of this borough in the year 1865 at the last election ?—Mr. Robert Steward.

2. Did you act as his deputy ?—I did.

3. Are you a member of the firm of Reynolds and Palmer of this borough ?—I am.

4. Did you act the part of returning officer at the last election ?—I did.

5. Were the names of the agents of each candidate sent in to you ?—They were.

6. Were all the bills and vouchers sent in to you within two months afterwards ?—Certain bills and vouchers were ; I presume all.

7. All that you have received ?—Yes.

8. Have you preserved them ?—I have.

9. Do you hold them in your hand ?—I have them here.

10. Do you produce them ?—I do.

[*They were handed in.*]

11. Are these the original bills sent in to you ?—They are.

12. Did you insert a copy of them in the newspaper within the 14 days ?—I inserted an abstract of them.

13. Have you the paper here in which you inserted it ?—Yes, the "Yarmouth Independent"

[*The witness handed the paper in.*]

and the "Yarmouth Chronicle."

[*The witness handed the paper in.*]

14. Who were the candidates for the last election ?—Sir Edmund Lacon was one candidate, and Mr. James Goodson was another candidate, and Mr. Alexander Brogden was another, and Mr. Philip Vanderbyl ; and Mr. Marshman was a candidate, but he did not go to the poll ; the other four went to the poll.

15. On what interest did these gentlemen stand ?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson stood on the Conservative interest, and Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl on the Liberal interest.

16. What interest did Mr. Marshman come forward in ?—In the Liberal interest.

17. When did Mr. Marshman retire ?—I think he retired three or four days before the election ; four days I think before the election.

18. What day was the nomination day ?—The nomination day was on the 11th July.

19. What day of the week ?—The nomination day was on Wednesday, I think.

20. What day was the polling day ?—The polling day was on the 12th July. The nomination was on the Tuesday the 11th July, the polling day the 12th July, and the declaration of the poll was on the 13th July.

21. What were the numbers polled by each candidate ?—The votes at the final close of the poll for Sir Edmund Lacon were 828, for Mr. Goodson 784, for Mr. Brogden 634, and for Mr. Vanderbyl 589.

22. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman candidates at the same time ?—They were.

23. Mr. Brogden had come forward ?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman came forward together in the first instance, and when Mr. Marshman retired, Mr. Vanderbyl took his place.

24. But Mr. Vanderbyl did not come forward until Mr. Marshman had retired ?—At the time the announcement was made of Mr. Marshman's retirement Mr. Vanderbyl came out.

25. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do I understand Mr. Marshman retired on the Saturday before the election ?—On the Saturday morning it was first announced ; that is when I heard of it.

26. And did Mr. Vanderbyl appear on that day ?—I think he did, or his address appeared. I think he appeared himself ; certainly his address did.

27. As far as you are aware, had Mr. Vanderbyl any connexion with the borough ?—None that I am aware of.

28. Did you vote yourself ?—I did.

29. For whom ?—For Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

30. Can you give me the state of the poll during the day as it was published ?—No, I cannot ; but I think Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson had a majority very early in the day, and kept it, but I have not the numbers.

31. As far as you recollect that was the case ?—I think so, almost from the commencement. The borough is divided into wards, you may recollect, and therefore, there might be a majority in one ward and not in another.

32. Into how many wards is the borough divided ?—Six.

33. Give me the names of them ?—The first is the North Ward, the Market Ward, the Regent Ward, the St. George's Ward, the Nelson, and the Gorleston or St. Andrew's Ward.

34. That is the same ?—Yes ; Gorleston Ward it is printed.

35. Can you tell the Commissioners whether Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl had a majority in any of these wards at the close of the poll ?—No ; they had not a majority in any one ward.

36. Had they at any time of the day a majority in a ward ?—That I cannot say.

FIRST DAY.

Mr. C. J. Palmer.

16 Aug. 1866.

37. Is there a polling place in each ward ?—Yes.

38. Has that always been the case in this borough ?—It has been the case in the last two elections, not previously.

39. Where was the polling place before the last two elections ?—There used to be booths erected in the centre of the market place, a booth for each party to which all the electors went.

40. Was it the corporation of Yarmouth that made that alteration ?—The returning officer made the alteration.

41. What does the corporation of this borough consist of ?—The corporation consists of 48 members.

42. What are they ?—Aldermen and common council-men.

43. Twelve aldermen ?—Yes.

44. And 36 common council-men ?—Yes.

45. What, in your opinion, is the political feeling at this moment of the corporation of this borough ?—In the corporation itself there is a majority of Conservatives.

46. Can you tell us the proportion ?—No, I cannot exactly; but there is a very considerable majority of Conservatives.

47. Does party feeling run high in these municipal elections ?—Yes; at all elections I think, in Yarmouth, political feeling runs rather high.

48. Was Mr. Steward opposed when he became mayor ?—The mayor is elected, as you are aware, by the town council.

49. Yes.—No; he was unanimously elected, unless there was one exception; I do not know, but I think I may say unanimously. I should say he has been elected I think five times, and I believe they were all unanimous elections.

50. Is Mr. Steward mayor this time ?—He is not mayor at this present moment.

51. Are the parties in this borough known by colours ?—Well, they used to be known by colours when colours were legal. Since they have been held illegal they have scarcely been displayed at all; still, the old names would of course attach in some measure.

52. What are the colours ?—The Liberal party have always used blue for the colour, and the other party red.

53. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is there any other party besides the party known as Liberal and the party known as Conservative in the borough ?—No, I think not. Of course, each party has a member differing a little in politics, but in the general outline I think there are only two parties.

54. No known separate party ?—No known third party.

55. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you furnish the Commissioners with an account of the elections previous to this, and with the names of the candidates ?—Yes; I can furnish them for a considerable period back, as far as you wish to go.

56. Will you be kind enough to go backwards, and give us, first of all, the election previous to this one ?—I will.

57. (*Mr. Russell.*) Before you go into this matter, there is one question I should like to ask you. You have mentioned there are six wards in the town ?—Yes.

58. Is there any one of those wards that is peculiar as being the poorest ward, where the poorer class of people live ?—I should think the North Ward is the poorest ward; I am not very sure about it; I should think it was.

59. Do you know in the North Ward what the respective numbers polled were ?—I will give them to you. I can give you each ward if you please.

60. It will be as well I think.—In the North Ward, 91 Sir Edmund Lacon, 86 Mr. Goodson, 78 Mr. Brogden, 74 Mr. Vanderbyl. In the Market Ward, 146 Lacon, 140 Goodson, 120 Brogden, 109 Vanderbyl. In the Regent Ward, 152 Lacon, 146 Goodson, 106 Brogden, 99 Vanderbyl. In St. George's Ward, 104 Lacon, 100 Goodson, 96 Brogden, 91 Vanderbyl. In the Nelson Ward, 189 Lacon, 173 Goodson, 138 Brogden, 130 Vanderbyl. In the Gorleston, 146 Lacon, 139 Goodson, 96 Brogden, 86 Vanderbyl; and the total you have already.

61. Is there any one of those wards that is particularly remarkable as being the richest ward, where the wealthiest class of people in Yarmouth live ?—I really do not know; I cannot answer that.

62. Do I understand in Yarmouth the poorest habitations are pretty generally scattered about the town ?—I think they are. The rows extend from one end of the town to the other. The poorer classes live in the rows I think, and there are more of the poorer classes live in the north end of the town.

63. (*Mr. Slade.*) In what year was the previous election to the one we are now inquiring into ?—The previous election was in 1858.

64. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was there not one in 1859 ?—In 1859 it was.

65. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who were the candidates ?—The candidates were Sir Edmund Lacon, Sir Henry Stracey, Mr. Edward Watkin, and Mr. Adolphus Young.

66. Who were returned ?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

67. Both Conservatives ?—Yes.

68. Were the other two candidates Liberals ?—Yes.

69. Was there a petition ?—There was.

70. Were the members declared duly elected ?—They were.

71. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know on what ground the petition was ?—I think the petition was on the ground of bribery.

72. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you give me the number polled at that election ?—The number polled for Sir Edmund Lacon was 699, Sir Henry Stracey 659, Mr. Watkin 568, and Mr. Young 536.

73. In what year was the election prior to that ?—Will you allow me to state that the number of voters on the register at the last election was larger than the number at the previous election; that may be some guide to you. At the previous election there was no contest. That was in 1858.

74. Was that a general election ?—No, it was not. It resulted in consequence of the members being unseated at the previous election.

75. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who were returned then ?—This last election ?

76. In 1858.—Mr. Mellor, now Mr. Justice Mellor, and Mr. Young.

77. Were they Conservatives or Liberals ?—They were Liberals.

78. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose Mr. Young was the gentleman who had been a candidate before ?—No, he had never been a candidate before; he was a candidate afterwards.

79. (*Mr. Slade.*) He is the one who has just been mentioned by you; he stood again ?—Yes.

80. He was a candidate the next time ?—Yes.

81. Had there been a general election in the year 1857 ?—In 1857 there was a general election.

82. Who were the candidates ?—Mr. McCullagh Torrens, and Mr. Watkin.

83. Who else as candidates ?—The candidates were Sir Edmund Lacon, the Honourable C. Vereker, Mr. McCullagh, and Mr. Watkin.

84. And what were the numbers polled ?—The numbers polled were, McCullagh 609, Watkin 590, Lacon 521, and Vereker 451.

85. And that election was declared void on petition ?—That election was declared void on petition, and the members were unseated.

86. Did Sir Edmund Lacon and the Honorable C. Vereker stand again ?—No, they did not.

87. Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor came in without opposition ?—Without opposition.

88. Who was the election auditor in that year ?—I think Mr. Edward Reynolds Aldred.

89. What was the election prior to that ?—The election prior to 1857 was 1852.

90. Will you give us the names of the candidates, and the numbers polled ?—Yes.

91. Was that a general election ?—That was a general election. The candidates were Sir Edmund Lacon, Mr. Rumbold, Sir Charles Napier, and Mr. McCullagh.

92. And the numbers ?—The numbers were, Lacon 611, Mr. Rumbold 547, for Sir Charles Napier 486, and Mr. McCullagh 521.

93. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you at all acquainted with the history of the election of 1858, the one in which there was no contest; how came it that there was no contest on that occasion ?—Upon the members being unseated, Sir Edmund Lacon put forward an address, and I think entered into some negotiation for some gentleman to join him, but no one joined him in the contest, and therefore he retired altogether, and there was no opposition to the return of Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young.

94. Are you aware whether Sir Edmund Lacon's retirement was in consequence of any negotiation with the other side ?—Certainly not, he issued a printed address.

95. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had Mr. Young any connexion with this borough ?—None whatever.

96. Had Mr. Mellor ?—None whatever.

97. Who introduced Mr. Young here ?—I am sure I cannot answer that question. He was introduced by the party who brought him down; I cannot particularise any individual.

98. Were Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young introduced together, do you remember ?—Yes, they were introduced together certainly.

99. Did they issue an address ?—They did.

100. Did anybody else come forward as a candidate ?—No.

101. Was no poll demanded ?—No.

102. In the year 1852, was there a petition ?—No.

103. Are you aware whether any petition was presented ?—I may be mistaken, I think there was a petition.

104. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You think there was a petition ?—Yes, there was.

105. (*Mr. Slade.*) What became of that petition ?—It went off on a technical point, I think, on some question as to the sureties. That is the reason I forgot it. It was not heard.

106. What was the previous election to that ?—The previous election was in 1848.

107. Was that a general election ?—I think it was a general election in 1848.

108. Was not that a case similar to the one in 1857 and 1858 ?—I beg your pardon—yes, it was.

109. Who were the candidates in 1848 ?—The candidates in 1848 were Mr. Sandars, Mr. Rumbold, and Mr. Bagshaw.

110. And that election took place in consequence of the last election being declared void on petition ?—That election took place in consequence of the previous members being unseated.

111. When had the previous election taken place ?—In the previous year, 1847.

112. Who were the candidates ?—The candidates at that election were Lord Arthur Lennox, Mr. Octavius Coope, Mr. Rumbold, and Mr. Goldsmid, the present Sir Francis Goldsmid.

113. And it was in consequence of that petition, that the Act of the 11th and 12th Victoria, chapter 24, was passed that disfranchised the freemen ?—The freemen were disfranchised in consequence of that election.

114. Give us shortly, going backwards, the years of the elections, and the candidates ?—At the election previous to that, which was in 1841, Mr. Rumbold and Mr. Wiltshire were returned. In 1838 Mr. Wiltshire was returned, he having been previously unseated. In 1837 Mr. Rumbold and Mr. Wiltshire were re-returned. There was a petition against them, and it was compromised by Mr. Wiltshire's retirement. In 1834 Mr. Thomas Baring and Mr. Winthropp Praed were returned after a contest. Upon the election previous to that, in 1832, the Honorable George Anson and Mr. Rumbold were returned. That was the first election after the passing of the Reform Act.

115. Were any of these elections petitioned against ?—No, there was no petition against those elections.

116. Was there a petition against the election in which Mr. Baring and Mr. Praed were returned ?—I think not.

117. Which petition was it upon which the report was made that it was the practice to pay the two guineas to each voter, irrespective of parties ?—That had been declared illegal at the previous election. It might possibly have been at that election, I have not got a memorandum of it here.

118. That report was made, was it not; the committee found that as part of their report ?—The committee decided that the payment of two guineas to each freeman, which had been the custom here, was altogether illegal; and on the petition after the election of Lord Arthur Lennox and Mr. Coope, the freemen then having received money, it was again declared illegal, and the freemen were declared disfranchised.

119. Was that payment of two guineas confined to the freemen ?—The freemen were the only electors at that time. The freemen were the only electors until the passing of the Reform Bill. After that they were electors with the 10*l.* householders, and since their disfranchisement, the 10*l.* hoseholders have been the sole electors.

120. The report was subsequent to the Reform Bill, which said it was the custom to pay two guineas to each voter; therefore it must have included the 10*l.* householders as well ?—I do not recollect exactly the language of the report, whether the householders received the two guineas or not, I do not recollect. There is a printed report, I think, on the subject, but I have not got it.

121. Were payments made to the wives of the electors at that time, do you know ?—I do not at all know, for I was not personally aware of any payment having been made at all.

122. Not personally ?—Not personally, I think the two guineas used to be paid openly as a matter of right or custom. It was an agreement on both sides; the losing candidates as well as the successful candidates paid the two guineas.

123. For a perquisite to the electors ?—The freemen on both sides received two guineas, whether the person for whom they voted was elected or not.

124. Can you give me the total expenses of the candidates at the last election ?—The total expenses of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson were 893*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.*, Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl 643*l.* 13*s.* 0*d.*, Mr. Marshman 101*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*

125. From the opportunities you enjoy in your position, do you imagine that to approximate at all to the expenses of the last election ?—If I am to be guided by the current report, and by the evidence before the House of Commons, I should say it did not include all.

126. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You know nothing personally ?—I know nothing personally; I have been a voter for 40 years, and have not been party or privy to any act of bribery on one side or on the other. I do not know personally that any act of bribery was committed on either side.

127. Did all this money pass through your hands ? Did you pay the bills yourself ?—No, I did not; it is not my duty to pay the bills.

128. (*Mr. Slade.*) The agents pay the bills ?—Yes.

129. And send you the vouchers ?—Yes.

130. What were the names of the agents ?—The agent for the Conservative was Mr. William Collett Reynolds; for the Liberal, Mr. John Clowes.

131. Mr. Reynolds is your partner ?—He is; and I need scarcely say, I had no communication with him upon election matters during the election.

132. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who was Mr. Marshman's agent ?—Mr. John Clowes.

133. (*Mr. Slade.*) You say, from what you have

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heard, that you think that that would not approximate to the expenses ?—Yes.

134. Can you give us the name of any person that you have heard spoken of in common report, as having given any money at the last election ?—No, I cannot. I have had nothing whatever to do with it in any way, and I have had no conversation on the subject with any one, except the merest, commonest conversation.

135. From what you can gather from observations you have heard, should you say the elections in Yarmouth were more or less expensive than they used to be ?—I do not think they are so expensive, although perhaps considerable sums of money were spent. Previous to the passing of the Reform Act, large sums of money were spent in treating and bands, and colours, and the expenses of bringing down out-voters, and I have understood the elections at that time were exceedingly expensive. Since that time, and the alteration of the law, those expenses have not been incurred, but it is very possible other expenses may have been.

136. I am rather speaking of the elections since the Reform Bill, of which you have given an account. Is it your opinion that the elections, as they go on, increase in expense ?—Judging, merely by report, I should think they have.

137. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Had the disfranchisement of the freemen any effect in diminishing the expense of the elections ?—The disfranchisement of the out-voters, those freemen who did not live in the borough, caused a considerable saving.

138. That was by the Reform Bill ?—That was by the Reform Bill.

139. I mean the Act that was subsequently passed, by which the freemen were disfranchised; do you think the expenses have been less since then ?—I have no means of judging.

140. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you heard any sum mentioned, as to what the last election cost the candidates ?—No, I have not.

141. No general sum ?—No; I merely heard in general conversation that a considerable sum must have been spent, but I never heard any sum named.

142. Have you heard of its having cost as much as 15,000*l.* ?—Certainly not.

143. Can you tell me generally as to whether the sums that have been sent in as the legitimate expenses have increased of late years, or whether they remained nearly the same ?—I cannot tell, because I have only had to do with the last two elections.

144. What has been the difference ?—In fact I have only had to do with one election, because previous to the last election, the accounts were sent to the auditor, so that I am only aware of this one election, as far as regards the expenses.

145. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Give me the auditor at the previous election ?—Mr. Edward Reynolds Aldred was the auditor, I think, from the time an auditor was appointed by Act of Parliament, up to the last year, when it was abolished, and the accounts were desired to be sent in to the returning officer.

146. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is that the present mayor ?—No.

147. Have you any statement that you wish to make to the commissioners, as regards the last election ?—No, I have no statement to make.

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Mr. Charles Cory sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

148. Are you town clerk to the borough of Great Yarmouth ?—I am.

149. For how many years have you been town clerk ?—I think about 12 or 13 years.

150. Can you tell the Commissioners what the computed population of the borough is at this moment ?—I think 35,000.

151. And what has the increase of the population been since the Reform Bill, in the borough ?—I should think about 10,000.

152. What is the number of the electors on the Parliamentary register ?—1,637 in 1864, but I think it is more now rather. I think there is another register.

153. I will take it at the time of the last election, what was the number ?—That was the number I gave.

154. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was the last election on the register of 1864 ?—Yes.

155. (*Mr. Slade.*) Then these are all 10*l.* occupiers ?—Yes.

156. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is the only qualification now ?—Yes.

157. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you tell us the number who voted at the last election ?—I have not the poll book by me. If you will allow me to look at the poll book I can give the number from it.

158. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How many lists are there of voters ?—Only one list altogether, but the lists are made out in wards for the purpose of the election. That makes six lists of the same class of voters.

159. (*Mr. Slade.*) There are no freemen, no scot and lot, no pot wallopers, and no ancient right of voting at all ?—Yes.

160. According to this register there are two lists ?—It is two lists of the parishes.

161. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) There are two lists ?—One register and two lists.

162. Are there any of the voters that are on both lists ?—I think there are some.

163. Can you give us what the total number is ?—I think five or six.

164. Not more ?—Not more.

165. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you got the number of voters at the last election ?—Yes, the total number that voted was 1,432.

166. Have you made any analysis ?—I have not; there was one made at the time from the poll book.

167. As regards how many split voters and how many plumpers ?—No, I think it has not stated here the number of split voters and plumpers. It is not in the analysis.

168. What is the analysis you have there ?—It is first the number at the final close of the poll, then follows the majority of one candidate over the other, and then comes the number of the ward, and the final number of voters, and those that are dead and abstained from voting.

169. I think we have all that already ?—I think very likely you have.

170. The municipal constituency, is that coterminous with the parliamentary ?—Yes.

171. And what are the number of electors on the burgess list ?—I think about 2,200. It is merely a guess on my part.

172. But approximate ?—Yes, about 2,200.

173. Can you tell us how many of those have been on the Parliamentary register ?—I should think about the number that is on the present register, nearly the number on the present register, about 1,500.

174. Are you the gentleman who sent in the electoral return for the borough ?—Yes, I did.

175. You appended a note to that return ?—Yes.

176. Will you give us what you intended to convey by that, about your thinking a vote would be of great consequence in this borough ?—I did not hear your question.

177. Did you not append a note to a return in which you said that a vote was considered of great consequence in this borough ?—No, I think not.

178. I mean there was an electoral return asked for, for all the boroughs in this country, and you sent in one for Great Yarmouth. Did you not append a note that was mentioned in the House of Commons. Do you know what I allude to ?—No, I do not know what you allude to exactly.

179. I will just read it to you. I allude to this:

"The people in Yarmouth manage to keep a room to "themselves, so as to keep on the register and possess "the franchise, which in Yarmouth is considered of "some importance?"—I think that is not my return, is it.

180. Yes; have you got the blue book?—No, I have not; I think it is the clerk of the guardians probably, not the town clerk's return. I think not, I do not remember that at all. It is not signed by me, is it?

181. No, it was a blue book that was printed, and that was a note?—I do not think that blue book was my return at all.

182. Then it was not your return?—I think not; it was the clerk to the guardians had to make those returns, and not myself.

183. You cannot give us any explanation of that?—No.

184. Who is the clerk to the guardians?—Mr. Cufaude.

185. Did you take any part in the last election?—Very little part indeed; I canvassed occasionally with the members.

186. Who did you canvass with?—I went on a canvass with the members, and I canvassed a few persons that I had influence with myself.

187. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) On whose behalf did you canvass?—I canvassed with the present members occasionally; I joined a canvassing party.

188. (*Mr. Slade.*) Used you to go round canvassing with Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Occasionally I did, not often.

189. How long before the election did Sir Edmund begin his canvass?—I think it must have been three weeks before.

190. When did Mr. Goodson begin?—With Sir Edmund Lacon, I think; it was the same time or nearly the same time, I will not be certain about the day, but about that time.

191. Did you commence your canvassing when they first began?—When who first began?

192. When Sir Edmund and Mr. Goodson began, did you accompany them in the first canvass?—Yes, I went out the first day.

193. And you accompanied them afterwards from time to time?—Yes, occasionally.

194. Did they canvass every day?—I think generally. Occasionally Mr. Goodson left, and Sir Edmund canvassed alone, and sometimes Mr. Goodson canvassed alone.

195. But there was canvassing every day?—Nearly every day.

196. How many days did you miss?—I think I did not join but three or four days; that was a very short time, an hour or two at the time.

197. Had you ever been employed as agent yourself, on previous elections?—Only on one occasion.

198. Which was that?—Lord Lennox and Mr. Coope. I was not employed then. It was no employment, but I did act as agent in conducting the election.

199. Whom did you act for?—Lord Lennox and Mr. Coope. I was not a paid agent in any way.

200. You were not paid?—No, I was not paid.

201. Were you examined before a Committee of the House of Commons?—No.

202. Who accompanied you besides the members with whom you canvassed generally?—I think the first day we had the chief of the party, and afterwards we had very few. Sometimes there was myself, and sometimes two or three others.

203. Can you give us their names?—I can give you a few. I think the first day Mr. Charles Palmer was there, and Mr. Edward Preston and other members of the party.

204. We do not know their names?—There was Mr. Bunn; that I am not certain of, but there were a large number, as usually there are on these occasions. About 20 at first, and of course, as usual, they tailed off, and it reduced itself to a very small number at last; and, generally I think, they canvassed mostly alone, with some runners to direct them where to go.

205. But they canvassed in the company of 20?—At the first start I should say 20 met together, and went on the canvass.

206. We should like to have some of their names, because you have only given us three or four. Had you a canvass book yourself?—No. Mr. Reynolds was one; Mr. Richard Ferrier was one, at the first start. I do not know whether he went forward with us. Mr. Hillton was there, I think, but he is dead. I think Mr. Benjamin Jay was one, but I am not sure. I think Mr. Charles Preston was there too, and I think young Mr. Isaac Preston was there too. I think Mr. Thurtle was there too.

207. What are you referring to, may I ask?—I am looking at the poll book. You asked the names of the gentlemen, as far as I can remember, who went out the first day to canvass.

208. I thought it was a manuscript you had?—It is the poll book. I could not remember otherwise, and I think now I may be wrong, but it is my impression. I think Mr. Rose was there too. I think Mr. J. C. Smith was there. I think Mr. Henry Teasdel was there, Mr. Charles Woolverton and Mr. William Wright, and there were also several, some non-voters; but I am certain that there were a good number, about 20.

209. Is that all you can remember?—All I can remember at present, from reference to the book.

210. Can you say if Mr. Nightingale was there?—No, I cannot; I do not remember him at all.

211. Did you ever see him canvassing with Sir Edmund?—No, I have not.

212. Never?—Never.

213. Did you ever see Mr. Worship?—Yes, Mr. Worship was there.

214. Which Mr. Worship?—Mr. Francis Worship, and, I think, Mr. William Worship. I am not certain, but I think both of them.

215. Mr. Aldred?—I do not remember him. There are two Mr. Aldred's. I do not think either of them was there.

216. Neither of them?—I think, neither of them.

217. Mr. Youell?—I do not think he was there.

218. Is there a Mr. Preston Lushington here?—Yes.

219. Did you ever see him?—I think he was there.

220. Did you ever see Mr. Cooper?—No, I have not.

221. And Mr. Spilling, did you ever see him?—No, I did not.

222. You have given us the names of 17?—There may be more than 20. I take it merely as matter of reference. I cannot speak to those facts.

223. Mr. Bunn, do you remember him?—No, I do not remember him.

224. Do you know whom I mean?—There are two Mr. Bunns.

225. Charles Victor?—No, I do not remember him.

226. Do you know the gentleman?—Yes, I know the gentleman.

227. Do you ever attend the registration courts here?—No, except the municipal. I do not attend the others. I attend as town clerk there; as adviser to the mayor. I never attend the others.

228. Can you tell me anything about the rating of the houses in this borough?—In what respect?

229. As regards their value, whether they are rated up to their full value?—I think pretty nearly so. I think the rating is very nearly the full value of most of the houses, and we deduct one fifth part for outgoings, as usual, to get at the assessable value. We take what the surveyors and valuers think is the total actual value of the houses, and then one fifth part is deducted for outgoings, under the Act of Parliament; but the assessable value comes out at four fifths of the gross rental; that is about the thing.

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230. That is in the parish of Yarmouth ?—Yes.

231. Is it the same in the parish of Gorleston ?—I cannot speak so well as to that. I know the parish of Yarmouth, because I make the return of the rates ; but I cannot speak to the parish of Gorleston.

232. Do you agree with Mr. Palmer that there is a great deal of party feeling in the municipal elections ?—There is at times. There has not been so much of late years as there was before. I think the last five or six years we have not had so much party feeling or contest as we had the year before,–nothing like it. In fact, we have had very few what I call severe contests in the municipal corporation in the last seven or eight years. We have had very little opposition in some of the elections, and none at all in some of them.

233. What should you, from your knowledge of the town of Yarmouth calculate as the strictly legal expenses of an election in this borough seeing that there were four candidates ?—It depends very much on the length of the contest.

234. The length of the canvass, I suppose ?—Yes, the length of the canvass ; it would depend very much upon that, but I think the return is about the thing ; 800*l.* to 1,000*l.* a piece is the legal expense of an election.

235. The returns in this case are 800*l.* and 600*l.* ?—One was about that ; they are nearly 800*l.* each, those returns. There were 100*l.* more added to the 600*l.*

236. What was it added for ?—Mr. Marshman's expenses,–part of it on one side,—one was 800*l.* and odd, and the other was 700*l.* and odd.

237. Do you suppose that at all approximates to the real expense ?—From what I have heard I do not think it does.

238. I suppose you will not give us any sum you have heard mentioned ?—No, I cannot do that.

239. Are the solicitors in this town generally employed not only as agents, but are they in the employ of the candidates ?—No, never. I never knew a case ; very rarely. I mean to say if it has been necessary to have a solicitor as an agent for a candidate, he would be paid of course in a general way, but it is not the custom with us to employ solicitors to assist the candidates as in other places. That is your question, I suppose ?

240. Yes ?—It is not so, and I am very glad to say it is not.

241. Are you aware yourself of any bills that have not been sent in ?—Not at all.

242. During your canvass, at the time you went round with the members, did you ever hear any hint given that money would be required ?—No, I did not. I rarely spoke myself to any of the voters on the canvass, I merely went with them. I did not hear any hints of that kind from any of the voters.

243. What was the practice of the members when they went round ? What did they say to the electors ?—They merely called upon them, and asked them to support them with their vote and influence, and had the usual talk, nothing else ; I never heard anything else.

244. Did you ever attend any public meeting ?—No, I think not, I do not live in the town. The only public meeting I attended was when the candidate first came, at the Star ; that was not a public meeting, a meeting when Mr. Goodson first came down, I think the year before. It was a party called together on those two occasions, to meet the candidate privately in a room. I never attended any public meeting at all. I live out of the town, and I am never here in the evening.

245. What time in the day was this meeting ?—This meeting at the Star was at 10 o'clock in the morning, merely when they started on the canvass ; a few partisans called together to attend the candidates on the canvass.

246. When was Mr. Goodson introduced to the borough ?—That was in the year previously, I think, about the middle of the year previously.

247. Who introduced him ?—I think Sir Henry Stracey was the party who asked him to come down. My impression is that Sir Henry Stracey retired from the representation of the borough, and I think that he or some friends of his spoke to Mr. Goodson, and Mr. Goodson came down to meet the party to see if they would accept him. That is my impression about it.

248. Were you at that meeting ?—I was at the meeting when Mr. Goodson came down, that was in the year previous.

249. Did Mr. Goodson announce himself as a candidate the next time ?—We thought a dissolution was rather imminent, and he came down to state his views to the Conservative party, and to hear if they would accept him as a candidate on a future occasion.

250. Had Mr. Goodson any connexion with this borough ?—He was chairman of the Great Eastern Railway. That was a connexion which we thought was valuable to the borough, and that was the sole reason. We thought it was very valuable to the borough to have a man in whom all the trade of the borough was concentrated, in fact, and we thought he could assist us without anything to do with politics, for the benefit of the whole borough, and we accordingly accepted him.

251. Was anything said at that time of the probable expense of contesting the borough ?—I never heard a word of it.

252. Was that the occasion on which Sir Henry Stracey announced his intention of retiring ?—Yes, that was the time when Sir Henry Stracey retired, that was about the time. I cannot say to a few days, but it was the time.

253. What was the reason of Sir Henry Stracey retiring ?—I cannot tell at all. We were quite as much surprised as anybody else was. I think that his idea was that he should stand for the county, and his being member for the borough would interfere with the influence that he thought ought to be brought to bear for the county, and he should be ready to stand on the next vacancy for the county, which he could not do if he was member here ; that was my impression at the time.

254. Did Mr. Goodson come down again after he had been proposed by Sir Henry Stracey before the canvass ?—I have an impression that he stayed here for a week or a fortnight afterwards. I think he stayed here in the autumn of that year. I think he took a house here for his family for about two or three months ; he generally has done so, and I think he did so then.

255. You are aware that the Committee of the House of Commons reported that corrupt practices existed at the last election ?—Yes.

256. Are you at all aware of it yourself ?—Not personally.

257. From report you say you are ?—From report I am.

258. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you give the Commissioners any information ?—I cannot. I would rather not give any information that I do not know personally.

259. (*Mr. Slade.*) We do not, of course impute to you personally any knowledge of it, but what you can tell us from report we wish to have ?—I cannot speak from report. I have heard a great number of reports, and especially since the report of the House.

260. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you believe yourself that the last election for this borough was a corrupt election ?—I think there was money spent at it.

261. You think there was money spent ?—Yes.

262. On both sides ?—No doubt about it.

263. (*Mr. Russell.*) What is your reason for thinking that ?—I think one great reason is the report of the House upon it, there cannot be a question upon that.

264. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) We ask, independent of that, whether you yourself, as an inhabitant of the borough, from anything that came to your knowledge, are of the same opinion that the House of Commons was ?—Yes, I am. I have heard it generally talked about in rumours.

265. You were once, in 1847, agent ?—Yes; I was agent.

266. For Lord Arthur Lennox and Mr. Coope ?—Yes.

267. They were unseated ?—Yes.

268. For bribery ?—Yes, for paying the two guineas.

269. Have you any idea as to the amount of money that was spent at that time by those two candidates ?—I cannot say. I had nothing to do with the money.

270. Then you know nothing of the bribery on that occasion ?—No, not personally.

271. (*Mr. Slade.*) What is your reason for thinking that there was money spent at the last election ?—I have heard so from parties; it was a general rumour in the town that men were holding back. It is always the case in an election, more or less.

272. Electors holding back ?—Not promising; that was the general idea.

273. Has that been a report made to you as a canvasser ?—No, not as a canvasser at all; it is no report made to me; it is merely a conversation.

274. Can you tell us who it is who has told you that ?—No, I cannot.

275. Cannot you mention the name of a single person who has mentioned that to you ?—I would rather not mention persons that I cannot be certain of in a case like that. You had better ask the persons themselves.

276. But we are quite in the dark as to who they are ?—I am quite aware of that.

277. We ask you to tell us who the person is who has mentioned to you that he has reason to believe corrupt practices existed ?—I cannot mention the person myself.

278. Have you a person in your mind at this moment ?—No, I have not at all.

279. You say it has been mentioned to you by persons you would rather not mention ?—It was talked about generally at the time, and after the thing it was talked about, but not in any form or way whatever. I mean I have had no report about it.

280. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you attend any of the committee meetings of the party ?—No, I did not.

281. (*Mr. Russell.*) When you began your canvass were the Liberal candidates in the field ?—No, they were not.

282. At a subsequent period I suppose they were ?—Yes.

283. Did you ever come across them also in the act of canvassing ?—Yes, once or twice I did.

284. Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl, or Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman ?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman; I do not think I came across the others at all.

285. Had they many canvassers with them ?—Not many; I think they had 5 or 6, as far as I could judge.

286. Had they on the two occasions you saw them as far as you can remember, the same people ?—Yes, I think much about the same, but I can only speak from very distant memory indeed.

287. Can you tell me the names of any of those people ?—I think I can mention Mr. Clowes was there.

288. Cannot you name anybody else ?—No, I could not.

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289. Are you a solicitor residing in this town ?—I am.

290. Were you the Liberal agent at the last election ?—I was the legal agent for the Liberal candidates.

291. Were you appointed for Mr. Brogden, and afterwards worked for Mr. Vanderbyl ?—I was appointed by both.

292. And by Mr. Marshman ?—I did not get an appointment from him because he retired before any appointment was required; the appointment has always been made on the evening before the nomination.

293. You acted as agent for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl ?—Yes.

294. You signed the petition ?—Yes, I was one of the petitioners.

295. The other petitioners were James Scott and Mr. Garson Blake ?—Yes, I think they were. I signed the petition when it was brought to me. I did not know they had signed it.

296. Did you know what the petition contained ?—I had read it over. It was prepared by the solicitor who got it up.

297. Who was that ?—Mr. Costerton. I had nothing to do with getting it up. I signed it; and in fact I induced others to sign it. I did not see them sign it, but I presume they did; it was taken round by Mr. Costerton to be signed.

298. You are aware of what the petition alleged ?—Bribery, corruption, intimidation, and treating. I am not quite sure, but it contained the general allegations.

299. What induced you to sign the petition ?—It was got up by the defeated candidates, and they wishing to have some one to sign it, I had no objection as the legal agent to signing the petition, the solicitor getting it up for Mr. Brogden.

300. Did you sign it with any idea on your own part that there had been corrupt practices going on ?—I heard general rumours about it, and there were certain instances which Mr. Costerton had mentioned which he had found out, and from those I considered it was desirable to join in the petition.

301. What had Mr. Costerton mentioned to you that induced you to sign the petition ?—Several matters connected with the conduct of the election on the other side.

302. Bribery ?—Bribery, and the tracing out the cases which he had done; I cannot charge my memory now with what those cases were.

303. He mentioned some cases ?—He mentioned cases which he had got up.

304. Can you mention to us the names of any cases ?—There were several cases; the names of the persons implicated in them were Cooper, Eagleton, Bligh, and some others. Those were cases he had found out, and which would bear inquiry. There might have been others, but really I cannot recollect what they were.

305. Did he consult you about the petition ?—No, not at all. I have never been consulted about it.

306. You say he merely brought the petition to you signed ?—He brought the draft to me, and mentioned those cases.

307. And then he asked you to sign it ?—Then he asked me if I would be one of the parties to sign it.

308. Did you read the draft ?—No, I do not think I read that draft, but he gave us one of a previous election, and he said that they would be similar allegations.

309. Did you know what the draft contained ?—No, I do not think I read that draft. I am not aware. I saw the draft that he gave me in order that it might be laid before myself and Mr. Scott. I saw that draft. I believe he did not draw up the petition himself, but it was drawn up by some one in London afterwards on seeing the materials.

310. Did you pray the seats in your petition ?—No, I am not aware.

311. Do you know whether you did or not ?—I am not aware that we did.

312. Are you aware you did not ?—I think in my own mind it involved a scrutiny, which I do not think was prayed for.

313. Had you any reason to fear what they call recrimination on the other side ?—I did not enter into the merits at all whether there would be recrimina-

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tion or not. I was not confidentially consulted in getting up the petition at all.

314. Did you contribute to the expense of the petition?—Not a penny; it was quite out of our hands; it was not our petition in fact in its origin.

315. Whose was it?—The petition of Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl; they bore the expense.

316. Do you know at all how the expense was borne?—No, I have never heard how it was borne, nor what has been spent.

317. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You have never heen applied to for any thing?—No, not at all.

318. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you acted as the Liberal agent at previous elections here?—I have acted as their agent ever since the passing of the Act requiring the auditors to pay the accounts; I think for four elections.

319. In all those elections I think there have been petitions, have there not?—No, there was one election at which there was no opposition.

320. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Except that election?—Except that election I believe they were all petitioned against; one was upon the question of recognizances.

321. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you ever sign a petition before?—No; I never signed one before.

322. I suppose you are very well acquainted with the politics of this borough?—I have been all my life a partisan.

323. Will you give us, if you please, your reason for thinking there were corrupt practices at the last election?—From the allegation of the cases that Mr. Costerton produced to us, I had reason to believe there were corrupt practices.

324. Were those the cases that came out before the election committee?—Some of them; he did not bring out all the cases that he got up.

325. Then the cases which came out before the committee of the House of Commons were a small proportion of what Mr. Costerton told you?—A small proportion, as I have understood from him since, of what he had prepared, and counsel made a selection.

326. You say you are well acquainted with the politics of this town; had you no reason to believe that corrupt practices existed before Mr. Costerton brought his petition to you?—I heard rumours from different persons after the election was over. Defeated candidates always will have persons bringing this, that, and the other to them. I paid no heed to it, because I did not consider anything would be done; but after a considerable time Mr. Brogden made up his mind he would make inquiry into it, and it was carried out by the investigation Mr. Costerton made. I did nothing.

327. Had you reason to believe from your own experience that corrupt practices existed?—I believe they had existed for three or four elections, and therefore I presume the same has been going on, but I do not know to what extent.

328. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Does that opinion of yours include both sides?—Yes; I consider it generally practised in the borough.

329. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you see Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, the other party, at all?—Yes; I was out canvassing one day with Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman, and the only day I did canvass I was on the road at Gorleston, and we met the other canvassing party, and I introduced them to each other.

330. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you mean to say you were only canvassing one day?—I was only canvassing one day.

331. (*Mr. Slade.*) How many persons had the members with them at that time?—They had not above four or five with them then. In fact it was only necessary to have the person to introduce the candidate, and another one to take down and keep the canvassing books, and the two canvassers themselves. That is the way a great deal of the canvassing was done, and I believe when we met them they had not more than Mr. Hunter and one or two others with them.

332. Can you tell me whom they were?—Mr. Hunter was keeping the canvassing books; I cannot charge my memory with whom they were; they were a small body; they had driven down to Gorleston, and came back again catching an occasional voter; it was a very small canvassing party.

333. Was that the only occasion on which you saw Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson canvassing?—That is the only occasion on which I saw Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson canvassing, that I am aware of.

334. Did you canvass many persons upon your canvass who voted on the opposite side of politics?—We took every house, I believe, as we went along the road to Gorleston, and ascertained the feeling of everybody.

335. Who was in the field first?—Sir Edmund Lacon, I think, was. I think he was a week before Mr. Brogden.

336. Did you find many persons say they had promised their vote?—I can hardly say that I heard a single answer given. I never went into a house myself, there is nothing I detest more; I was merely there to make up the party, and I did not go into a house, that I am aware of, to hear.

337. We only wish to ask you as regards the Conservative side, you cannot tell us anything more than you have told us; the grounds of the petition were merely what Mr. Costerton told you?—I had no knowledge of any of the facts; I only knew after the election when I was paying off different parties, I found one day a bit of a note, written by somebody who said something about money being taken, and I threw it on one side, but when the election petition was being got up I handed it to Mr. Costerton. It was the only case that I am aware of; whether he followed it out or not I do not know.

338. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect the name at all?—I do not know at all; I believe he took the note and said "we have heard of that," or something of that sort; I do not think it came to much.

339. (*Mr. Slade.*) What was the note—that bribery existed on the other side?—That some person had taken some money, and so on; perhaps it was six months before it was laid before Mr. Costerton. It was so long after the election before the petition was agreed to be presented, that the facts had gone from us; we could hardly remember them.

340. Who kept the canvass on your side?—The person who went round with the candidates was Mr. Edwards, and the candidates themselves kept their own books till they had a clerk come down, another Mr. Edwards I think his name was, one of their own men, and he had a scheme of conducting the election that entirely ousted any further interference on our part. I had no management of the election at all.

341. Did you see the promises at any time?—I heard Mr. Marshman before he went away say that the refusal to promise exceeded the promises, and that was one ground of his leaving the field.

342. (*Mr. Russell.*) You say there was a gentleman named Edwards who came down who had a scheme that completely ousted you?—Yes.

343. I will not enter into that scheme now; did you ever hear him called by any other name?—No, that was his right name. I was aware he had conducted some elections in the north, and that he had a system of dividing the place into wards and keeping them in a very peculiar way that we had never done here, and he took the management in that way. I never heard him called by any other name.

344. Have you ever heard he has been called in other places by another name?—No, never.

345. Have you ever heard the name of Salmon given to him?—No, that is another man.

346. He is a distinct person?—He is a distinct person; he came down after the election. I did not know him till after that as Mr. Brogden's clerk.

347. He was down there after the election?—He was down after the election; in fact, I have had correspondence with him since about the expenses.

Mr. JAMES SCOTT sworn ; examined by Mr. Slade.

348. Are you a magistrate of this borough?—Yes.

349. Were you one of the persons who signed the petition ?—I was.

350. Who asked you to sign it ?—Well, I really hardly remember. I think it was Mr. Costerton, but I will not be positive. I volunteered to sign it if there was one produced.

351. Did you take any part in the hearing of that petition ?—No, none whatever.

352. You say you volunteered to sign it ?—Yes.

353. Whom did you volunteer to ?—Well, I think it was Mr. Clowes. If there was a petition presented they asked me if I would sign it, and I said yes, I would.

354. Who asked you ?—I think Mr. Clowes.

355. How long after the election was that ?—Some time after the election, I think two months ; I will not be positive as to time, but it was a considerable time after the election.

356. The election was in July ?—On the 12th of July.

357. And you think it was two months after that ?—I really think it must have been two months after that. I have no date to go by nor did I take any notice of the date.

358. What induced you to volunteer to sign this petition ?—Because I was certain that the other side could not have won had not practices been used to induce people to vote, and a number of our own friends whom we usually depended upon had seceded from us ; that was my reason.

359. Did you take any part in the election yourself ?—Yes, I canvassed once or twice with them.

360. How many times ?—How many times did I go out canvassing ?

361. Yes ?—Four different days I might go, but certainly not more, probably not more than three.

362. Did you find promises were made to you which were afterwards broken ?—Yes.

363. Can you give us any of the names ?—No, I cannot remember, but I remember one name, and that was Joseph Draper ; he was one certainly.

364. How many people should you say that happened to ?—I could not tell now unless I had the list to look over. I could tell you then how many of them.

365. Can you give us any idea how many ?—Ten or 12.

366. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) If you were to look over the list of the voters would it refresh your memory ?—No, it is so long back.

367. Could you not, in the course of a week, hand in a list to the Commissioners ?—No, I do not think I could.

368. Of none of them ?—One or two probably I might.

369. (*Mr. Slade.*) Will you promise to do that for us ?—It will be rather an arduous task to go through all that. This promise of this man was made to me personally.

370. You said you found promises given ; were those made to you ?—No, not to me ; this one I mentioned, Draper's, was made to me personally.

371. You mean promises made to the party ?—Yes.

372. I understood you, made to you ?—No, I had only this one.

373. Had he always belonged to your party ?—Yes, always.

374. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know another Draper, William Henry Draper ?—No, I do not.

375. Your man is in King Street ?—Yes.

376. (*Mr. Slade.*) How many promises did you get yourself ?—I could not tell, I am sure. I went with several other gentlemen canvassing, and it was not a promise to me solely. I went round with the members and they were promised to the members.

377. You mean the candidates ?—The candidates.

378. But this Joseph Draper promised you personally ?—This Joseph Draper promised me personally, and likewise he promised the two candidates in my hearing.

379. Did any other elector promise you personally ?—No, not one.

380. The only one that promised you personally broke his promise ?—Yes.

381. Have you had any conversation with Joseph Draper since the election ?—No, not a word.

382. Did you ever ask him why he broke his promise ?—No, not a word.

383. Why not ?—I did not trouble myself about it after he had done it.

384. What other reason was there for causing you to sign the petition ?—I gave you my reason in the first instance. My reason was because we thought we had been cheated out of our rights by practices over which we had no control.

385. What do you mean by your rights ?—I mean that those who recorded their votes without any pressure or bribery, or anything else before, were of no use because they were overridden by others who bribed them.

386. Had the Liberal party a majority of votes upon the canvass ?—No, I think not, because they were too late.

387. You mean that the promises were made to the Conservatives before ?—Yes, I think they had been.

388. Do you of your own personal knowledge know of any case of bribery that could be mentioned to us ?—No, not one that I know of.

389. All that you go upon is hearsay ?—Yes.

390. Did you contribute anything to the expense of the petition ?—Not a farthing. I was never asked, in fact.

391. Do you know at all who paid for it ?—No, I do not.

392. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know of any cases of bribery on your own side ?—No, I do not.

393. Have you any reason to believe that any bribery was practised by the Liberal candidates ?—I did not believe it till after the election was over. I did not believe it at the time of the election, but since then I have heard of cases, although I know of none.

394. What did you mean by saying that unless bribery was resorted to on the other side your party would have succeeded ?—Because the town itself is generally Liberal.

395. I observe in 1859 it was represented by Conservative candidates ?—So it has been several times.

396. Have you any reason to believe that the Conservative party have always resorted to bribery ?—I think they have.

397. How long have you lived in Great Yarmouth ?—For 60 years.

398. And you have had a vote for the greater part of that time ?—I have had a vote, I think, for 40 years.

399. Have you mixed yourself up in politics generally ?—No, I have not.

400. What is your ground for supposing that the Liberal party is the most prevalent ?—I take it as a rule. I take it from the show of hands at the nomination, and for many other reasons.

401. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you give us some other reason ?—I think if you were to canvas the whole of the town you would soon find out which way the parties were. It is impossible to find out, otherwise, without intimidation or practices of that sort. Let every man answer for himself.

402. The feeling is Liberal ?—I think so, decidedly.

403. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I understand you to take the non-electors as well as the electors in that expression ?—I take the non-electors as well as the electors, but I hold also with the electors themselves.

FIRST DAY.

Mr. J. Scott.

16 Aug. 1866.

404. (*Mr. Russell.*) From your long experience at Yarmouth do I understand you to believe, if the election was purely conducted here, it would result in the return of the Liberal candidates ?—I do.

405. Have you mentioned the case of Draper to either Mr. Clowes or Mr. Costerton ?—No, they were as well aware of it as I was.

406. You knew they were aware of it ?—Yes, they all knew it. I do not know from any conversation that they pointed to that single instance only, but they were all aware of it.

407. Of the case of Draper ?—Yes.

408. Beyond the fact of Draper's having voted differently to the promise he made to you, have you any reason to believe that he was bribed ?—No, I cannot say so.

409. Do you know how he had voted at previous elections ?—Yes, always Liberal, all his life time, I believe, ever since I knew him.

Mr. G. Blake.

Mr. Garson Blake sworn ; examined by Mr. Slade.

410. You are a merchant and shipowner residing at Southtown ?—Yes.

411. You also signed the petition ?—I did.

412. Will you give us your reason for signing it ?—My chief reason for signing it, was that I am very much opposed to bribery.

413. Have you any other reason, because you say that is your chief reason ?—That is my chief reason, and I believe that bribery had been practised at the last election, and intimidation ; I know that especially.

414. Did any case of intimidation come under your own knowledge ?—Two.

415. What were they ?—James Harboard.

416. Of Gaol Street ?—Of Gaol Street.

417. And the other ?—The other was William Fox.

418. A cowkeeper of Bath Hill Terrace ?—I think that is the same man.

419. What was the intimidation practised upon Harbord ?—Harbord came up to me one day in the market by the bridge and said he had been spoken to by Mr. Nightingale, Sir Edmund Lacon's partner.

420. Can you tell us what day this was, how long before the election ?—It might be a few days before the election ; I cannot tell the exact date. It was on a Wednesday.

421. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What is Mr. Nightingale's Christian name ?—Samuel.

422. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is that Sir Edmund Lacon's partner in the brewery ?—The same, and in the course of conversation he was asked to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon, and he said, being a strong Blue, "I said to "Mr. Nightingale, I am under obligations to Mr. "Blake, and upon that ground I think you ought not "to press me."

423. Meaning yourself ?—Meaning myself. In fact I had lent him money upon mortgage, some trust money that I had in my power, and he said "I made "this an excuse to get off voting for him." And Mr. Nightingale's answer was, "What you have from "Mr. Blake you can have from any lawyer in Yar-"mouth ; any lawyer will advance you money upon "mortgage ;" therefore, he said, "he pressed me very "hard upon it," and the consequence of it was, although he has always a strong Blue, he voted one and one at the last election ; and he says, more than that, the influence was this : "If I did not vote for "Sir Edmund Lacon I should have no grains to feed "my cows with." I said, "You do not want to mind "that. I think you have a right to vote as you please. "I do not wish to influence you at all." Then he said, "There are plenty of cases of the same sort ;" and he said at the last election lots of them were not allowed to have any more grains. He mentioned one particular case, this man, William Fox. I felt very indignant, and I turned round in the market place to see if I could find Mr. Nightingale, because I thought I would take the man to him and ask him if it was true. I could scarcely believe a gentleman would act in that way ; and luckily I did not see him, or some high words might have taken place ; but I made it my business to see Fox, because he was a man who before the cattle plague supplied my family with milk. I saw Fox, and I said, "Is it true you have been spoken to ?" The man appeared very much excited. He had been what they called a strong Blue. He said it was quite true, he had promised to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon, but he said if that which Harbord had said was the case, "I will give it up altogether ;" and the result was he did not vote at all. The man himself told me that was the influence used. The fact is, in Yarmouth Sir Edmund Lacon is the great brewer, and he has pretty nearly all the opportunity. At the nomination of the candidates I thought this fact I have alluded to should be made public in some way or other. I felt indignant that a gentleman should use such influence.

424. And did you make a speech on that occasion ?—A very short one, and that was the burden of my speech, that the cows might lack a dinner, or some of them, if they did not vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

425. Are those the only two cases of intimidation that you are aware of ?—The only ones that I can positively speak to of my own knowledge. I have reason to believe that there was further intimidation, but I do not know of any of my own knowledge. I should mention, perhaps, not direct intimidation, but I know a relative of mine who would not vote at the election, and at the nomination I saw him in the crowd. I thought to myself, I will see how you act in the crowd, because I knew what his feelings were. When the names of the Liberal candidates were put up, he held up his hands directly for a Liberal candidate.

426. What is his name ?—John Starling. I know what the influence upon him was. He was afraid to vote, and therefore abstained from voting altogether.

427. Do you mean the influence of the grains ?—No ; the use of another influence.

428. He did not vote at all ?—He did not vote at all.

429. It is a case of bribery ?—It was a case of this sort, that his friend lent him money in his business, and he was afraid to vote contrary to his friend's wishes.

430. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who is his friend ?—I suppose I ought to tell you that ?

431. You must tell us all ?—Not expecting to be asked that question I could not tell you at the moment. [*After consideration*] Wright is his name.

432. He will tell us himself, I daresay, if he comes up here ?—Most likely.

433. (*Mr. Slade.*) What is his Christian name ?—I do not know his Christian name.

434. Do you know where he lives ?—The man is quite familiar to me ; I know him quite well. I do not know exactly where he lives ; it is in Chapel Street, near the chapel.

435. Is he a voter ?—Yes ; he is one of the council of the ward.

436. Can you mention any other case of intimidation ?—No, I think not.

437. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you of bribery ?—No.

438. You do not know of a case of bribery yourself ?—No.

439. (*Mr. Slade.*) I see the petition was on the ground of bribery, treating, and undue influence ; do you know of any case of treating ?—No, not generally, except the meetings that were held at the "Star" at Gorleston. It was palpable the treating that was going on, although I have no knowledge of it, only from hearsay.

440. Can you tell us the names of the houses in which the treating went on ?—It was supposed the treating went on at the "Star" and the "Feathers" at Gorleston, where they held their meetings.

441. Where is the "Feathers" in Gorleston?—I do not know this of my own knowledge.

442. How many voters did you canvass yourself?—I canvassed in the South Town Road perhaps 20 or 30, or 40. In the South Town Road I chiefly canvassed, because I lived there; therefore I canvassed there.

443. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Had you plenty of promises?—Yes.

444. Were any of those promises broken?—I do not know that they were. I only know I canvassed, but I had nothing to do with keeping the books, and therefore I do not know what the result was. I know that some who had formerly voted on the blue or Whig side were very unwilling to promise this time; one man especially.

445. You found that yourself?—I found that myself, because he was a man under some obligation to myself personally. I found there was some influence to keep him back.

446. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did he say?—He said he had friends on both sides, and that he should look out for his own interests.

447. What did you understand by that?—That he was open to a fee, and the result proved it, I think. On the day of the election he went down to Gorleston to vote, I suppose; but he went into the Liberal room about 2 o'clock, and, in fact, pretty well asked for money.

448. Were you there?—No, I was not; and the answer was, I believe, "You are too late; the elec- " tion is won"; and so he did not vote at all.

449. Can you give us the man's name?—John Storey.

450. Of Southtown?—Yes.

451. That man promised you?—No; he would not promise, although he had voted that way before.

452. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say he had always voted upon the Liberal side before?—Yes.

453. You do not know whether he always voted on that side for money before, or not?—No, I do not know. I know the man well. He has been a tenant of mine for many years, and has worked for me. I have reason to believe that he had not.

454. He was a decided Liberal?—I am quite sure of that, as far as his opinions went.

455. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did any of the other electors whom you canvassed hint at money?—I think not; I do not remember any asking for money in any way. I was canvassing with Mr. Marshman and the other, and I would not have continued upon the canvass if I had found anything had been going on in the shape of bribing. I found it was so plain, they wished to have the thing fair and above board, that I continued canvassing.

456. Who?—Both Mr. Marshman and Mr. Brogden. If anything was said at all about influence, we said "Do not vote to injure yourselves; we do not " ask you to do it." That made me continue upon the canvass.

457. Did you continue upon the canvass from first to last?—No, only in Southtown.

458. In Southtown from first to last?—I went only one day specially. I went one evening to one of the voters with Mr. Brogden, because I had heard that this voter was really Liberal in wish, but he might be influenced, and I thought to keep him to his Liberal opinions if canvassed; but he was not at home.

459. Influenced by what?—By being spoken to so as to adhere to his principles. I might mention one case, bye the bye, which I had forgotten; that of William Rand.

460. Of Southtown?—Of Southtown. I called upon William Rand with Mr. Brogden, because I knew that William Rand had always been a Liberal voter, and I had heard that he was influenced, and would probably vote the other way; and, as I was with Mr. Brogden, we put the question to him, "What " causes you to differ now in this election from other " elections"? and he said he had been promised by a son-in-law work through the winter if he would vote that way, and that was of much more consequence to him than anything that any one could do for him on the other side; therefore he should vote that way for his interest; and he did so. That I heard him say myself, in Mr. Brogden's presence.

461. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he vote on the other side?—Yes.

462. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who were those promises made by?—It was made by a poor man who is since dead. Are you speaking of the person who promised him work?

463. Yes; what was he?—He was a fish merchant.

464. What was his name?—Lummis.

465. Besides what you know of your own knowledge, have you heard of any other individual case of bribery?—Only by hearsay.

466. I mean by hearsay, give us a few of those?—The fact is I did not know what course your examination of myself would take, and I am not prepared at the present moment to give you any names.

467. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) The Commissioners will be very glad if you will give them to-morrow morning or on another day any names?—I shall be happy to give you any information I can. I think I may appeal to my fellow townsmen by saying I have a great horror of bribery; I care not if it is done on the Whig side or the Tory side.

468. (*Mr. Slade.*) Will you give us the names of those that you have heard were bribed, and we will investigate the cases, whether they were or not?—I will endeavour to.

469. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Had you anything to do with the getting up of the petition at all?—Not more than signing it; I requested before I signed it to see the allegations.

470. Were you aware that the petition did not claim the seat for the Liberal candidates?—I was aware of that.

471. Are you aware of the reason why that was not done?—I suppose the reason.

472. What was the reason you supposed?—That they were equally guilty.

473. Have you any reason of your own, for that opinion?—I have no knowledge of my own only hearsay. I had nothing whatever to do with bribery I am happy to say. I heard it was so, and I reported that I was sorry for it.

474. You told us just now, during the course of the canvass, you had reason to think that Mr. Brogden was determined not to resort to those practices, for which reason you continued to canvass with him?—I saw nothing in his canvass that led me to suppose he was using any improper influence. I did not know anything of their practices.

475. Has anything come to your knowledge since?—The House of Commons committee.

476. Is that all?—I could not point to any case on either side, not of bribery.

477. Have you been an inhabitant of Yarmouth for a long time?—My life time, 50 years.

478. What is your opinion as to the elections, have they been pure?—Impure, except on one occasion, and that was the case of Mr. Justice Mellor and Mr. Younge, then I think we had a pure election.

479. When you say impure, you mean impure on both sides?—Yes. I should have said on one occasion in the case of one of the members for Harwich standing, in the case of Mr. Bagshawe on Mr. Bagshawe's side, it was a pure election.

480. That was in 1848?—That was in 1848; that was a pure election on his side.

481. And Mr. Sanders and Mr. Rumbold were returned?—Yes. I believe it cost between 50*l.* and 60*l.*, and to that sum I subscribed.

482. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you ever hear what it cost the members?—Yes, in the rough.

483. What is that?—Some say 10,000*l.*; I should not of course think it had done that, that is the report; but I have no knowledge, of course.

FIRST DAY.

Mr. G. Blake.

16 Aug. 1866.

484. You say you attended Mr. Marshman in his canvass ?—Yes.

485. Can you tell us why he retired ?—The report is from the fear that bribery might be used.

486. On which side ?—On the side on which he was.

487. On his own side ?—On his own side.

488. Was it from fear of the expense, or the objection to bribery ?—I should think there might be a little of both. I really think it was from the fact that he disliked bribery. I had talked to him upon the matter.

489. You say that it was on the understanding that bribery would be resorted to on his own side ?—I think so; the feeling evidently was, that Yarmouth cannot be carried without bribery.

490. Among whom ?—On both sides; the influence on one side is so great, that the other must bribe, and it is a question therefore of pounds, shillings, and pence.

491. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you mean the apprehension that the influence of the Conservatives was so strong that it led to fear of bribery on the other side ?—Yes.

492. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you mean the legitimate influence of the Conservatives ?—No, the illegitimate influence.

493. Then you mean by the Conservatives getting first into the field, they had the advantage of getting the promises ?—No. I think at any time at Yarmouth, a pure election would bring the Liberals in by a large majority. I believe that Yarmouth is essentially Whig. I do not say this from mere hearsay. I know a great many persons in Yarmouth, and I know from talking with them what influences them, and I know that at all public meetings which politics have nothing to do with, where they cannot influence the votes, there always is a large majority held up in favour of the Whigs.

494. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is that true of the municipal elections ?—Yes, they have all been got in there by bribery as a rule. I say it fearlessly, that the members of the Town Council have all been got in there by bribery. I once put up for a town councillor myself, and was beaten by a half-crown ticket, because I would not spend any money about it myself. It was said a half-crown ticket was given to the opposite voters.

495. (*Mr. Slade.*) How many were issued ?—All that voted got a half-crown, who chose to take it.

496. Was that the general practice ?—They gave a breakfast generally. I should tell you at that election I understood that a breakfast would be given by the opposite party. I was determined to do nothing of the sort myself, and in my bills I told them I would not resort to anything illegal, and knowing that I very much teased my opponent by saying he would do it, the consequence was the breakfast was put down, and a half-crown given instead.

497. Who was your opponent ?—One of the late mayors of Yarmouth, William Harry Palmer; he is not residing here now.

498. Are there always contests in the municipal elections of this borough ?—Not so much lately; the fact is that the Tories having the Parliamentary representation in their hands, and the municipal the patronage they have, enables them to take on a number of policemen and tax gatherers, and it is of no use opposing them.

499. For how many years has that been going on ?—I voted for this gentleman on my right, and he was a very warm Tory too. I voted for him at the last election, he can tell. I should think it must be now some ten or a dozen years ago.

500. Ever since that the Tories have been rampant ?—At that time the Whigs were rampant, and did what they pleased, and they very foolishly adopted the practice that they complained of their opponents, and the consequence was, their opponents came into their place, and one of the first elections at which they were beaten was when this gentleman on my right was elected. After that they were the majority, and it is a difficult matter when once you get them in to get them out again. At the last few elections there have been a few cases of opposition, but not many. The gentleman who was here before me obtained a municipal election about two years ago; and it was said on the other side to be merely permitted by them.

501. That half-crown ticket is rather an old practice in this borough, is it not?—I think the giving breakfasts, dinners, and suppers has prevailed more than the tickets.

502. You said you believed that any election in Yarmouth conducted on pure principles, the Liberals would succeed ?—Yes.

503. In other words you mean there is a fair Liberal majority in the town ?—Yes.

504. (*Mr. Russell.*) Taking another view of the matter, is the majority of wealth do you consider on the Conservative side or the Liberal ?—Well, I should rather be doubtful, I should think they are pretty equally divided.

505. Are the leading people of the town, the men of property, Conservatives or Liberals ?—Many of the leading people of the town are men of no property at all.

506. But of the rich people in the town is the majority Conservative or Liberal ?—Well, I should think the richest people in Yarmouth are Liberals. I can mention two names for instance, that I think could buy up about 50 of the Tories. Mr. Richard Hammond and Mr. Gorley.

507. That is David Abraham Gorley ?—The same. I have forgotten to mention on the election of Mr. McCullagh and Sir Charles Napier I believe it was a pure election. I took great interest in the election, and canvassed with Sir Charles Napier.

508-9. Do you mean pure on both sides ?—No, pure on the part of Sir Charles Napier and Mr. McCullagh; they were beaten entirely by improper influences, it had escaped my memory at the time. I canvassed with Sir Charles Napier, and I could see all the way through it was an entirely pure election on their part.

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Mr. William Collett Reynolds sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

510. Are you a partner of Mr. Palmer ?—I am.

511. Were you the Conservative agent at the last election ?—I was.

512. Did you act jointly for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—I did.

513. Did you send in the expenses to Mr. Palmer ?—I did.

514. Did you pay the bills ?—Yes, I did.

515. Are those all the bills that you received as regards that election ?—All, with one exception.

516. What was that ?—It was a small bill I received after the time for sending them in from a Mr. Fyson of 2*l.* 12*s.*, for ribbons I believe it was, I think I gave it back to the boy who brought it.

517. Has that ever been paid ?—Not that I am aware of.

518. What ribbons do you allude to ?—I really do not know what they were for; it was for ribbons supplied 2*l.* 12*s.*, I think that was in the bill.

519. And you refused to pay ?—It was after the time, but I should have refused it if it had come in the ordinary course.

520. Are you aware of any other bills that have not been sent in ?—No, I am not.

521. Now the amount you sent in came we hear to 893*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* ?—That is the correct amount.

522. What was the highest bill that came in to

you?—I cannot recollect it, if you will let me have the accounts to refer to I can tell you.

523. You do not remember?—I do not remember.

524. Did you take any part in the election yourself; canvassing?—Yes, I attended the members in their canvass.

525. Did you engage the committee rooms?—Yes, I did.

526. Where were the committee rooms?—One at the corner of the Hall Quay, just at the back of this Hall.

527. What house was that?—It was an empty house, a house that was then about to be sold by auction, and I engaged it. I believe it had just been sold by auction.

528. Was there any other committee room?—There were ward rooms in different parts of the town on the day of the election.

529. Were those rooms at public houses?—Not any of them, I believe. I do not think there was one at a public house.

530. Was there a room of that sort in every ward?—There was a room of that sort in every ward.

531. The chief committee sat in this house, and all the other sub-committees sat in the ward rooms?—This house was the principal one where the business of the election was conducted; we had no regular committee.

532. Who were the gentlemen who attended?—They were quite open rooms to any person who liked to come in or out, and I should think during the time of the canvass almost every person belonging to the party came in and out.

533. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who were the committee?—We had no regular committee.

534. (*Mr. Slade.*) What I want to know is, who are the people who took the most active part in the committee rooms?—I was there myself when I was canvassing; Mr. Stirling Lacon also was there attending, and there was a staff of clerks to send out circulars, and conduct the usual business; beyond that there was no one in particular, any member of the party came backwards and forwards as they liked.

535. What part did you take?—I kept the canvass book and conducted the correspondence with voters at a distance, and saw the clerks were doing their work, and generally attending to all the usual business of an election.

536. And Mr. Stirling Lacon assisted you?—Mr. Stirling Lacon assisted me.

537. Then there were six sub-committee rooms?—There was one for each ward.

538. There were five sub-committee rooms?—I think this would be used for one ward.

539. What ward is this in?—St. George's.

540. Who were the gentlemen who sat in the wards?—There were one or two who took the control of each ward.

541. Who were they?—The names I probably can give you accurately. I did not know I was to be examined to-day, and I did not bring them. I placed a responsible party man in the control of each ward room.

542. Did you canvass for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson from the first?—I was not with him, I think, for the first two days, I was out of town. I joined them when I returned.

543. How long before the election did Sir Edward Lacon canvass?—My impression is it was between a month and five weeks.

544. Before you joined the canvassing party, who kept the canvass-book?—Mr. Hunter, a clerk.

545. What was the result of the canvass?—The result of the canvass up to the night before the election was to give us a very good working majority. I think I can tell you the figures. I think my book was made up to 20 or 30 above what they polled.

546. At the commencement of the canvass, what was the result of the promises?—I think we had a very fair proportion of promises, if my recollection serves me right. I cannot tell you the number at any particular day.

547. Speaking generally?—Speaking generally it was very favourable.

548. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you find the voters ready to promise from the beginning?—From the beginning they were very ready to promise indeed.

549. (*Mr. Slade.*) Those 30 that you say did not vote for you, was it that they did not vote at all, or that they varied the other side?—It was variation on the polling from the canvass. Some did not vote, and some voted against. I can tell you the result, if you wish to have it, I have got my canvass book, and can show how that was.

550. How many years have you acted as Conservative agent?—I have acted as agent for the Conservatives for registration purposes now for four or five years.

551. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you agent for the election of 1859?—No, I was not.

552. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are the votes discussed every way before the revising barrister here?—Yes, there have been generally rather sharp fights over them.

553. Who keeps up the registration on your side?—The members subscribe a certain sum, and the party subscribes a certain sum,—individual members of the party. We have a small subscription among ourselves.

554. Is this the first election in which you have acted as Conservative agent?—It is the first election in which I have acted as Conservative agent.

555. What has been the result of the registration since you have acted as registration agent, as to putting parties on the list of voters?—I think it has been generally favourable to the Conservatives. The fact is the other side have generally made some mistakes, and either their objections have been bad, or their claim has been bad, and they have failed.

556. Who is the agent for the Liberals?—I do not know who is the agent at present, but last year Mr. John Clowes.

557. The gentleman who was examined just now?—Yes.

558. Do you agree with the gentleman, Mr. Garson Blake, who says that the feeling of the borough is liberal?—Certainly not, I differ from him totally.

559. Judging from the register?—From the register, and the fact that the great majority of the town council are all Conservatives. The board of guardians till within the last two years was exclusively Conservative.

560. Do you assist in keeping up the Conservative interest in the borough?—Yes, as registration agent.

561. In what way is it kept up?—I take notice from time to time of any changes in occupation, and any new person coming into the town. I either make claims or objections as the case may be, when the proper time arrives for registration.

562. I meant more as keeping up the interest?—Keeping up the interest.

563. Have you the distribution of any sums of money?—Not any.

564. No charities?—No, not any.

565. Through whose hands do they go, donations to charities?—Each individual of the party gives his own as he thinks proper.

566. Then there is no influence kept up in a general way of that sort?—Not of that sort that I am aware of.

567. Do you know anything about the municipal elections here?—Yes, I attend to that registration as well.

568. Are you aware of any corrupt practices having existed in municipal elections?—I have heard of them, but I am not aware of any of my own personal knowledge.

569. What have you heard?—I have heard that money has been given for votes at municipal elections.

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570. Of late years?—No, not of late years, I have not.

571. You canvassed with the members?—Yes.

572. During that time was any hint ever given to you by a voter of requiring money?—No, I have no recollection of any at all.

573. Did you ever hear any hint given to any other person?—No, not any.

574. Did you ever hear of any situation asked for?—I do not recollect any at all.

575. Have you heard what Mr. Blake said about the intimidation?—Yes.

576. Is that new to you?—Quite, I had not heard of that case before at all.

577. Sir Edmund Lacon is the great brewer in this borough?—Yes.

578. And it is true that he does supply grains?—No doubt of it.

579. How many public houses has Sir Edmund Lacon got in this borough?—I do not know at all.

580. Can you give me any idea?—It would be quite a guess. I would rather not say, because I do not know. I do not know how many there are in the town.

581. There are a great number?—I should think he would probably have a proportion of three-fourths of the whole, but that is only a guess.

582. Would there be as many as 60 in the borough?—I should think so, certainly.

583. All held under a similar lease?—I do not know.

584. Your office does not bring that under your notice?—Not the least.

585. Were you present when Mr. Goodson was introduced by Sir Henry Stracey?—I was present when Mr. Goodson came down. Sir Henry Stracey did not come down and introduce him.

586. Who introduced him?—He came down with an introduction from Sir Henry Stracey, but Sir Henry Stracey was not here at the time.

587. Who introduced Mr. Goodson to the electors?—I believe he introduced Mr. Goodson to the party at that meeting. When he first attended he was known to me.

588. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When was that?—That was in March 1864, I think.

589. (*Mr. Slade.*) There was a meeting of the Conservatives held?—There was a meeting of the Conservative party held.

590. Who was present at that meeting?—I think it was confined to the Conservative members of the town council. I think it was the rule to send circulars to the Conservative members of the town council.

591. It was a large proportion of the town council?—A very large proportion.

592. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was it understood in March 1864 that Sir Henry Stracey was not going to stand for the borough?—He said so, and Mr. Goodson came down afterwards.

593. Did Mr. Goodson issue an address?—Mr. Goodson issued an address immediately after that meeting. He accepted the invitation at that meeting.

594. Was it then known that Sir Edmund Lacon intended to stand again?—Oh yes, nothing was heard to the contrary.

595. When did Mr. Goodson first come down himself?—In March 1864. He came down simultaneously with our receiving an intimation from Sir Henry Stracey that he did not intend to stand again.

596. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had Mr. Goodson made himself acquainted with the electors of Yarmouth before his coming forward?—No; certainly not.

597. He was not known here at all?—He had been frequently backwards and forwards as chairman of the line, and several of the electors probably knew him personally; but he was not known to the town beyond his being chairman of the Great Eastern.

598. After the time he came forward in March 1864, did he come personally to Yarmouth?—He came personally on two or three occasions in that year. He was frequently down on the business of the company, and in the autumn of 1864 he lodged some months here. It might be less or more. He took a house for his family.

599. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When did he come down for the election?—Early in June 1865.

600. Do you recollect when the dissolution was?—The dissolution was at the end of June.

601. Did he come down before that?—He came down before the dissolution; on the eve of the dissolution.

602. When the dissolution was known to be about to take place?—When the dissolution was certain.

603. Did he stay then in Yarmouth from his arrival up to the time of the election?—No; he was backwards and forwards to London on his own private business, and the business of the company. He was frequently absent.

604. (*Mr. Slade.*) He had ceased to be chairman?—No, not then; he did not cease to be chairman until after the election time.

605. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) He was canvassing?—He was canvassing off and on until the 12th of July.

606. Did he always canvass with Sir Edmund Lacon, or alone?—If both were in the town they canvassed together, but if one went away the other went on without.

607. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson issue a joint address?—No. I think Mr. Goodson issued his address in March 1864, and no further address was issued until after the canvassing had proceeded some days.

608. Was that a joint address?—I think that would be a joint address.

609. When did the address of Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl come out?—I cannot tell you from recollection.

610. But after that?—After Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson had commenced their canvass.

611. Did Mr. Marshman issue an address?—Yes; but whether it was joined with Mr. Brogden's or not, I cannot tell from recollection.

612. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When did you commence acting as agent?—From about two days after the canvass commenced. I was out of town when it commenced, and directly I came back I joined them on the canvass; that would be early, or somewhere about the second week in June.

613. During the time that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson were canvassing, were there meetings held in the evenings?—Yes; there were several meetings held in the evening.

614. In what houses were those meetings held?—There was one held at the Star and one at the Feathers at Gorleston. I am not sure whether there was any at any other house at all.

615. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you give us the dates?—No, indeed I cannot, from recollection.

616. (*Mr. Slade.*) About the days?—They would be probably earlier before the canvass; but the reports of the meetings are in the papers, and they would give the dates.

617. They were all reported in the papers?—I think so; they were mentioned in the papers.

618. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) At the North End Retreat, was there one there?—I do not recollect. I was not there.

619. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was there a report of one in the papers?—No, I think not. I do not remember.

620. What happened at these meetings?—The candidates would address the electors, and speeches were made by different members of the party.

621. Were they generally the same?—Generally of the same tenor. Resolutions probably passed to support the member.

622. I suppose the audience was different?—I suppose so.

623. But the persons who attended on the Conservative side were the same?—Yes.

624. Can you tell me who the gentlemen were who attended these meetings?—I can tell you a good

many of them, I daresay. I think Mr. Lushington Preston was chairman of one or two of them, and I saw Mr. Francis Worship, I think, present at one.

625. Was the other Mr. Worship there ?—I do not recollect seeing him there. If you will give me the poll book I will run through the names, or the register. The register will do as well. [*The register was handed to the witness.*] Mr. Samuel Aldred I saw present at one. Mr. John William Bunn I saw at one too. I saw Mr. John O. Cattermoul at one. There were, perhaps, at this meeting 100 or 150 present.

626. Do you mean Conservative supporters ?—Conservative supporters, or they might be Liberals so far as I know. Any one could go in.

627. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were there any invitations issued for the meetings ?—I think there were circulars issued, but no one was stopped going in. Mr. Charles Diver I saw at one; Mr. T. W. Doughty. I do not know how many names you wish me to give, but I will give you any I recollect seeing there.

628. (*Mr. Slade.*) Give us the leading names ?—Mr. William Dowson, Mr. Frederick Ferrier, Mr. Benjamin Jay, Mr. Hilton, he has been mentioned; Mr. William Mapson, Mr. James Henry Orde. I think I saw at one meeting Mr. Charles Preston, Mr. George Smith Shingles, Mr. John Caporn Smith, Mr. Edward Stagg, Mr. William Edward Bell of Gorleston, Mr. W. H. Baddeley, Mr. Frederick Palmer of Southtown, Mr. Henry Teasdel. I cannot call to mind any one else in particular.

629. But these are the persons you recollect ?—That I recollect just looking at the list.

630. How many of those meetings took place ?—I should think not more than four.

631. When was the last meeting before the election ?—Do you mean the last public meeting ?

632. Yes.—I think there was one a very few nights before the election, at Gorleston. I think it was an occasion when both parties had fixed the same night for a meeting—that is what brings it to my recollection—and at the same place. I think it was a few nights before the election.

633. The nomination day was on the Tuesday ?—The nomination day was on Tuesday the 11th. I am not sure whether there was not one the Monday night, the Saturday night, or the Friday night, from recollection.

634. You would recollect it if it was the night before ?—I was not at one the night before.

635. When was the last one you were at ?—I think I only attended one at the "Star" and one at Gorleston.

636. When did those take place ?—I should think they would probably be the last week in June, or, it might be the first week in July; but I am quite at sea as to the dates.

637. Do you mean a fortnight before the election ?—Probably.

638. What took place at the meeting you were present at ?—What I have now told you. The candidates addressed the meeting, speeches were made, and resolutions passed, or something to that effect.

639. Resolutions of confidence ?—Yes.

640. Who did you hear address the meetings besides the candidates ? Did you address them yourself ?—No, I did not. Mr. Preston addressed the meeting, and the candidates. That was at the "Star." After that I went away. I did not stay the whole meeting through at either place.

641. Did you hear anybody else address the meeting but Mr. Preston at any time ?—No, I did not; because I could not get into the meeting at Gorleston. I could not get into the doorway, it was so crowded, and at the "Star" I only heard Mr. Preston and the candidates.

642. Did Mr. Preston move a resolution ?—That I cannot tell you; I do not recollect that at all.

643. You say resolutions were moved ?—I say that from what I recollect of the reports of the papers afterwards, but I heard none myself, I think Mr. Preston introduced the candidates, and they then addressed the meeting, and then, probably, other speeches were made.

644. Was this a large room with a long table down it at the "Feathers"; was there a table there ?—Yes, there was at the "Feathers." I am pretty sure there was, but I am not quite certain. The access to the room was from a ladder outside. It was a sort of sail loft converted into a room, and I could only get on to the little platform outside and look over their shoulders. I should think there would be a table.

645. Was there any drinking going on there ?—Oh yes.

646. Had everybody got a glass before him ?—I could not say that. What I saw of the drinking was that the man from the public house was taking liquors up into the room. I saw waiters going up.

647. In fact it was a convivial meeting ?—Yes.

648. Was that also at the "Star"?—The same sort of meeting.

649. What time of night was it ?—Half past 7 or 8 o'clock.

650. Were you ever at any other meeting that was not what you call a public meeting of the Conservative party ?—No; I do not think there was any other meeting of the Conservative party.

651. Could there be a meeting of the Conservative party without your knowing it ?—Well, I should think so.

652. But you yourself never were at any meeting at which the members were present, and a few of their own side, except what you tell us ?—No, certainly not.

653. Are you aware of any other meeting being held ?—No, I am not aware of any at all, except the ward meetings, the meetings of the gentlemen who organized the wards. Each ward, a night or two before the election, they met to arrange their plans.

654. Were those the same sort of meetings as at the "Star" ?—No, they would be meetings at a room hired for the day of the election. They would meet a night or two before to arrange for the business of the election day. They kept the poll, and the cards were taken in.

655. Those were practical things ?—They were merely business meetings, which was all I had to attend to.

656. I see the first item in the account is "Inspectors," check clerks, and committee room clerks, and assistants, 198*l.* 19*s.* ?—Yes.

657. What was the daily pay you gave an inspector ?—Do you mean the inspector of the poll booth ?

658. "Inspectors, check and committee room clerks, and assistants" ?—An inspector would get either a guinea or a guinea and a half a day. He would be at work on the election day checking the voters at the different polling places.

659. That would be his work ?—That would be his work.

660. Were the inspectors voters, or not ?—Some of them were voters; I should think principally voters. You have all the names there. I can tell you whether any of them were or were not.

661. That I suppose was always the custom, to pay that price in this borough for an inspector ?—Yes, I was told that was the price, and I fixed it accordingly.

662. What do you give a check clerk ?—A check clerk has a pound or a guinea, I am not sure which. I had a scale before me, and paid them accordingly. I cannot speak from recollection. I had a scale before me that was used on the previous occasion, and I paid them accordingly. This was my first time of acting.

663. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are all these inspectors voters ?—All but three; these are agents to detect the personations; they are the inspectors, but for inspectors we are obliged to have a person who knows pretty well every one in his own district, and you can hardly get a man of that sort except he is a voter. All except three on that list are voters.

664. Are those appointed at any committee meet-

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ing ?—They are all appointed by me ; no one else has anything to do with it ; that was all left to me.

665. Did you appoint them at the begining of the canvass ?—No, about a week before the election.

666. What were their duties ?—Their duties were to attend at the polling places.

667. On the day of the election ?—On the day of the election.

668. To do nothing before ?—Some of them probably had done something before.

669. To attend the day of election ?—To attend the day of election with the register in their hands, and check every voter that came up, to see if he was the man he represented himself to be.

670. Was that necessary ?—Very necessary indeed.

671. Is that so in other boroughs ?—I believe so ; I never heard of an election without it.

672. Have you never had an election here without it ?—I believe not ; I have not had experience formerly.

673. You heard that they never had an election without paying two guineas to freemen ?—That was before my time.

674. It appears to me that the Act of Parliament has provided the means of doing what you try to effect here, that is, by the poll clerks asking the question ?—It is not illegal to employ a voter as a poll clerk.

675. There is an additional sum paid to poll clerks ?—There are inspectors at every election, I believe, throughout the country ; there must be a check clerk too, because there is a separate set of books kept.

676. (*Mr. Slade.*) You say an inspector is to prevent personation ?—Yes.

677. Which of the three men here were not voters ?—I think they are all voters ; I can soon test them by the register. There are more than three ; there are five.

678. What are their names ?—John Buston, W. H. Layton, Samuel Morley, Edwin Redding, and Walter Teasdel.

679. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What is a card writer ?—He is a person employed to fill up the cards in the committee rooms. The card generally holds five or six names ; the name of the voter is put upon it, and how he votes, and it is sent on to whoever has the management of the ward-room, and from there to the head-room.

680. The services of the card writers are only upon the day of the election ?—Only on the day of the election.

681. (*Mr. Slade.*) The six gentlemen who were electors I see had higher payments ?—They were better men ; the others were mere clerks.

682. You did not pay them all alike ?—There was a duplicate set, one was to relieve the other if he went out.

683. They all did the same duties ?—The relief one would not do the same duty as the original. He would do the duty for the time the other was away.

684. You did not employ two ?—I think there were two employed at each polling place.

685. Was not that so in the case of the ones you paid the higher scale to ?—No.

686. There are 2 guineas, 2 guineas, and then 1*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* ; those are all voters ?—Yes.

687. Then I come to 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* ; they are non-voters ?—They are not so good a class of men ; they were the relief ; they were the duplicates as it were, to relieve the others if they had to go away for any purpose.

688. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are these messengers voters too ?—I should think very few of them would be voters. There are five voters among those.

689. How many are there altogether ?—If you will let me have my list I will take out those that are voters. That will save you trouble. There are 19 altogether ; I should say there is a larger staff employed in consequence of the election being in wards, than there would be if the polling was all in one place. It has to be multiplied pretty well five times, or nearly so.

690. (*Mr. Slade.*) What is the effect as regards the influence of the borough by having the polling in every ward ?—I think the elections have been conducted much more orderly, and I think beyond that there has been no particular effect.

691. It has not given a preponderance to the other side in politics ?—Not the least, I think.

692. Who suggested the polling place for each ward ?—I think Mr. Steward, the late mayor.

693. For the sake of order ?—Yes, for the sake of order.

694. What is the ordinary price of labour in this town ? What can a man of that class earn in a day, a man of the class you employ as a messenger ; what can he earn in his ordinary employment per day ?—There are such various classes employed, that I can hardly tell you.

695. Take a man like Mr. Alfred Pettingill, he gets 1*l.* 10*s.* ; what could he earn ?—He is an auctioneer and estate agent, and was rather in reduced circumstances. He was a very good writer and was employed for that reason. I should think his time ought to be worth that money. Most of us expect more on election days.

696. Was he employed in more than one capacity ?—He was clerk at the room some little while.

697. What did he get for that ?—That would be about 7*s.* 6*d.* a day, or something of that sort, perhaps more.

698. For how many days was he employed ?—I cannot tell you from recollection, but five or six days.

699. It was during the polling he got the 1*l.* 10*s.* ?—That was on the election day.

700. Is that what you gave your clerks, 7*s.* 6*d.* a day ?—No, I think some of them were paid more.

701. Who gave you this scale of expenses ?—I am not sure that I did not get it from Mr. Charles Preston, who was the agent on the last occasion. I am not positive as to that.

702. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was he agent in 1859 ?—He was agent in 1859. He either gave it me or I asked him about it, and I took it down.

703. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was that exactly the same scale as used the last time ?—I do not recollect any alteration in it.

704. Will you bring us that scale ?—I do not think I have got it now. It was at the election rooms. Not the papers ; it was merely a memorandum on a piece of paper. I do not think I can lay my hand upon it. If I can you shall have it, and welcome.

705. Can you remember what it was ?—No, I cannot recollect them, but I know they were paid according to that scale as near as possible, unless there are any particular circumstances to alter it.

706. Then you had only one bill sent in afterwards ?—I have only received one bill since.

707. Have you heard of any other bills owing ?—I have heard of a bill at Gorleston, but I have not seen it.

708. What bill is that ?—A man named Calthorpe. I think a public-house ; it has not been sent in to me.

709. What is the name of the house ?—That I cannot tell you. It is a small public-house at Gorleston.

710. Is that a bill for refreshments ?—Yes, I believe it is. I have not seen the bill at all ; it was mentioned to me.

711. I forgot to ask you who paid for this drinking that took place that you spoke of, was it paid for by each man ?—Yes, each man, I have no doubt. I paid for none of it, nor heard of its being paid for, except by the voters themselves.

712. Have you heard of an account outstanding at the "Star"?—I have heard of an account outstanding at the "Star." It is in the account as a claim.

713. How much is it ?—Between 15*l.* and 20*l.* I have heard of none at the Feathers. I do not know of any other.

714. Can you say what the amount of the claim at

the public-house at Gorleston was?—Do you mean at Calthorpe's?

715. Yes?—I really do not know the amount. I have heard it.

716. Give us an idea?—It was somewhere about 20*l.*

717. Nothing outstanding at the Feathers?—Not that I know of.

718. Did you take any refreshment at the Star when you were there?—I really do not recollect. I think not.

719. (*Mr. Russell.*) How many rooms had you at the central committee room?—We had a whole house; it was an empty house.

720. How many rooms did you use?—There were two rooms down below for messengers, there was a room I used, and Mr. Stirling Lacon occasionally. There was a clerk's room, and another room that was called Mr. Stirling Lacon's room.

721. Do I understand you had a private room, and Mr. Stirling Lacon had another private room?—Mr. Stirling Lacon had a private room, but he usually was in my room.

722. If people called to see you they saw you in your room, and if they called to see Mr. Stirling Lacon, they saw him in his own room?—No, they would come in and see Mr. Stirling Lacon in my room if he happened to be there, unless it was on private business of his own, and I do not recollect it happening at all.

723. Is there a public house called the Crown and Anchor?—Yes.

724. Was there a committee room there?—I believe not; I never heard of one there.

725. Is there a public house called the North End Retreat?—Yes.

726. Was any meeting ever held there?—Yes, I believe there was a meeting held there, but I was not present at it.

727. Were there meetings held at the Crown and Anchor?—Possibly there might be a meeting of the gentlemen who were on the Regent Ward Committee for a night or two; they possibly met at that place as they had not a room. I did not go there.

728. Can you give the names of any other houses where there were meetings?—There was one house I heard there was a meeting at, which was Mr. Johnson's on the Victoria Road. I think that was a similar meeting as in the Regent Road. It was a meeting of the ward people; the people who were voting.

729. What is the name of his house?—The Royal Standard I think it was. I think there was a meeting there one night.

730. Any other?—No, I do not recollect any other.

731. Is there a public house here called the Fish Store House?—Yes.

732. Have you heard of any meetings there?—No, I have not heard of any meetings there. I have no recollection of any meeting being held there at all.

733. How was this money paid to you, this 893*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.*?—A check on account from each of the members directly after the election. I commenced the payment directly after the election, and the balance afterwards.

734. For what sum was the cheque?—150*l.* each.

735. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Each of the members?—Yes.

736. (*Mr. Slade.*) And how was the rest paid?—I am not sure whether it was all paid in one sum afterwards, or whether it was paid partially and then the balance; it was either one or two sums in equal proportions.

737. And how long after the elections?—I cannot say from recollection, but I can supply you with the dates no doubt.

738. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was that all the money you received?—That was all the money I received.

739. On account of this election?—Yes.

740. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are you aware of any other expenses on the part of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson in this election?—I am not aware of any.

741. Have you heard of any other expenses being incurred?—I have heard of there having been money spent. I have heard it through the committee of the House of Commons on the petition. Beyond that, I have not heard of anything, I heard through the inquiry in the House of Commons that money was spent.

742. Was that the first time that you had any idea of it?—No, it was currently reported after the election in the town.

743. Before the petition?—Before the petition. It was currently reported there was expenditure on both sides.

744. To what extent have you heard that money had been spent on the Conservative side?—I have heard various sums stated, from 15,000*l.* down to 3,000*l.* There were various reports, some 15,000*l.*, some 10,000*l.*

745. From whom have you heard that 15,000*l.* was spent?—I cannot give any name for it, but it was current gossip in the town. I attached no importance to it at the time.

746. Do you mean to say it did not astonish you to hear that?—I did not believe it.

747. You say you attached no importance to it?—Exactly. I took it as mere idle gossip.

748. Did it astonish you?—If it had been true it would have astonished me very much.

749. Perhaps you can tell me the person who told you?—I do not recollect who it was. I may have heard it on two or three occasions. It was the common subject of talk after the elections.

750. When did you hear it?—I cannot tell you when. It was in the town. Probably I might have met some one in the street in the course of conversation, who said it was a current report on the other side, that the Conservative party had spent particularly.

751. Tell me who told you?—I do not know the name.

752. You must know the name?—I do not. I did not pay the least attention to it at that time.

753. You were the Conservative agent?—I was the Conservative agent, but it was only in the shape of gossip between the parties that such a report was going about.

754. You knew the expense was not 1,000*l.*?—Yes.

755. Do you say you do not know that 15,000*l.* was spent, and you do not know where it came from?—No.

756. You say you heard it?—I say I heard it by way of gossip and talk.

757. Who was that from?—I cannot recollect.

758. You must know who it was told you?—I assure you I do not, I have not the slightest recollection who it was. I heard on one or two occasions there was a deal of talk after the election, that there had been bribery on both sides, and various sums were named, and have been named about the town, but I have not the least recollection as to any particular name.

759. (*Mr. Russell.*) From whom did you first hear of the petition being presented?—I think I heard it from the papers.

760. Had you anticipated the petition would be presented?—I only anticipated it from what took place after the election. I think Mr. Brogden or some person in a speech, said there would be a petition, and it was only a temporary victory.

761. You heard it from Mr. Brogden?—It was in a speech I heard it.

762. Nobody could have taken such an interest as yourself except the sitting member. Tax your memory, and see from whom you heard that bribery and corruption was talked of on the Conservative side?—It was generally talked of in the town. I cannot give the name from memory, it was the general subject of conversation about the town.

763. I suppose there are some people in the town with whom you are in the habit of talking about political matters?—Yes.

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764. Do you not remember any of them ?—I cannot call any one to particular recollection. I would tell you if I could. It might have been in a conversation with Mr. Preston ; he might have mentioned it ; it was commonly talked of in the town.

765. You said you paid away 893*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* ?—No, I did not say I paid away ; that is what I have received. They are all paid except two claims I showed you in the account ; that is the whole amount of the bills and claims against the candidates.

766. They are not all paid then ?—They are not all paid.

767. Is that all the money you have received from Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—Certainly, for this election.

768. For this election ?—I know of no other.

769. Is that all the money you expect to receive ?—It is all the money I expect to receive.

770. You have not paid the whole of that ?—There is an item put in as a claim that is not paid.

771. Will it be paid ?—If it is a proper bill.

772. Have you paid away any more for any other purpose connected with the election ?—Not a shilling.

773. Not a shilling has passed through your hands for any illegal purpose ?—Certainly not.

774. Have you heard from Sir Edmund Lacon or Mr. Goodson, that any money has been paid for any purpose, except through you ?—Certainly not.

775. (*Mr. Slade.*) Could any payment have been made on your side, by your own agents, without your knowing of it ?—Not by my agents, certainly.

776. Who were your agents ?—Do you mean the persons I employed under me at the election ?

777. Yes ?—Mr. Charles Diver acted for me in Southtown, Mr. Isaac Preston in the Market Ward ; those are my only two agents.

778. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You employed no one else then ?—Except the clerks in the room.

779. No one else ?—No one else.

780. Either directly or indirectly ? — I believe Mr. Diver got Mr. Harmer to assist him, but that was his own doing. It had nothing to do with me, though that would be an indirect employment by me.

781. Was he paid by Mr. Diver ?—I believe he was ; he was not paid by me. He assisted Mr. Diver.

782. Who is Mr. Diver ?—He is a solicitor. The Gorleston Ward is at some little distance ; it is about two miles off.

783. Were Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson aware you employed agents ?—I do not know ; but they would be, because they would see them at the rooms occasionally.

784. Was Mr. Diver paid for his services ?—Yes.

785. Is he in the account ?—Yes.

786. And there was no other person employed by you at all, for the purpose of the election ?—I know of no other.

787. Employed by you ?—Certainly not.

788. No one was authorized to promise on your behalf in the election ?—Not that I know of. I authorized no one else.

789. You might not have authorized it directly, but are you aware that anybody made promises in your name ?—Certainly not.

790. On account of this election ?—I never heard of any.

791. What is your belief on the subject ?—I think I should have heard of it if they had. I think they did not.

792. Have you recognized the promises made by any other persons but those you mentioned ?—I think not.

793. Would you ?—Certainly not.

794. Have you ever done so ?—No ; certainly not recognized any promise of any one else.

795. Do you know of anybody who ever claimed to act on behalf of yourself or Sir Edmund Lacon or Mr. Goodson ?—No. I do not know of any one.

796. Do you know of any body who makes any claim against them ?—On account of the election ?

797. Yes ?—No, I do not.

798. On account of this or any former election ?—On account of this or any former election.

799. You are not aware of any one ?—I am not aware of any one.

800. Do you believe that bribery was resorted to by your party ?—I believe bribery was resorted to.

801. You believe bribery was resorted to ?—I believe so now.

802. You believe there were a certain number of people bribed ?—Yes.

803. Where did that money come from ?—I do not know.

804. Are you prepared to tell the Commissioners, upon your oath, you do not know where that money came from ?—Most certainly, most distinctly.

805. You have no means of even guessing ?—I have no means of even guessing.

806. Is it your belief now, that this 893*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* represents all the money that Sir Edmund Lacon has paid, or for which he is liable ?—My belief is, it represents all that is paid, and I know of no liability for any other.

807. I ask what your belief is on the subject ?—My belief is, if other money has been paid, he is liable, if he thinks proper to take the liability on himself. I know of no liability.

808. Do you know of anybody who pretends to have a claim on Sir Edmund Lacon ?—I never heard of any one.

809. Can you guess at any ?—Indeed I cannot.

810. As far as you are concerned, are you perfectly ignorant of the means by which the bribery was practised ?—I am perfectly ignorant of the means by which the bribery was practised ; I was only the legal agent, and they would naturally keep me in the dark as to anything of that sort, quite in the dark.

811. (*Mr. Slade.*) You say you believe money was spent in the service of Sir Edmund Lacon ?—I do believe so, certainly, because I draw my conclusions from the report of the committee of the House of Commons.

812. Independent of that report, have you any reason to believe that ?—No, I have not.

813. None ?—None, independent of that.

814. That is far short of the 15,000*l.* you talk about ?—Yes ; what was proved there was very short indeed.

815. How much was proved ?—I think there were 11 cases proved altogether.

816. What did they amount to in the whole ?—I think three is an average of about 20*l.* a vote. I think between 200*l.* and 300*l.* was proved. I am speaking only from recollection.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

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Mr. GARSON BLAKE recalled.

Mr. G. Blake.

817. (*Mr Slade.*) What do you wish to state?—I stated yesterday the name of William Fox, of Bathhill-terrace; it should have been John Fox, of Teasdel-lane, Southtown.

818. Is that gentleman on the list of voters?—Yes, you will find it under the Southtown head.

819. Have you any other statement you wish to make?—No.

WILLIAM COLLETT REYNOLDS recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

W. C. Reynolds.

820. In the list contained in the abstract in the newspaper, I do not see any mention of the personal expenses of the candidate?—I had no account of them.

821. Ought they not to be published by the Act of Parliament?—Do you mean the personal expenses?

822. Yes. You would not have an account of them because you would not have to pay them?—No.

823. But the Act of Parliament requires that they should appear in the abstract?—If there were personal expenses of the candidates in connexion with the election no doubt they ought to appear.

824. They did not come to you?—No.

Mr. CHARLES JOHN PALMER recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

Mr. C. J. Palmer.

825. Did the candidates return to you any account of their personal expenditure during the election;—No, they did not. Sir Edmund Lacon, of course, was living in the neighbourhood.

826. You have read this Act of Parliament, the 26th Victoria, chapter 29?—Yes.

827. The fourth clause?—I do not carry it in my mind.

828. Just refer to it. (*The Witness referred to the Act of Parliament.*) You see the first clause of the Act requires the agent to pay the bills, except personal expenses?—Yes.

829. And then the fourth clause requires an abstract to be published of all expenses, including those excepted payments; that is the way I read it?—The second clause says, "That no payment, except in respect of the personal expenses of the candidate, "and no advances by or on behalf of any candidate "at any election, before, or during, or after any such "election, on account of, or in respect of such election, otherwise than through an agent or agents, a "detailed statement of all expenses incurred by or "on behalf of any candidate, including such excepted "payments." I never received any account of any personal expenses incurred by any one of the candidates, and I presume they did not consider it necessary.

Mr. FREDERICK SAMUEL COSTERTON sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

Mr. F. S. Costerton.

830. Are you a solicitor residing in this borough?—I am.

831. Did you act as agent for the Liberal party?—No; Mr. Clowes was the agent.

832. Did you assist in getting up the petition?—Yes.

833. Were you the sole agent for the petition?—Yes, I was.

834. Did you get the signatures to that petition?—Yes, I did.

835. Did you prepare the briefs?—I did. I drew a draft brief and sent it to London.

836. Have you got that draft?—No.

837. Where is it?—The draft was sent up to London. I did not have it copied; I merely drew a draft and sent it up.

838. To whom did you send it?—Messrs. Wyatt and Metcalfe.

839. Have you sent for that brief since?—I wrote to them in consequence of your secretary calling upon me to say I had been applied to for the brief, and what passed between me and the secretary.

840. And what answer did you get?—I have not received any reply. When I say I have not the draft, I do not know whether I have any part of the rough draft.

841. Can you produce that rough draft?—If I have it, and I am bound to produce it, of course I must do so; but I submit to you that a brief being drawn for clients it would become their property, and I should have no right to produce it, unless with the sanction of those clients.

842. We cannot admit that plea; we must have the draft if you have got it.—I will look for it.

843. By the draft, do you include rough notes made by yourself?—No, the draft itself; the rough draft as originally drawn.

844. Can you give us from memory the grounds on which you prepared that petition?—How do you mean the grounds?

845. What reasons you had to believe that corrupt practices existed?—From the information that I received of bribery and treating, and so on.

846. Can you give us from your memory any instances of bribery that came to your knowledge?—If you have (which I presume you have) the report of the evidence taken before the committee, you have them there. There might be many other names, but of course I do not know of my own knowledge that they were bribed; I could not say that. There were many other names given to me as parties having received bribes. I did not take the evidence of the parties who denied it, and of course I left it.

847. From whom did you receive information?—Various parties in the Liberal interest.

848. Can you give us the names of some of them?—I think Mr. Livingston was one.

849. What is his Christian name?—William, and a person of the name of Julier I think was one.

850. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is it John Julier?—I really cannot tell you his Christian name. He is on the register.

851. (*Mr. Slade.*) What information did Mr. Livingston give you?—The names of some parties whom he suspected had been bribed.

852. Can you give us any idea how many names he mentioned?—No, I cannot at all.

853. They would all be in your rough draft I presume?—Those who were examined as witnesses would. The bribery list, if you have it, which was

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handed in to the committee, would give you the names of the parties who gave the bribes.

854. Have you a rough draft of that bribery list?—No, I have not.

855. Besides the names of people who are bribed, did you gain any knowledge of any facts of the manner in which the election was conducted on the Conservative side?—No, not much information. Some hints were given me, I do not know them to be facts; they are only what was supposed, because no Liberal party was admitted into their committee rooms or to their meetings, so that that would be a mere supposition.

856. Will you be good enough to give us what you learnt in that manner?—I really can hardly tell you now. In getting up evidence, or getting up a petition, you hear a great deal, which, after a time, has gone from you.

857. We should like to have your idea of the manner in which the election was conducted on the Conservative side?—I was not present.

858. From what you have heard, I mean?—It was conducted in the same manner as other elections would be. They would have parties no doubt canvassing, and they would know who were open to bribery. That was proved before the committee, and who were the parties to give those bribes. They held meetings, and they had what is called ward meetings held in different wards at which committees attend and went through the lists as to these doubtful parties.

859. We have heard of meetings at the "Star" and at the "Feathers" Inn, have you heard of any other meetings besides those?—Yes, I heard of meetings at the "Crown and Anchor." I was told of a meeting; I am only telling you by hearsay.

860. Were those large meetings what you had heard of?—I was told at the "Crown and Anchor" they were.

861. How many persons do you imagine went there?—I have no idea how many persons.

862. Can you give us any other meeting you knew of besides that?—I do not know of any other meetings. I do not suppose there were any other meetings held at any other places. I never heard of any. The "Star" was the principal place, and the "Duke's Head" I believe was a house they met at occasionally, but it is only as I have been told.

863. Those were public-house meetings?—Those were public-house meetings.

864. Did you ever hear of meetings in a private house?—It is rather difficult to say as to private houses.

865. Did you ever hear of a meeting at a private house?—I heard of a meeting of some gentlemen, if you call it a meeting, at the mayor's house, the present mayor; he was not mayor then.

866. What is his name?—Aldred. That is only as I heard. I heard there was a meeting there one Sunday. That was the only meeting I heard of.

867 (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What Sunday was that?—The Sunday prior to the election.

868. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you hear who was present at that meeting?—I heard some names mentioned.

869. Can you give us any?—I was told Mr. Nightingale was one, but of course I never was in the mayor's house, and I do not know this, only as rumour.

870. We are perfectly aware of that, but tell us, if you please, what the rumours were that you have heard? Mr. Nightingale, is that the gentleman we have heard mentioned as Sir Edmund Lacon's partner in the brewery?—Yes.

871. Who did you hear else was present?—I heard Mr. Frank Worship.

872. Anybody else?—Mr. R. D. Barber.

873. Anybody else?—Mr. Bunn.

874. Anybody else?—I do not recollect now any one else.

875. (*Mr. Russell.*) From whom did you get this information?—Really I cannot tell you now.

876. Do you remember?—No.

877. (*Mr. Slade.*) Cannot you recollect any other name that was mentioned to you, as having been present at that meeting?—I do not recollect now.

878. Did you hear whether Mr. Aldred himself was present?—Yes, I understood so. It was at his house, and therefore I presume that he was there.

879. What time of the day was this meeting?—I understood after church on the Sunday morning.

880. What o'clock would that be?—It would be about half-past 12 or 1 o'clock—1 o'clock probably.

881. Did you hear for what purpose that meeting was collected?—In connexion with the election no doubt.

882. Did you hear whether any resolutions were come to?—No, I did not.

883. How long did they remain together?—That I do not know.

884. Were any of them seen to leave the house?—No doubt they left it.

885. I ask if you heard of any of them having been seen to come away?—No, I did not.

886. Did you hear of anything happening in consequence of that meeting?—I did hear that Sir Edmund Lacon was sent for, but I cannot say. It might be idle report, or it might be correct.

887. How far does Sir Edmund Lacon live from this borough?—Five or six miles.

888. Did you hear whether he came in?—He did.

889. Did he join the meeting?—I do not know at all.

890. Did he come to Mr. Aldred's house?—What I understood was that after the meeting, Sir Edmund Lacon came over to Yarmouth on the Sunday afternoon, or the evening, but I never heard that Sir Edmund Lacon went to that meeting, and I do not think he did; I should say positively that he did not, from what I have heard, because the meeting was over, and he did not come over until the evening or the afternoon.

891. To what house did Sir Edmund Lacon go?—I think he generally went to the "Victoria," but I never saw him in the course of the election go into the "Victoria," but I understood he went there.

892. Did you hear of Mr. Goodson being sent for?—I think Mr. Goodson was here at the time.

893. At the meeting?—No, I do not say that.

894. At the "Victoria" here in Yarmouth?—I think Mr. Goodson was here at the time.

895. In the borough?—I think so, but I believe I never saw Mr. Goodson more than once during the election, and I really do not know anything at all about his movements.

896. You say you understood that Sir Edmund Lacon was sent for, did you hear of any consequences of that meeting?—No.

897. What did it result in?—It resulted in the election going on.

898. Nothing else?—I never heard of anything.

899. Did you hear of no other result?—No.

900. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did it result in the election going on as it had gone on before?—In the same way as it had gone on before.

901. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had that meeting, in your opinion, any connexion with the subsequent bribery?—Not knowing what passed at the meeting it would be impossible for me to say, because of course I had no knowledge; I had no information given me of anything that transpired at that meeting. I believe it was a private meeting at Mr. Aldred's house, and what transpired of course I never heard.

(*The preceding question was read to the witness.*)

It might sir, or it might not. It is utterly impossible for me, without knowing what took place, or what the nature of the meeting was, or for what purpose it was—it is utterly impossible for me to say whether it had any connexion with subsequent bribery.

(*The question was again read to the witness.*)

I cannot say as to bribery.

902. Say "Yes" or "No," upon your oath?—I am ready to tell you everything I can. I do not want to keep back anything from you; but if you press me

to that question that I cannot really answer. I do not know what took place at the meeting. I have no doubt it was in connexion with the election, also with the meeting on the Sunday.

(*The question was again read to the witness.*)

It might have.

903. Of course it might. Had it, in your opinion?—It is difficult to form an opinion upon it. I do not know what the meeting was for, whether Mr. Goodson should retire—whether they should go on or not; I had no idea at all. I understand this, that bribery was committed on the Sunday night, and this is when it commenced.

904. (*Mr. Russell.*) You told me just now the election had gone on after that meeting the same as before?—Yes.

905. You say now it had not gone on the same as before?—As I found one person who was examined before the committee said he had been informed by a man of the name of Blyth that he had money sent to use for bribery.

906. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who gave that information?—Grimes I think it was. If you have the report of the evidence taken before the committee you will see it.

907. When did Grimes tell you that?—When I was getting up the petition.

908. Did Grimes tell you that before or after the election?—After the election, to the best of my knowledge. I never saw Grimes till after the election or until I was getting up the evidence for the petition.

909. You allude to a parcel that was left on the Sunday evening at Mr. Cooper's containing 450*l.*?—Not Mr. Cooper's; at Mr. Blyth's house.

910. Was that the same Sunday evening on which the meeting took place?—It was the same Sunday evening on which the meeting took place.

911. Did you ever hear how much money was left on that evening at Mr. Blyth's house?—Only what was said there. I think he said 450*l.*; no more.

912. He said he spent 450*l.*?—That is the amount that I understood Blyth had. If he spent it on Sunday he must have had more, because he is connected with other cases.

913. In your opinion was the sending that parcel containing gold a consequence of that meeting at Mr. Aldred's house?—I really cannot say. I understood that bribery commenced on the Sunday night; but whether that meeting was with reference to bribery I cannot say.

914. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you ever connected in your mind holding that meeting on the Sunday morning with the sending out the money on the Sunday night?—If you ask me for my opinion, or for what is passing through my mind, I should think it must have been something in reference to it; but that is only conjecture.

915. (*Mr. Slade.*) You say that Grimes told you about this parcel being sent?—I think it was Grimes; but if you will allow me to refer to the evidence, or if you will refer to it, I can see. (*A copy of the evidence before the Committee of the House of Commons was handed to the witness.*)

916. Was it not a man named Bickers?—It was Bickers.

917. From what Bickers told you you prepared your brief?—Yes.

918. Did Bickers say at all how much money was sent out?—No; he only told me what Mr. Blyth had told him.

919. From any other source have you heard how much money was sent out that night?—No.

920. Did the bribery, as far as you have heard, commence on that Sunday night?—It did.

921. Who were the parties employed in bribery?—Blyth was one, I understood, a person of the name of Watson, and Buston, and Ablitt.

922. What is Buston's Christian name?—There are two or three Bustons. It is at Fuller's Hill.

923. John Trueman, senior or junior?—I do not know which it is.

924. The Fuller's Hill man?—Yes, the Fuller's Hill man.

925. Anybody else?—Mr. Bunn.

926. You mentioned Ablitt; is that Edward or Charles Ablitt?—Charles John. J. G. Ellis.

927. Is he a voter?—Mr. Ellis is a voter, I believe, of Regent Street.

928. There is Robert Beane Ellis and William Ellis?—He will not be on the register, because he is the mayor's officer. If it was not for that he would be entitled to be on the register.

929. Anyone else?—I do not recollect any other name just now.

930. Just try. You have missed one or two important names, have you not. Cooper, I mean?—Yes, Mr. Cooper.

931. And Mr. Eagleton?—Yes.

932. Anyone else?—A friend of Mr. Eagleton's.

933. What is his name?—Hutchins. I did not understand that Mr. Cooper did it only in two cases that you have in the evidence taken before the committee; I did not understand that Mr. Cooper was actually engaged in doing the bribery, only that Mr. Cooper had the money.

934. Did you understand these gentlemen all commenced bribery on that Sunday night?—I think you will find Mr. Cooper, if I mistake not, gave the money to one person in a shop prior to that Sunday; I think so. It was given in the evidence taken before the committee.

935. Who was that person?—I forget the name. He was a shoemaker, living in the South End. He was examined before the committee. I think either Mr. Grimes or Mr. Bickers. He stated before the committee he went into Mr. Cooper's shop; he was asked by Mr. Blyth; he met Blyth on the Tuesday, and he said, "Won't you go in and take your money?" and he went into Mr. Cooper's back parlour and took the money. I think that is prior to the Sunday night you are speaking of.

936. Bribery, then, had gone on before this Sunday night?—I have no doubt there was some. There were some cases, no doubt; but I understood money was not actually given, but money was promised. The sum of 5*l.* was promised to a man whether there was a poll or not; and if it went to the poll then they would have the same as the others. That is what I understood making the men sure.

937. What would the sum which the others got amount to?—Some got 15*l.*, as you see in the evidence. I think, if I mistake not, some got 20*l.*

938. Did you hear of any higher sums being given?—I do not think I heard anything higher than 20*l.*; 20*l.* or 25*l.*

939. On this Sunday night, it was perfectly clear there would be a poll?—Not exactly, I believe, for Mr. Marshman had retired, and Mr. Vanderbyl only came into the field on the Saturday, and therefore it was generally supposed, I believe, by the other side that there would not be a poll, certainly until perhaps the Monday.

940. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Vanderbyl came, you say, that Saturday?—I think Mr. Vanderbyl came down Friday evening or that Saturday morning. I think it was Friday evening. He was here on the Saturday.

941. (*Mr. Slade.*) Then it was not known until the Monday that there would be a poll?—It was supposed, I believe, by the other side. I am only giving you my belief that there would be a poll if Mr. Vanderbyl would retire.

942. I presume this report of the House of Commons Committee contains a very small portion of what your brief contained?—I should think it contains nearly the whole.

943. All the names?—I believe all the parties whose evidence I took who were in the brief; I believe almost all the witnesses were examined. There might be some two or three, I cannot say. If you have looked at the evidence, you will observe a man, for instance, of the name of Stanley. He denied

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having received money, having previously told me that he had.

944. I presume the counsel made a selection of those names that you sent up to London ?—I believe they called nearly all of them. The bribery list, of course, contains a far larger number.

945. Can you give me any idea how many names the bribery list did contain ?—Probably some 40 or 50 ; but, of course, many of them would be mere speculation as to the amounts given, or the parties who gave the bribes. I had no warrant beyond mere speculation, or mere information, that those parties probably had been bribed.

946. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were any of those the names of persons supposed to have been bribed before the Sunday night ?—I cannot say.

947. I am anxious to ascertain how that is ?—The reason for making out the bribery list with as many names as you can is this :—Supposing anything else comes out in the inquiry, unless those names are on the list, you would not be able to go into evidence, and would not be allowed to call them.

948. You mentioned just now a man was alleged to have been bribed before the Sunday night ?—Yes, I think he was examined, you will see it.

949. It was not Bickers—the case of Bickers was the Monday night before the election ?—I think you will find there was one ; I think he said he received it at Mr. Cooper's shop prior.

950. (*Mr. Slade.*) Grimes, too, was the Monday before the election ?—Then it must have been after ; I fancied it was prior to the Sunday night. I may be mistaken in the person I allude to. You will see by the evidence he spoke to Mr. Blyth about painting his house—that is the case I allude to. Bickers met him on the outside of Cooper's shop and asked him if he had been in and taken his money.

951. Just find that case if you can ?—It would be Bickers.

952. (*Mr. Russell.*) That was the Sunday before the election ?—Yes, I fancied it was prior, but I see it was the Monday.

953. I am not blaming you for connecting in your mind the meeting on the Sunday night with the bribery taking place, but I am anxious to ascertain if any bribery had taken place previous to that meeting ?—I do not recollect any particular case. I think if you look at the evidence you will find there were various offers made to the parties prior to the Sunday night.

954. But no payment made ?—No, I fancied that this one I am speaking of had been made prior to that, but I see it was not.

955. (*Mr. Slade.*) Therefore now you can say none was made ?—I am not aware of any.

956. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose you did your best to ascertain at the time where the money came from that you heard was spent in bribery ?—Yes, I could not trace it further than Mr. Cooper.

957. You failed before the committee in proving agency ?—The committee as you observe, decided that it was not proved that it was done by the agents of the sitting members.

958. You did your best, I suppose, to trace the agency ?—I did.

959. Did you receive any information on that head that would be of value to us ?—I received information that Mr. Cooper had the money. Mr. Cooper distributed it to the other parties—Blyth and the other parties—to afterwards bribe the voters.

960. Did you trace it any farther than Mr. Cooper?—No, I could not.

961. I do not know whether we have it on our notes when Mr. Marshman retired from the contest—What day did he retire ?—I think, speaking from memory, it was the Wednesday prior to the election ; I think it was about a week prior to the election.

962. I understood you to say, you did not yourself interfere personally in the election ?—I did not. I attended no meeting : the only meeting I was at was the nomination.

963. Are you a voter ?—I am.

964. And you belong to the Liberal party ?—The Liberal party.

965. Who employed you to conduct the petiition ?—I was, of course, engaged by the petitioners.

966. But who gave you instructions to prepare the petitions ?—Partially, I believe, through Mr. Brogden.

967. Did you not consider Mr. Brogden your client in the matter ?—He was one undoubtedly.

968. We have had two of the petitioners who told us they had nothing to do with it except signing it. Was not the petition wholly Mr. Brogden's ?—I believe it was.

969. You were paid by Mr. Brogden ?—I have not been paid yet.

970. But you look to Mr. Brogden as the person who employed you to prepare the petition ?—He or his parliamentary agents. I have not sent the bill to Mr. Brogden.

971. Did you see Mr. Brogden on the subject ?—I saw Mr. Brogden on the subject, undoubtedly.

972. Did he give you any instructions with regard to the preparation of the petition at all ?—Yes, he did. I think it was by writing.

973. Have you got those letters ?—I cannot say whether I have.

974. Did he desire you to claim the seat for himself in that petition ?—No.

975. Did he desire you not to claim it ?—The petition was not prepared by me; it was prepared by the parliamentary agents, and by counsel. Mr. Brogden was in London.

976. I suppose the parliamentary agents had some instructions from you ?—No ; Mr. Brogden, being in London, communicated immediately with the parliamentary agents.

977. Mr. Brogden gave his own instructions to the parliamentary agents in London ?—Yes, or it was in their own discretion.

978. Have you any knowledge as to why the seat was not claimed for Mr. Brogden ?—No, sir, except that it was on account of expense ; because, if the seat had been claimed, he must have gone into all the cases of bribery, and have knocked those parties off to get a majority, and that would have been an endless expense.

979. What was the majority ?—Over 100, and you must have struck off that majority ; you must have proved that number to have been bribed in order to obtain the seat, which would have been an endless expense, and no one would have advised anyone to do it under those circumstances, not with a majority like that.

980. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you paid any attention to municipal elections in this borough ?—Not lately.

981. Have any corrupt practices at elections come to your knowledge ?—I have heard there have been some.

982. On which side ?—I have heard on the Conservative side.

983. On the Conservative side only ?—I will not say that.

984. When you say not lately, how long ago ?—The wards have not been so severely contested lately. The Conservatives have got a large majority in the Council, and therefore the wards are not fought now in the way they used to be.

985. Has there been a contest of late years ?—Yes, in one or two of the wards.

986. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose the tariff is not so high at municipal elections as at parliamentary elections ?—At some municipal elections it has been quite as high.

987. (*Mr. Slade.*) You are speaking of many years ago ?—Several years ago 15*l.* or 20*l.* have been given for a vote at a municipal election.

988. (*Mr. Russell.*) I should like to ask you this. You did not enter into a scrutiny, if I understand you, in the House of Commons, in consequence of the expense it would entail ?—I should not have advised, with a majority such as there was against Mr. Brog-

den, to have claimed the seat in his petition, because it would have entailed such an endless expense that I should not have thought myself, as far as I was concerned, justified in doing so.

989. Mr. Garson Blake said he supposed the reason the seat was not prayed for was that the Liberals were equally guilty, do you agree or differ with Mr. Garson Blake?—I should say it was not on that account.

990. Then you differ with Mr. Blake?—I did not prepare the petition. It was prepared by the parliamentary agents, and I suppose settled by counsel, and merely had it sent to me to get signed.

991. Did you, when preparing this petition, take any pains to try to prove the agency?—Certainly I did.

992. I suppose you were aware Reynolds was the Conservative agent?—I was aware he was the agent.

993. Did you endeavour to connect the expenditure of this money with Mr. Reynolds?—I was unable to do so.

994. Did you endeavour to do so?—I made every inquiry I could in order to prove where the money came from, and more especially to prove agency if I could, and I fancied I had proved agency abundantly.

995. In what way did you imagine the agency was proved?—Mr. Eagleton, I was informed, had a private room at the committee rooms.

996. Do you remember from whom you received that information?—As to Eagleton.

997. Yes?—I think it was from Mr. Pettingill.

998. He was examined as a witness?—He was examined as a witness. He was employed as a clerk, and he told me that Mr. Eagleton had a private room at the committee rooms; and if he had a private room at the committee rooms, and was sitting there daily, I apprehend, of course, he was one of the committee and was one of the agents, or he would not be admitted.

999. Were you informed there was a room at the Conservative central committee room, called Mr. Eagleton's room?—Yes, I was told he had a private room set apart for himself.

1,000. Did you receive that information from Mr. Pettingill?—I think I received that information from Mr. Pettingill.

1001. Did you receive it from anybody else?—I do not think I did; I think it was Mr. Pettingill.

1002. Did you hear afterwards that the room that was called Mr. Eagleton's room was Mr. Stirling Lacon's room?—Mr. O'Malley, before the committee, endeavoured to confuse the witness, and to introduce Mr. Stirling Lacon's name into it; but I understood distinctly, before going into the committee, that Mr. Eagleton had a private room there, and that as such I thought it might be a mistake in my brief.

1003. And is that still your opinion?—From what I heard.

1004. Did you endeavour to connect agency with Mr. Cooper?—Yes, in this way; I was informed, too, that Mr. Cooper was at the central committee rooms, and that he received the telegrams.

1005. That matter, I believe, was also gone into before the parliamentary committee?—It was. The counsel for the sitting members endeavoured to baffle the witness, who was a lad, by making out that it was Mr. Cooper alone.

1006. Are you still of opinion that it was Mr. Cooper himself, and not his son?—I believe, from the information I received, that it was Mr. Cooper himself, although Mr. Cooper's son might be there. I was afterwards told that Mr. Cooper's son was what was called a confidential clerk, that was that he was communicating between the committee and Mr. Cooper, at his shop, when he was not at the committee rooms, and to take private messages; that was my information.

1007. From whom did you receive that information?—I am unable to say now.

1008. Was it from Mr. Pettingill?—I do not recollect. I think Mr. Pettingill said that he saw Mr. Cooper there, but I really cannot say whether it was from Mr. Pettingill.

1009. (*Mr. Slade.*) You will hand in the rough draft of the brief to our secretary this afternoon, and any notes of evidence that you have?—I am not aware of any except the brief.

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1,010. What is your trade or profession?—A printer and stationer.

1,011. Just give the Commissioners some idea of the money you turn over in the course of the year in your business?—About 700*l.* or 800*l.*, I believe.

1,012. Where is your shop?—Just at the back of the hall.

1,013. What is the name of the street?—Hall Plain.

1,014. Did you take any part in the last election?—Oh, yes, a very considerable part.

1,015. For which side did you act?—The Conservative side.

1,016. Were you in communication with the candidates?—No.

1,017. Were you with their agents?—No.

1,018. Were you in communication with the committee?—No.

1,019. Was there any committee?—I am not aware.

1,020. Was there any committee room?—I believe there was a committee room from what I have heard and seen when I have been about the town.

1,021. Where was that?—I believe in the Hall Plain was the central room. I never was in it.

1,022. You are aware there was a committee room?—Yes, of course there was.

1,023. But you never were in it?—I never was in it until the county election; and if you will allow me to explain what Mr. Costerton has been alluding to, I saw Pettingill's evidence: the room was afterwards occupied for the county election; Mr. Pettingill was a clerk, and I went into the room then. I purposely avoided going into the committee room during the borough election to steer clear of agency.

1024. Though you did not attend the committee room, were you employed by the members of the committee?—No, never.

1025. You say there was no committee?—Not that I am aware of. I have heard of various persons being about the town.

1026. Without calling them a committee, were there a body of gentlemen acting together, looking after the interests of the Conservative party?—I have no doubt there was.

1027. We will call them "the committee?"—You may call them "the committee." I do not know what they were.

1028. Did you yourself give any orders to different people?—Do you mean the legal part of the election?

1029?—I mean as regards hiring messengers, or giving orders for printing?—Certainly not. That would have made me an agent.

1030. You did not give any orders for printing anything?—Decidedly not.

1031. I understand your great object was to avoid being taken for an agent?—Certainly.

1032. Did you canvass?—Never, not a general canvass.

1033. Had you a canvass-book?—No.

1034. Did you see the voters?—Some of them I did

1035. Privately?—Privately.

1036. Will you give us the names of those you saw privately?—I can furnish you with the names. I have not got them here. I have merely the poll-book here. I will furnish you with the names of all I had to do with.

1037. You mean from the poll-book?—I will

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make it out from the poll-book when I go home, and furnish you with it this evening or to-morrow morning.

1038. (*Mr Fitzgerald.*) Which would you prefer ?—I should prefer handing it in privately. I have no objection to being examined upon it afterwards, if you please.

1039. Are you aware that all those names must be put to you to-morrow ?—I have no objection to that.

1040. Because everybody must have an opportunity of appearing if their name is mentioned ?—I have no objection to read them publicly.

1041. You can do it now ?—I have not the list.

1042. (*Mr. Slade.*) You had better give us the names now, as far as you can do it from memory, and then afterwards supply any deficiencies ?—I will give you the names as they occur to me. A man of the name of Matthew Curson.

1043. Matthew Curson, of Charlotte-street ?—Yes.

1044. You saw him privately ?—Yes.

1045. Give us the result of that interview ?—I called on him and asked him for his vote. He said he wanted the needful, and after some little parley I agreed to give him 20*l.*, and I gave it him.

1046. What day was this ?—The Monday previous to the election.

1047. Was that the day on which you began to see the electors privately ?—No, several days prior to that.

1048. Take your own course ?—I gave him 20*l.* He afterwards split his vote, and voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden ; and a man of the name of Hallday gave him 15*l.* to vote for Mr. Brogden if he split his vote. He said that Mr. Vanderbyl had no chance whatever, and they wanted to get Mr. Brogden in instead of Mr. Goodson, and they gave Curson 15*l.* to split his vote, and I had given him 20*l.*

1049. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who gave him the money ?—A man of the name of Hallday ; he lives at Mr. Hickling's, on the Plain.

1050. (*Mr. Slade.*) He is not on the register ?—He is not on the register.

1051. Do you know his Christian name ?—No, I do not.

1052. Where does he live ?—It is called Priory-lane. I believe that is where he resides ; his father-in-law lives there.

1053. Now go on ?—Henry King, Row, No. 92. I gave him 15*l.* or 20*l.* It was one or the other ; I have no recollection exactly of the amount, and I believe he got 20*l.* more, and he afterwards voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl. I believe a man of the name of Newman, who was engaged with Mr. Costerton in getting up the petition, gave him the money.

1054. The same sum ?—The same sum, about 20*l.* I believe he got the money. I am giving you a few of the lame ducks first.

1055. You call them lame ducks, do you ?—Yes.

1056. That is the name in the borough, is it ?—Yes. A person of the name of Killett, in George-street. I gave him 45*l.* to distribute for himself and two other voters ; one of the persons' name was Jones, a relative, I believe, residing in George-street.

1057. Robert Jones ?—Yes, and the other name was Houghton.

1058. Do you know his Christian name ?—I will tell you in a moment. Thomas, of Gaol-street. He is at the end of the poll-book ; he did not vote at all.

1059. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What did they have ?—They were to have 15*l.* each ; there were three of them : there was 45*l.* I gave to Killett.

1060. Did you afterwards know whether he got it ?—I did not hear, but it struck me afterwards he had not got it, for he did not vote.

1061. Did you ever get that money back again ?—No, I never asked for it ; it is a perilous thing to do.

1062. You never asked Killett for it ?—I merely told him his man had not voted, and he said, I think, he could not help it.

1063. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did he get money on the other side ?—I should think most likely ; they not only paid for votes, but they paid persons not to vote.

1064. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say Jones did not vote ?—Jones voted : Houghton did not vote.

1065. Who did Jones vote for ?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ; I lost one out of the three.

1066. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Houghton vote ?—Houghton did not vote.

1067. Did you ever hear if Houghton got his money ?—I do not know him.

1068. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you hear from Killett whether he had given Houghton the money ?—Killett told me he had ; whether he had or not I cannot say. His name is the most vivid in my recollection because they sold me ; that is why I recollect them first. Arthur Lark, shoemaker, in King-street, I gave him 15*l.*, but he did not vote. He is a respectable tradesman, he calls himself, in King-street. I should say when I gave Lark the money he told me he had a father-in-law of the name of Press, a fishmonger, I think, in Yarmouth, and an uncle. He told me his father-in-law particularly wanted money ; if I would give him money he would vote. I had understood that Press and his brother were standing round the Liberal committee room in the South Ward at 11 or 12 o'clock, waiting for money, and they kept them on ; and I heard Mr. Fill say they kept them hanging about for money until it was too late, and then they sent them off without anything at all.

1069. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What is the name of the father-in-law ?—Press ; there are two brothers.

1070. Which one do you mean ?—I cannot distinguish them ; I know there are two. I understood afterwards that one of the Press's—Mr. Brogden will tell you that—they considered themselves much aggrieved, and wrote to Mr. Brogden complaining they had been unfairly treated.

1071. The money you gave Lark was not intended to bribe Lark ?—Yes, it was intended to bribe Lark. Lark promised me to be the first man to poll in the morning, but he did not poll at all.

1072. (*Mr. Slade.*) You said he wanted it to induce his father-in-law to vote ?—No, I met him in King Street. He asked me to look into his house, and said he wanted the money, and he said, "I want 15*l.* to vote." I gave him the money, and he said, "There is my father-in-law ; you can have him for 15*l.*" He was a rather doubtful fellow, and I did not part with it.

1073. Was this on the Monday ?—On the Tuesday, the nomination evening.

1074. You never gave any money prior to that Monday ?—I think I gave a small sum of money on the Saturday evening.

1075. Who was that to ?—I cannot recollect at present. If I recollect I will tell you. I think I spent something like 100*l.* on Saturday.

1076. Was that the first money you dispensed ?—Yes, that was the first money I dispensed.

1077. What o'clock in the evening was that ?—It would be about 7 or 8 o'clock. Mr. Vanderbyl was addressing the electors on the Quay, and I met one or two of his friends, and I addressed them myself, and they came right. That is how it was.

1078. (*Mr Fitzgerald.*) Was it in consequence of Mr. Vanderbyl having come forward that you then began to bribe ?—Yes, it was.

1079. (*Mr. Slade.*) Now Lark was the last man you gave us ?—A man of the name of Hacon, a wholesale grocer at North End.

1080. Whitehorse Plain ?—Yes, Whitehorse Plain. I sent him 10*l.*, but he did not vote.

1081. By whose hands did you send that ?—I sent it by the hands of a man of the name of Archer.

1082. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is he a voter ?—Yes.

1083. Did you see Hacon yourself afterwards ?—Yes, I saw him several times.

1084. Do you know whether he received the 10*l.* ?—Yes, he got it, and stuck to it.

1085. Did he say why he did not vote for you ?—No. I met him riding out this morning on horseback. He keeps two or three horses, I think, and I told him I was coming here to split upon him.

1086. Are you aware whether he got anything on the other side ?—I do not know. I think it is very likely, of course. I gave Archer 15*l.* for himself, and 10*l.* for Hacon.

1087. That is Thomas Archer ? — Yes ; then Bickers, one of those celebrated cases that you know of.

1088. He was examined before the election committee ?—Yes, he had 15*l.* Whatever he said there was correct. I think he had 15*l.* I have read the evidence before the committee, and I notice Bickers said he had not anything on the other side, I have understood he had 20*l.* on the other side. I have been told so in the course of conversation, and also he was paid a per-centage for bringing up voters to the other side, for getting what we call " tinnable voters."

1089. Do you know who gave him the 20*l.* ?—I did not. It was common talk.

1090. He voted for the Liberals ?—Yes.

1091. Any other name ?—A man by the name of Girling, of the Nelson Road.

1092. John Girling ?—Yes ; there are two John Girlings, but this is in Nelson Road. I sent him, I think it was 15*l.* or 20*l.* I really do not recollect the exact sum.

1093. Who by ?—A friend of his of the name of John Savage.

1094. Do you know whether he got the money ?—Yes, he got it, I am sure of that. Savage would not keep it.

1095. What is his Christian name ?—John Thomas Savage.

1096. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is he a voter ?—Yes ; but he is not a voter that would take money for his own vote.

1097. Is he of the Fish Stall House ?—He has not resided there for some years.

1098. He used to be there ?—He used to be there.

1099. Did you give anything to Savage himself ?—No, he is a man not to be influenced in that way. He is a man of considerable means. I daresay I have 20 more names to give you, but I should prefer copying them out.

1100. Mr. Girling, I see, voted on your side ?—Yes, he voted quite right.

1101. You had better give us all you can now ?—Stephen Culham, of Gaol Street. He has since died.

1102. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What did he have ?—15*l.*

1103. Did you give it him yourself ?—I gave it him myself.

1104. Did you hear of his having anything else ?—He told me at the time he had been offered 20*l.*, and he preferred the Conservatives.

1105. And he voted for them ? — He voted for them.

1106. Did he say who he had been offered it by ?—No, I did not ask him that. I thought it was a man of the name of Humphreys, residing at the Turk's Head. He lives nearly opposite. Robert Green, of Fuller's Hill, 15*l.*, I think he had.

1107. From yourself ?—From myself. I am telling you all those who I paid myself. Mr. Costerton was rather mistaken about it.

1108. Did he vote ?—He voted quite right.

1109. Did he tell you he was offered money on the other side ?—He told me he was offered money on the other side, and he regretted afterwards he had not taken it, and voted one and one.

1110. Did he say whom he was offered it by ?—I did not ask him. I daresay he went to Richard Wright's house on the Church Plain. That was a house that was open for bribery, and I think you will find it paid for in the account. Charles Ives Garwood, of Charlotte Street. I think I gave him 20*l.*

1111. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did he say anything about the other side ?—Oh, yes. He told me some fabulous tales of money being about. He said there were such large sums of money flying about, and so there was, but I do not know whether he was offered any.

1112. He took your 20*l.* and voted for you ?—Yes. Then Mark Gaze, of Wilshere Place. I do not know whether he had 15*l.* or 20*l.* ; it will make no difference.

1113. From you ?—Yes, from me.

1114. Did he vote all right ?—He voted quite right. William Powditch, of South Quay, 15*l.* He told me he had been offered money on the other side by the gentleman who managed that department of the Nelson Ward.

1115. What is his name ?—There were several gentlemen there. I do not know who it was. I think one was Mr. Harry Barber and Mr. Fill. I cannot say which.

1116. Did he get money on the other side ?—I should think not.

1117. Did he vote for you ?—He voted for me. Stephen Peachment in Garden Lane, he had either 15*l.* or 20*l.*, but he died, poor man.

1118. From you ? — Yes ; I think his son-in-law was with him at the time. I think he came with him to my shop.

1119. Who is his son-in-law ?—I do not know.

1120. Is he a voter ?—No. Why I mention his name is this, because I think he said Mr. George Moore had been to Mr. Peachment and offered him money.

1121. Is that Mr. George William Moore ?—Yes. I do not recollect any more at the present time. There are some more that I can furnish you with.

1122. Have you any manuscript at your house ?—No, not any. I never had any but a memorandum book.

1123. Have you got that memorandum book ?—I burnt that before the committee in the House of Commons inquiry.

1124. Those are all the names you can recollect at this moment ?—Those are all the names I can recollect at this moment. I can furnish you with some more.

1125. How many names do you suppose you will be able to furnish to us ?—Of my own ?

1126. Yes ?—I suppose between 20 and 30.

1127. You say you made promises besides payment ?—How do you mean ?

1128. Did you not promise money before you began to pay ?—Yes, I should promise it in this way. Many of these voters would know I was engaged in the illegal part of the election, and they would come to my shop and ask me if there was anything they could have, and I said, " Yes, you can have it if you like."

1129. Did you go about yourself making promises to voters ?—Yes, I promised several voters.

1130. Did you make a tour of the town ?—No.

1131. To look up your own friends ?—I should select the list from persons that I thought were safe men. Of course I called upon them, and saw them.

1132. Did you call on both sides of politics ?—No.

1133. Only the Conservatives ?—No, the others were about. I knew the others were going to bribe certainly.

1134. How did you know ?—From the rumours in the town. These men would say things I used to hear of in this way. A man of the name of Thomas Downing was going about, and telling the voters " Keep quiet, you will get some money by-and-bye ; stuff is coming," and that unsettled the men, to keep them right until the proper time.

1135. How long prior to the election would that be ?—Two or three weeks prior to the election I heard of it.

1136. How long prior to the election did you make your promises ?—A few days, about a week prior to the election generally. I thought at one time there would not have been a contest ; I did not think they would have been so stupid.

1137. When did you first gather that there would

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be a contest ?—When the rumour was that Mr. Marshman would not pay his half of the expenses, and he was about retiring ; that was some days prior to the election. I then heard that Mr. Brogden went over to Mr. Costerton, a few days prior to the election, and consulted him about the canvass generally. Also Richard Hammond, I understood from him that Mr. Marshman had retired and Mr. Brogden left the town and brought down Mr. Vanderbyl.

1138. That was a short time prior to the election ?—Yes, and I looked on Mr. Vanderbyl as a make-weight, he merely came to keep the place for Mr. Brogden, and that Mr. Brogden might go in with Sir Edmund Lacon. They knew they could not keep Sir Edmund Lacon out, money could not keep him out. I say deliberately, unless there is bribery resorted to on the other side, Sir Edmund Lacon's election is safe in this borough. I can say that safely.

1139. When did Mr. Brogden come into the field before the election?—I think three weeks or a month. I thought at the commencement there would be bribery. I understood Richard Hammond had made a speech in introducing Mr. Brogden to the electors, in which he said they had got the material and meant to win.

1140. Did you hear the speech ?—I heard it afterwards. It was reported to me the same evening by a number of persons.

1141. Can you tell us one person who heard it ?—I heard it generally in conversation.

1142. As soon as Mr. Brogden appeared in the field I presume you began to look up your own side ?—No, they began to look me up.

1143. Was that from their experience of former elections ?—Just so.

1144. How soon did they come to you ?—I think I had some men come to me three months before the election, who wanted an advance of some 20*l.* upon the strength of it.

1145. Did you ever make any advances ?—Certainly not ; I never had any to make.

1146. You had no money ?—No.

1147. Did you make any promises ?—No, I could not, because I did not know if there would be any.

1148. Can you give us roughly how many people came to you in this way ?—I dare say 20 or 30 people, or 30 or 40. I should have had some of both sides if the other side had not bribed; the material would have been at my disposal. They tried it on with both sides many of them.

1149. Did they come to you to be employed in a colourable manner during the election ?—Yes, I had several persons call upon me in that way, but I would never entertain it, I always told them I had nothing whatever to do with it ; I endeavoured to steer clear of any agency entirely.

1150. You knew that bribery would be resorted to on the other side you say ?—I judged so from the manner in which it was spoken about in the town.

1151. Did you yourself ever make any offer with the idea of raising the price on the other side ?—No, it was quite high enough as it was.

1152. Did you ever take any receipts for this money ?—Oh no.

1153. How was it paid to them ?—In hard cash ; it was just given to them.

1154. In notes ?—No, all in gold.

1155. Did you ever lend any money and reclaim it afterwards ?—No, it would be a very bad speculation.

1156. Did you ever have any haggling when you came to ask for a man's vote, as to what you should give for it ?—No, I knew the others were giving 15*l.* and 20*l.*, and in some cases sometimes 25*l.* Those men put the price up themselves. I used to give them 15*l.* or 20*l.* ; I did not care which.

1157. Did you give them any money on account, and say if there was a poll you would raise it ?—No, I did not give any money till Saturday evening, and I was certain that there would be a poll then.

1158. You never gave any money down as an earnest, and said that you would give more afterwards ?—No, it is too much trouble.

1159. What was the highest sum you ever gave ?—I think 20*l.* was the highest. I may have dropped a sovereign occasionally for refreshment or something of that kind.

1160. Did you ever give any money to any of the wives of the voters ?—I do not recollect doing it, they generally split about it afterwards, and tell each other.

1161. Had you any sub-agents for these purposes ?—Yes, several.

1162. Will you be kind enough to give us the names ?—E. O. Johnson was one, George Watson, John Trueman Buston, William Blyth, John Lummis the gentleman that Mr. Garson Blake mentioned yesterday, as to the case of Rand. Mr. Eagleton.

1163. John Eagleton ?—Yes, John Eagleton; John Grimes Rivett.

1164. Were those the only ones that you employed in that manner ?—No, Benjamin Lane and Charles Victor Bunn. But I should say in regard to that I gave Mr. Bunn the money to take to Gorleston to deliver to Mr. Rivett, and Mr. Bunn was to act under Mr. Rivett's directions and not mine.

1165. Any other gentleman ?—No, no other that I can recollect; there were some other very small sums given but I do not recollect them at this moment; those were the principal persons.

1166. Do you look after the registration at all here ?—Yes, generally.

1167. Do you keep up the Conservative interest. Do you pay men's rates ?—No, I never knew a case of the kind in Yarmouth, of paying rates to keep up the votes.

1168. Can you give us any idea of the quantity of money that you gave to those gentlemen ?—Yes, I am now speaking generally, they will tell you better than I can if you call them. I gave Mr. Eagleton something like 220*l.* or 230*l.*—something like that. I gave Mr. Watson 150*l.* I sent near the whole of it, 1500*l.*, to Gorleston. Mr. Bunn conveyed it to Mr. Rivett.

1169. It went through Bunn to Rivett ?—Yes, it went through Bunn to Rivett. Gorleston was the weak point; they were threatening to buy Gorleston from us. I was afraid of it and I thought we would take greater precautions there. Did I mention Blyth ?

1170. No you did not ?—I gave Blyth 100*l.* I was amused this morning to hear the description of 450*l.* being given. I do not think it was quite that. I gave Buston 60*l.* or 70*l.* I gave Lane I suppose 40*l.* or 50*l.*, not more. E. O. Johnson I gave 100*l.* I do not know if it was 100*l.* or 150*l.*, he can tell you better than I can. He may have come to me and said they wanted one or two more and I should pass it over to him.

1171. And Lummis ?—I do not know what it was I gave Lummis. It was several hundreds of pounds. Mr. Lummis did the fishing department; he is a large fish merchant in Yarmouth and we got him to look after the litttle fishing people at Yarmouth.

1172. Can you tell us how many hundred you gave him ?—I was dining with him one night at the "Crown and Anchor," and I gave him about 300*l.* or 350*l.* there, and I gave him 150*l.* or 200*l.* afterwards.

1173. About 500*l.* in all ?—I should say somewhere about that.

1174. Did those gentlemen account to you at all for this money ?—No, they would come and tell me they had so many men, and I should refer to my list and see they were not finessing with me, and I should give them the money. I should know pretty well.

1175. Did they always account for every sovereign you gave them ?—No, I never asked them.

1176. It was done in a very rough way I suppose ?—Yes, it was.

1177. Still you had a kind of check ?—I have given you pretty well all about it I think.

1178. I mean as regards the sub-agents, did they give you any account of the way the money had been spent by them ?—They never gave me in any detailed account.

1179. They would give you the number of votes they bought ?—Yes, they would bring it on a piece of paper that Smith, Jones, and Robinson want so much money, and I should refer to my register and give it.

1180. Those gentlemen came to you and said they would get you the votes and you gave them the money for them ?—Yes.

1181. You did not give them the money to buy the votes ?—Yes, to buy the votes they mentioned to me previously.

1182. Of course you did not give them more money than they required ?—No.

1183. Then the tariff of votes was from 15*l.* to 20*l.* ?—That was about it, from 15*l.* to 20*l.* I think down at Gorleston there was a little more given on some occasions.

1184. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Then the whole amount of money I may take to be something like 2,670*l.* or 2,700*l.* ?—It was more than that, you have not reckoned mine as well.

1185. No I have not; how much was it altogether ?—I should think somewhere between 3,000*l.* and 4,000*l.*

1186. You say you disbursed between 3,000*l.* and 4,000*l.*, who did you get that money from ?—A strange gentleman brought it to my shop; a perfect stranger to me.

1187. To whom did he deliver it ?—He delivered it to me.

1188. Was it brought at one time or several ?—On two or three occasions; three occasions as near as I can recollect. I think three.

1189. On what day was the first occasion ?—On the Saturday afternoon prior to the election.

1190. That would have been 100*l.* ?—I did not know whether it was 100*l.* or 200*l.*

1191. You disbursed 100*l.* on Saturday afternoon ?—Yes; but I had more money then.

1192. Where did you get that money from ?—It all came together.

1193. You told us before that on the Saturday afternoon you had spent 100*l.* ?—I told you, if you recollect, that in the evening, at the meeting at 7 or 8 o'clock, I went round and disposed of some money.

1194. You did not spend the whole of what you received ?—No; I sent some of it down to Gorleston.

1195. How much was brought you on that Saturday afternoon ?—I should think possibly 1,000*l.*

1196. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Could you give us the date of that Saturday ?—It would be the 7th of July.

1197. (*Mr. Slade.*) It was the Saturday before the election ?—Yes; the election day was on the following Wednesday, the polling day; it would be about the 8th of July.

1198. When was the next sum brought to you ?—On the Sunday afternoon some time.

1199. At what o'clock ?—I really do not know. I think about 2 or 3 o'clock; somewhere about that time.

1200. And how much was that ?—I do not know really. I think it might be possibly about 1,000*l.* or 1,500*l.*, or something of that kind.

1201. When was the third occasion ?—I think it was on the Monday; either Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning, I really do not recollect which, Monday or Tuesday. It would be early on Tuesday, if it was on the Tuesday.

1202. About what o'clock ?—It would be before 12 o'clock on Tuesday.

1203. And what sum was it ?—I think, I am now speaking merely from memory, possibly 1,000*l.* I do not think it was much more than 3,500*l.* altogether. I do not know now particularly; but it was somewhere about that. I am telling you within a few hundreds.

1204. In what conveyance was this money brought to you ?—The first, I think, was brought in two parcels in brown paper.

1205. Of 500*l.* each ?—I should think it was somewhere about that. I think there was about 1,000*l.*

1206. And the second time ?—I think the second, a portion of the money was in a bag, and there was some more in brown paper parcels.

1207. And on the third occasion ?—On the third occasion I think it was all in a bag. I really do not recollect whether it was the first or the third occasion. I think it was in a bag on the third occasion.

1208. Was it all gold ?—All gold.

1209. And were each of those three consignments placed in your own hands ?—Yes, placed in my own hands.

1210. In your own shop ?—In my own shop. I think on the first occasion the man opened the drawer and put it in; he was rather nervous then, and he gave it me afterwards upon the counter.

1211. Was it the same man each time ?—Yes.

1212. He was a stranger to you ?—He was a stranger to me; he is not a Yarmouth man, I am certain.

1213. I daresay you can tell us who he was ?—No, I cannot. I would not have taken it from anybody I knew. I should have advised them to take it back again. I fancied that possibly there might be a petition, and if I was served I must give evidence, and I certainly should have avoided that.

1214. No doubt you can tell the Commissioners the gentleman we have to apply to to know who that man was ?—No, I cannot. I assure you I cannot. He was a young man; he was something like a commercial gentleman.

1215. I have no doubt he was a perfect stranger to you and Yarmouth ?—Yes; I know everybody in Yarmouth.

1216. You can tell us who employed him ?—No, I cannot. I do not know, really.

1217. To whom did you make any reports of your proceedings at the election ?—I did not want to report to anybody.

1218. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you or did you not report ?—Certainly not.

1219. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you keep a canvass book ?—I had a small memorandum book with the names of the men in it, and I called upon them or they called upon me and I gave them the money.

1220. You made a certain number of voters safe, I suppose ?—Yes.

1221. Was it known to the Conservative side that these men were going to vote for them ?—I should think very likely they might know it. I always made it a practice to tell those men, Put yourselves in the way of the candidates and see them and promise them; and the candidates often said they had promised, and all that.

1222. And those men all got down on the members' canvass-books as promisers ?—I have no doubt many of them. I have no doubt of it.

1223. Were you in the habit of seeing the leading Conservative party canvass during the election ?—No, I kept myself away from them. If I saw the canvassing party coming I should turn aside and go another way.

1224. I do not mean in the streets, but privately ?—There is no doubt of this, I have spoken to most, if not all of them during the election.

1225. Had you spoken to Sir Edmund Lacon during the election ?—Only on one occasion.

1226. Had you spoken to Mr. Goodson ?—Only on one occasion.

1227. Had you spoken to Mr. Nightingale ?—Yes, several times.

1228. On how many occasions have you communicated with Mr. Nightingale ?—I have never communicated with Mr. Nightingale, I might meet him on the Quay and ask him how things were going on as I would any other gentleman interested in the election; they would all know me.

1229. Has Mr. Nightingale got an office in the town ?—The office connected with the brewery.

1230. Have you ever gone to the office ?—Not during the election. I have been there occasionally to take orders.

1231. When was the last time you were at his office before the election ?—I should think two or three

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months; I would not have gone there during the election.

1232. Did you meet Mr. Nightingale at any other time?—I did not meet him at the office; I have met him in various parts of the town.

1233. Have you ever met him in a room?—No, I do not recollect that I have ever met him in a room.

1234. Have you ever spoken to Mr. Reynolds during the election?—Yes, Mr. Reynolds would pass from the committee-room across the street, and I should very likely speak to him.

1235. Did you ever speak to him with reference to the election?—Yes.

1236. As to who was likely to vote for you or not?—I daresay I may have occasionally told Mr. Reynolds, You may put down somebody as right, or something of that kind.

1237. Did Mr. Reynolds put down in his private boll-book men as likely to vote on his side whom you had reported to him?—I do not know, I should only mention it to Mr. Reynolds as he was passing.

1238. Have you ever reported to him a man that was going to vote on your side?—I do not recollect that I have done so.

1239. I thought you said just now you mentioned names as likely to vote for him?—You asked me on the other side.

1240. No, on his own side?—Yes, several persons.

1241. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You reported to Mr. Reynolds several persons as likely to vote for Sir Edward Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes, of course I have done that.

1242. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you ever mentioned a person as likely to vote for Lacon and Goodson whom you had known to have received a bribe?—Yes, I have told him so on several occasions.

1243. Did you mention to Mr. Reynolds as likely to vote for Lacon and Goodson every person whom you had bribed?—No, certainly not.

1244. When you had made a voter safe by offering or giving him a bribe, did you report him as likely to vote for Lacon and Goodson?—No, I put him down in my own memorandum-book.

1245. Besides that, did you report him to Mr. Reynolds?—No, I do not know that even I ever saw Mr. Reynolds the day prior to the election.

1246. I am not speaking of the day prior to the election, but at any time?—No further than I have told you, that I have told him of it when I have seen him passing; I have said Put down so-and-so as all right.

1247. Did Mr. Reynolds know you were the person attached to the Conservative party?—Yes.

1248. A strong partizan?—Yes.

1249. And he knew you were a person to be safely employed?—I do not know that, he can answer the question better than I can.

1250. Were you not known in the borough; you say the bribees knew you in that character. I want to know if Mr. Reynolds did not know you in the same character?—Yes, I daresay he did; if Mr. Reynolds knew his business, of course he would keep away from me.

1251. (*Mr. Slade.*) But he took names from you which he entered in his own private poll-book?—I daresay he had half-a-dozen; I did not make it a rule to report to Mr. Reynolds. I should not be at home much.

1252. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you any doubt Mr. Reynolds knew the position that you had in this town?—I do not think that Mr. Reynolds could have any doubt about it.

1253. (*Mr. Slade.*) This is not the first election in which you have been engaged in this manner?—Not by several.

1254. And Mr. Reynolds must have been perfectly well aware of that?—Of course he was.

1255. And he knew you were an active partizan in this election?—Yes, I was generally known to be so by everybody.

1256. And he knew the report that you were disbursing money?—I cannot say, I never told him so.

1257. Did you see Mr. Francis Worship?—Yes, a great many times.

1258. And talked to him about the election?—Yes, very frequently.

1259. And Mr. R. Barber?—Yes, I think I saw Mr. Barber as well, I should see nearly every one.

1260. And talked to them about the election?—Yes, certainly.

1261. And Mr. Bunn?—Yes, and Mr. Charles Bunn.

1262. Now, did you hear what Mr. Costerton said about a meeting at Mr. Aldred's house?—Yes, I heard the evidence.

1263. To-day?—Yes.

1264. Had you ever heard of that meeting before?—No, I had not heard of the meeting.

1265. Do you believe there was no such meeting?—I do not believe there was.

1266. Do you know whether Sir Edmund Lacon was in Yarmouth on Sunday afternoon?—I do not know.

1267. Does Mr. Nightingale live in Yarmouth?—Yes; Mr. Nightingale resides in Yarmouth.

1268. Is it likely that a meeting could have taken place by the Conservative party and you not to hear of it?—Yes; it might have taken place without my knowledge.

1269. Not very likely, I should presume?—Very likely, indeed. I did not mix myself up with the party during the election; I always kept away from them, from a little experience of two or three election petitions, and I knew the necessity of keeping clear of all parties mixed up with the election.

1270. You say this money was brought to you by a stranger. Did you ever make any application to anybody for money?—No, I did not.

1271. Did you never give anybody to understand that you wanted money?—No, I never told anybody I wanted money; if they wanted it, of course it would be sent. I knew nothing at all about the canvass or anything of the kind.

1272. Money was brought to your house by a strange gentleman, you say?—Yes.

1273. I want to know how it was money was brought to you. Did you make any application for it?—I made no application whatever for it. I supposed, if the money was to be spent, it would be sent to me.

1274. How did the Conservative party know that money was required to be spent?—I cannot tell. I do not know.

1275. You were the person who knew the money was required to be spent?—I judged there would be money required.

1276. You were the chief person who knew that?—Yes.

1277. Will you tell us how was it known to the leaders of the party that money was required?—I do not know. I never informed them of it; they ought to know it themselves; they were canvassing.

1278. You did not make any application to anybody?—No, I did not.

1279. They would take care not to listen to any application for money—you would know what money would be required?—I did not know the exact amount.

1280. Not the sum required?—When this strange gentleman brought me the money upon the Saturday, he said, "What do you think you will require?" and I said, "We shall want more than this."

1281. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You said so?—Yes; my own opinion was so at the time.

1282. (*Mr. Slade.*) Tell us exactly what passed when he first came?—I think when he first came he told me he brought me a parcel—I think those were the words. I asked him if there was anything to pay. I should say that I have a nest of drawers in my shop, and he opened the drawers and put it in. I said, "You are very particular; it is of no consequence." He was quite nervous.

1283. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) He was nervous, not you?—Yes, I was not nervous. Then he asked me what time Shuckford would be in the way, and I said, I thought he would catch him at his counting-house about 6 or 7 in the evening; I do not recollect exactly the conversation. I went across the market to Shuckford and told him that there was an illustrious stranger who would call upon him.

1284. Why "would call upon him?"—I judged so from his remark to me.

1285. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did this gentleman go away as soon as he had deposited these two parcels?—He went away immediately. He went up the row; he did not go across the plain.

1286. The row which runs by your shop?—Yes.

1287. Was Shuckford engaged in the same occupation that you were?—I believe he was, but to a much smaller extent.

1288. He was not acting under your orders?—No; he was acting under his own.

1289. Independently?—Independently, entirely.

1290. Can you give us the name of some other gentleman who was acting upon his own account?—I am not aware of anybody else. I believe that was the only gentleman who was connected with it.

1291. The stranger said he supposed more would be required?—Yes.

1292. And what did you say?—I said, "I think "so; the others are putting it out frightfully; they "are saying twenties and twenty-fives; they say Mr. "Brogden has no end of money, and Mr. Richard "Hammond had stated that Mr. Brogden was pre-"pared to spend 10,000*l.* to win the seat."

1293. Did the strange gentleman say that more money would be forthcoming?—He did not make me any answer. He said, "Will you be in the way to-morrow?" I reside at South Town a little distance off.

1294. To-morrow would be the Sunday?—Yes, I said I would be in the way, "What time would suit you?" and he said between 2 and 3 o'clock, and after dinner he called. I stood the door ajar and waited for him.

1295. And then it was he brought you the 1,500*l.*?—I think about 1,500*l.*

1296. Did anything pass between you then?—No further than some remarks about the weather.

1297. About any more money being required?—I should tell you when he left me the money upon the Sunday, he said, "Do you think you will want any more?" I said, "I think it is very likely." Then he said, "I will look in again." I said, "If you are passing across the Plain I will give you the office if I want you." This was early on the Monday morning, and I called him into the shop and said, "We must have some more money, and he went and got it," but whether it came upon the Monday afternoon or the Tuesday morning I cannot tell you. I have tried to refresh my memory about it. Perhaps it will make no difference whether Monday or Tuesday.

1298. Upon the third occasion did he say any more would be required?—No, I said I should think the election ought to be safe with that amount of money. In fact, if I had seen the canvass I should not have recommended so large an outlay, because we stood at a large majority. Of course the greater the risk of discovery the larger the number of men to buy.

1299. How do you account for this money having been brought to you?—I suppose I was known to be the most likely person to put it to a proper use.

1300. Had any money been given to you previously to the election to be disbursed?—Not a farthing.

1301. I suppose there are preliminary expenses at every election, are there not?—Not illegal expenses.

1302. Have you ever advanced money out of your own pocket?—No, it is a very bad practice; they are sure to vote against you afterwards.

1303. Do you mean to tell the commissioners you have no idea from whom this money came?—I have not the slightest idea. If I stood here till to-morrow night I really could not tell you.

1304. You say you have no idea?—I made no inquiry; I did not wish to know.

1305. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is not the question; the question is, have you the slightest idea?—I thought it must have come from the Carlton Club. I I did not know where it came from.

1306. (*Mr. Slade.*) You tell us you have bribed before; did you bribe at the election of 1859?—Yes.

1307. How much did you spend then?—I do not know.

1308. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) In round numbers?—Well, I do not think I spent 1,000*l.* but I really do not know.

1309. How did you get the money then?—The money was given to me then by an old gentleman, a great electioneerer in Yarmouth, a Mr. Green.

1310. Is Mr. Green dead?—He has been dead four or five years. You will find his name reported, I daresay, before the committee in the House of Commons.

1311. What was Mr. Green?—He was a rope maker. Every man in this room knew him; he was the leading man.

1312. From whom did Mr. Green receive this money?—I do not know.

1313. Have you not ascertained since?—No, I never asked those questions.

1314. Have you ever bribed upon former occasions?—No, the election previous to that was the election of Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin, and I have heard and I daresay it will come out in this inquiry, that it was a pure election on the part of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker. Sir Edmund Lacon they bought out on this occasion, and the members were unseated for bribery. I believe conscientiously there was not a shilling spent on the part of the Conservative party.

1315. Were you then employed?—Yes.

1316. As a canvasser?—Yes.

1317. On that occasion was any money spent by the Conservative party?—There was no money spent by the Conservative party, and they were bought out. Three Manchester men came down here with what was said to be oyster-barrels full of sovereigns. Mr. Watkin sent them down.

1318. Is it since that election that you have been employed in this way?—Yes, since then I have gained a little experience.

1319. And since then you have been with the Conservative party?—Yes.

1320. Was all the money that was spent upon the Conservative side in 1859 disbursed by you?—No, I should think not, oh no; I was only second in command then.

1321. On the last occasion you were first?—Yes.

1322. How came you to be promoted?—It was seniority, by the death of Mr. Green.

1323. Green died, and you took his place?—Yes.

1324. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you never give any information to any person that money would be required for this election?—I did not; I did not know. As I told you before, my own opinion was that the Liberal canvass was so bad that they had not the slightest chance, and I always thought that Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman would retire; I was only surprised when I found Mr. Marshman had retired and left Mr. Brogden here. I had heard of several considerable changes of opinion among the staunch supporters of the Conservative party.

1325. When did you first begin to discover that?—Directly I heard that Mr. Vanderbyl was coming.

1326. Did you make preparations before you received the money?—Yes.

1327. Had you any doubt that the money would come?—I thought it would come.

1328. Will you give the Commissioners your reasons for thinking it would come?—Because I thought they would not allow Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson to be turned out.

1329. Who would not allow?—The party.

1330. You expected it from the party?—Yes, I expected it from the party.

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1331. What individual did you among the party expect it from ?—I did not know how the money was to be found, or anything of the kind, but I thought they had sufficient pluck in them not to allow themselves to be bought out. It was a known fact that they came down here with the intention of buying us clean out of the borough this time. If there was a fair election a Liberal would have no chance.

1332. You have no doubt in your own mind that the Conservative party here would not allow that state of things to take place ?—I thought not.

1333. Who are the Conservative party ?—I do not know of anybody in particular here. There is a gentleman here, the leader, Mr. Preston, Edward H. Lushington Preston, and there are others who, I thought, would not allow it.

1334. Did you believe that those people whom you are talking of would resort to bribery ?—I did not know that they would.

1335. You said you thought the party would not allow it to take place ?—I thought there would have been some communication, and that the money would be found.

1336. Tell me the names of all the parties you thought would find the money, if necessary, to carry the election ?—I did not know of any party that would find the money.

1337. You have already told us your opinion that the party would find the money necessary to carry the election; tell us who they were ?—I do not know of anybody now in particular. I take it in this way. You know how elections are conducted: they talk the matter over, and they may say something must be found to stop it.

1338. Do you believe the leading Conservative people, one or other of them, produced this money ?—No, I do not think they did.

1339. Whom do you think did ?—I do not know who found it.

1340. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) We know that you do not. We do not ask you as to what your knowledge is. You are bound by the Act of Parliament to give the Commissioners, to the best of your belief, who you think were the parties who found this money, and we expect you to do it ?—I am quite willing to do it.

1341. You told us you expected the Conservative party would find the money. Tell us the names of those people who you believed would find the money for you ?—I thought possibly Mr. Goodson being a new man that the money might possibly come from the Carlton club.

1342. Mr. Goodson has nothing whatever to do with the city of Yarmouth ?—Mr. Goodson's seat was the one at stake.

1343. You said the Conservative party in Yarmouth. I want to know who are the party to whom you refer ?—I do not know of any one who would find money in Yarmouth.

1344. You have just mentioned Mr. Preston ?—Yes.

1345. We shall summon them all.—I have no objection to it ; I will tell you as far as I know.

1346. You will save us a great deal of trouble. I have not the slightest doubt you can give a guess as to the matter, and the commissioners require that information from you ?—I cannot give you more than I know. I know of nobody here to find any money.

1347. You can give us the parties from whom you believe that this money came, and we will carry it further ?—If you ask me my belief, I do not believe the money came from Yarmouth.

1348. Then from whom do you believe it came ?—My own opinion was, and I often have laughed since about it, I believe it came from the Carlton Club upon the first occasion.

1349. Have you any reason to believe that ?—No, I have no reason to believe it.

1350. Do you believe it negatively no person in Yarmouth found the money ?—I believe they may have found it.

1351. Just answer my question. Do you believe negatively that no person in Yarmouth found that money ?—I do not believe anyone did. I have no knowledge of anyone doing it, and I do not think any one did. I do not think anyone would find the money ; that is my own firm opinion. I cannot tell you more than my opinion about it.

1352. (*Mr. Slade.*) Whom do you consider eventually liable for this money ?—I do not know, I am sure.

1353. In your opinion ?—I should suppose the members, but I do not know. I can only tell you my opinion.

1354. Do you suppose this money to have been advanced by the Conservative party, and they to be recouped by the members ?—No.

1355. Is that your opinion ?—No, I do not think so ; I do not believe the party here in Yarmouth did advance the money. I may also mention an instance that Mr. Francis Worship mentioned to me the other day. He said he was told he was to be called here because he had advanced 1,000*l.*, and he told me he had not advanced a shilling. That is what he told me himself.

1356. Is there any other gentleman besides Mr. Worship ?—That is the only one that I have had any conversation with.

1357. You have carefully avoided it ?—No, Mr. Preston named it to me. I should not have mentioned it even to Mr. Worship, but he volunteered it.

1358. You never made any application to any person for any money ?—No, I carefully avoided it. I am telling you the facts.

1359. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I have no doubt what you have stated is perfectly true as far as you have stated within your own knowledge, and I think if you choose to assist the Commissioners you might ?—I am very glad the thing has come now ; it will be an exposure. I made up my mind to come here and tell you what I know. I can tell you a great deal about it, and I shall be happy to assist you, That is all I can say. I can tell you about the other side.

1360. We will not ask you anything about the other side now ?—I will at any time you like to call me.

1361. Have you a list of the persons you have bribed now ?—No, my shop door was locked. I have not been at the shop at all. I can furnish you with it in the morning.

1362. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do I understand you to say the money you received in these parcels was all in gold ?—All in gold.

1363. Did it appear to be gold that had been in circulation, or all new sovereigns ? I think, there was a mixture.

1364. It did not appear to be money that had come fresh from a bank ?—No, I do not think it was.

1365. On how many occasions after the canvass had begun before the polling day do you think you saw Mr. Reynolds. ?—From the commencement of the canvass to the polling day do you mean ?

1366. Yes ?—A dozen times I should think, or more.

1367. Did you ever see Mr. Reynolds in consequence of any information you gave him make entries in his canvass book ?—No, I did not. I have no recollection of ever seeing Mr. Reynolds' canvass book.

1368. You did, I believe, on some occasions give him some information as to a voter ?—I told him of several persons.

1369. Did he make an entry when you gave him that information ?—No, I have no doubt he did afterwards, but I did not see him.

1370. Did Mr. Reynolds ever put the question to you in the first instance ?—No, Mr. Reynolds would be passing, and I should just run out of my shop door and mention to it to him, that is how it was done.

1371. Did Mr. Reynolds never say to you how will so-and-so vote, or anything of that sort ?—I do not recollect his ever saying so.

1372. Are you prepared to say he did not?—No, I would not say he did not.

1373. You said that Mr. Nightingale asked you how things were going on; did you ever ask Mr. Nightingale?—Ask him what?—

1374. Did Mr. Nightingale ever ask you how things were going on?—I daresay he did. I think it is very likely he did.

1375. Did you ever see Mr. Nightingale make any entries in consequence of any information you gave him?—No, never; it would be only meeting Mr. Nightingale.

1376. Do I understand you to swear that you made no representation to anybody after Saturday that more money would be required before the election?—After the Sunday.

1377. I mean after the Saturday. Saturday was the occasion when you received the first sum of money?—I told him we should want more, and I arranged for him to come on the Sunday.

1378. Do I understand you to swear you never represented directly or indirectly to anybody after that occasion that you would require more money for the purposes of the election?—Only to that gentleman he put himself in my way, just across, and I beckoned him, but whether it was on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning I do not know. I have told you the truth. I believe I have given you the exact amount, as near as possible; at least I am sure I have.

1379. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you ever given a hint to anybody that if you required it to be sent to you it should be sent by a strange hand?—I daresay I might in the course of conversation, but not at the election time. I may have said I would never be so stupid as to take money from anybody I knew.

1380. To whom did you say that?—I do not know. I have said it, but I have no doubt I have done so.

1381. Can you tell us one person to whom you said it?—No, I do not know, it would be only in the course of conversation. It might have been, perhaps, at the previous election.

1382. You have not stated this publicly to the whole town?—No.

1383. You stated it to some private individuals?—Yes.

1384. Tell us, if you please, to whom you have stated it?—I do not know any names. I was looking round to see if I could recollect anybody.

1385. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose you are well known to everybody?—Yes.

1386. And to Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

1387. And Mr. Goodson?—I do not think Mr. Goodson knew me.

1388. All the chiefs of the party resident here knew you well?—Yes.

1389. You had conversations with them I suppose upon the election?—Yes. I have had conversations with nearly all of them during the election.

1390. Did they ever consult you?—Yes, I have had scores of them come to consult me, but I generally send them to the rightabouts, they are so troublesome at the election time. Twenty or thirty of them coming asking how is the election going on.

1391. I mean at other times generally with regard to the affairs of an election here; are you not consulted?—In what way do you mean?

1392. I mean between the elections?—I am not consulted. I knew nothing of Mr. Goodson, for instance, coming here until his address was issued. I did not even know who was the person coming.

1393. With regard to the registration, did you attend that?—I always attend to the registration with Mr. Reynolds.

1394. Do you report the result to the chiefs of the party?—No; Mr. Reynolds does that. Mr. Reynolds would know it himself.

1395. Mr. Reynolds and you attended?—Me and Mr. Reynolds attended the registration.

1396. When an election is approaching you carefully keep apart, I suppose?—Always, I think. I should be a fool to go near Mr. Reynolds at that time. I should have half-a-dozen fellows going up to the House of Commons and swearing they saw me canvassing. I had one case before where one fellow went up and said I was canvassing, and no doubt he believed it. That is, I am talking of various members of the party about the town.

1397. (*Mr. Slade.*) You told me just now you mentioned you wished, if the money was sent to you, that it should be sent by a stranger?—If you refer to your notes you will not find I made a remark of that kind. I may have made the remark, if the money was sent to me I would not take it from anybody I knew.

1398. And you also said you did not make that remark publicly?—Not publicly; of course not.

1399. It was made to some private individuals?—Yes.

1400. Will you name one individual to whom you stated that?—I do not recollect whether I have ever named it to Mr. Reynolds; he can tell you if I have.

1401. Do you swear you never mentioned it to Mr. Reynolds?—I think I can swear.

1402. Will you swear?—No, I will not swear it, but to the best of my belief I did not.

1403. Is it not the case; you have mentioned it to Mr. Reynolds, if it was sent to you you wished it to be sent by an unknown hand?—No; I should not say that to Mr. Reynolds.

1404. You said just now you would not swear you did not mention it?—I will not swear I did not mention it; I might in the course of conversation have made the remark.

1405. You must know if you have or not?—I firmly believe I never said such a thing.

1406. You will not swear you did not?—No, I will not swear it. I am only speaking to the best of my recollection. You can ask Mr. Reynolds; I do not know whether I did or not.

1407. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Tell us the names of some persons to whom you possibly might have made that remark?—It would not be at a meeting of the party or anything of that kind; it would be in the course of common conversations—it might be to some of the other side. A party might say to me "You are in for it, we know the man who brought the money;" and I would say then, "I would not take the money from a man I knew."

1408. To whom of the other party did you say that?—I do not know. Sometimes I go into the "Star Hotel," we often get into a bit of a chat, and we may make a remark of that sort; that is the fact.

1409. Was it well known to the Conservative party if money had to be conveyed to you you wished it to be conveyed by a stranger?—I do not know whether it was known to them or not, it might be.

1410. You were in the secrets of the party?—I kept out of their secrets.

1411. Still you were very much trusted by them?—Yes?

1412. And you were the party to whom the money was given?—Yes.

1413. You being the person to whom the money was to be sent, you gave them to understand you wished it to be sent by a stranger?—No; I think anybody who did it would know it would be most imprudent to send it by anybody in the town I should know. Of course, it might be traced home before an election committee.

1414. All the important gentlemen on the Conservative side, did they know you were the disburser of the money?—I daresay they did.

1415. You have no doubt?—I have no doubt they did; they must have known it.

1416. Just mention, if you please, what gentlemen you hold out to be the important members of the Conservative party. You mentioned a Mr. Preston and a Mr. Worship?—There is Mr. Preston and Mr. Worship; if I had a list of the town council I could tell you.

1417. The whole town council?—They are the leading men. I will give you them—Mr. Wm. Mapson, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Ewell, Mr. Shingles, Mr. Nightingale, Mr. Bessey, Mr. Wm. Worship, Edward

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R. Aldred, Francis Worship, the present Mayor, Charles E. Aldred, Mr. Reynolds, R. D. Barber, Mr. Rose, Mr. Stagg, Charles John Palmer, Major Foreman, Richard Ferrier, J. C. Smith, Charles Wolverton, Robert Steward, the late Mayor, H. L. Preston, Hy. Teasdel. I should think those are about the principal members of the party ?

1418. All those gentlemen knew you disbursed money ?—No; that I would not say. Many of them.

1419. Did most of them know that?—I daresay most of them knew it from common rumour.

1420. Can you mention one of those gentlemen whom you consider to be ignorant of that fact?—No; I think not.

1421. In your opinion not one was ignorant ?—I think not.

1422. If that is the case they will know of it?—They knew if money was to be spent I should be the person to have it.

1423. Were they aware you were spending money for the election ?—I do not know they did.

1424. Some of them ?—Many of them.

1425. Which of them, in your opinion, was likely to know it ?—I should think those who took an active part in the election.

1426. Which were those? You have the list; just refer. I do not want to know the list of the Town Council.—I thought you asked me for a list of the leading men in the Conservative party.

1427. And also about those who knew you disbursed money for the election.—I do not know that any of them knew it.

1428. No one, in your opinion ?—It is rather a queer thing to say at present; they may come and contradict it.

1429. They shall have the opportunity ?—I may mention Mr. Preston ; I do not think he did.

1430. Mr. Francis Worship, do you think he knew it?—He might know it.

1431. Mr. Mapson, did he know it ?—Mr. Mapson very likely might judge.

1432. Charles John Palmer ?—I do not think he did.

1433. He was ignorant ?—I believe he was.

1434. Mr. Youell ?—I believe he knew nothing of it.

1435. Is he not Sir Edmund Lacon's partner ?—Yes.

1436. And you think he was perfectly ignorant of your spending any money ?—I believe he was.

1437. Do you mean to tell us you consider him perfectly ignorant of that fact ?—I believe Mr. Youell is a man who takes but very little active part in politics in the borough. Mr. Youell might know it by common conversation with anybody else.

1438. Do you think he knew it ?—I do not know ; he might or might not. I cannot say. I will say he might know it.

1439. Now Mr. Shingles ?—I do not know. Some of them will not like my saying so ; if they do not know it, they will be annoyed.

1440. You can form an opinion ?—Then Shingles very likely did know it.

1441. Mr. Nightingale ?—I daresay Mr. Nightingale had some idea of it.

1442. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Only an idea, you suppose ?—I do not know ; he can answer for himself ; he is coming to-morrow.

1443. (*Mr. Slade.*) You will not say more than that he had an idea ?—As far as I am concerned I will not say so.

1444. Now Mr. Bessey ?—I do not know he knew anything about it.

1445. Now William Worship ?—William Worship might think so, possibly.

1446. Now Mr. Aldred ?—The Mayor ?

1447. No, not him, the other ?—I do not believe Edward R. Aldred, the silversmith, would know anything about it. I do not suppose he would know I was doing it. He is a gentleman that scarcely turns out of his way for politics.

1448. Now Mr. Aldred, the Mayor ?—I daresay he knew something of what I was doing.

1449. Now Mr. Reynolds ?—I think it is very likely he might judge what I was doing.

1450. Have you any doubt of Mr. Reynolds knowing it ?—I have no doubt about it ; but I think Mr. Reynolds would be very green, indeed, if he had not some idea. I never named it to him in any way at all.

1451. Now Mr. Barber ?—Well, I do not know ; he might. I can scarcely form an opinion. I cannot really say whether he did or not. I have told you some of the principal people.

1452. Mr. Stagg, did he know ?—I daresay Stagg judged what I was doing.

1453. The greater part, at all events, must have known ?—I do not say they must have known it ; I say they may have judged.

1454. As you know, or as you had reason to believe, that they knew that you were the dispenser of the money, did you ever make any application in any way to any of them for money ?—Never for a farthing.

1455. I want to know how it was known that you wanted money ?—I cannot tell you ; they knew that I wanted money, I should think, some of them, and they sent it to me.

1456. When you say they sent it to you, who did you mean by that ?—The party, I suppose ; as I said before, everybody could see what was going on in the town. If there had not been some money spent on our side the election would have gone from us no doubt.

1457. You say you think the money came from the heads of the Conservative party ?—No, I do not express an opinion, I really do not know.

1458. It did not come from the Liberal party ?—Oh, no, they would take good care of that. What I mean is this : I have no doubt there were certain parties in the town who were determined the election should not be lost.

1459. Who were those parties ?—That I do not know.

1460. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) From your experience in Yarmouth you came to that conclusion on the Saturday night that the money would come from somewhere ?—Yes.

1461. And that money you expected, of course, would come from somewhere in Yarmouth ?—That I did not know ; I did not know where it would come from, I assure you.

1462. You did not expect it would come from any other borough ?—No, but it might come from London.

1463. (*Mr. Slade.*) You kept yourself perfectly ignorant where it came from ?—Yes.

1464. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Has it ever come from London before ?—I do not know.

1465. Why did you say it might ?—I have heard such a thing when there is a new candidate the club sometimes comes out.

1466. Where have you heard of that ?—I have heard it in common conversation. I have read it in reports of Committees of the House of Commons. I think I recollect in the case of the Gloucester Commission ; I think I read it there. I think I saw something about some money being sent by somebody.

1467. You had reason to expect it from somewhere ?—It is very frequently sent down in that way. I am willing to tell you the truth as far as I know ; I have nothing to conceal. I have told you the amount of money that I had.

1468. (*Mr. Slade.*) You must know where the money came from ?—I do not.

1469. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You do not know where it came from ?—I have not the slightest idea.

1470. You can give the commissioners some idea ?—No, I cannot.

1471. Do you think it came from Mr. Goodson, the new candidate ?—I am sure I do not know ; it might.

I should suppose that Mr. Goodson would be prepared with some money. I should think so.

1472. (*Mr. Slade.*) What makes you suppose that?—I only know that every man who becomes a candidate is prepared to expend a considerable sum of money. I believe we are not worse than many other places that are not generally found out.

1473. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How did Mr. Goodson come here; who introduced him?—I think Mr. Reynolds introduced him. I am only telling you from the newspaper reports. I was not at the meeting.

1474. (*Mr. Russell.*) How did you first become known as the gentleman who disbursed money in this way?—Really it is almost impossible to tell you. I have been mixed up with municipal and parliamentary elections for some years.

1475. Did Mr. Green employ you in the first instance?—He never employed me. He would come to me. He was quite an old man, and he asked me to assist him.

1476. How came you to hold your post of recognized illegal agent?—Well, I do not know I am sure. The party has known me for some years, and I have been mixed up in a great many municipal contests.

1477. I suppose you did not appoint yourself?—There is no particular appointment necessary.

1478. I wish to know how you found yourself in that position?—I rather think I was forced into it than not. I think it was taking a part in the legal part of the elections.

1479. Whom do you think forced you into it?—I was not forced into it. I do not know of anybody forcing me into it.

1480. Did you ever intimate to anybody that if you received money you would make use of it in that manner?—No; they knew that I should. I daresay some years ago I may have had money for municipal purposes or something of that kind.

1481. I am not talking of municipal purposes, but electioneering purposes?—I do not know of anybody who forced me into it.

1482. Did Mr. Reynolds ever communicate with you at any time upon the subject?—No; I think I was mixed up with the party earlier than Mr. Reynold's time.

1483. Did Sir Edmund Lacon, during an election or out of an election, ever communicate with you upon such a subject?—No; I do not recollect Sir Edmund Lacon's doing so.

1484. I do not suppose you would be likely to forget it if he did?—Sir Edmund Lacon did not.

1485. Are you sure he did not?—I may say I am sure.

1486. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Sir Edmund Lacon knew that you were an active member of his party?—Quite so.

1487. Did you ever have any conversation with him about his interest in the borough?—Never.

1488. Do you suppose that Sir Edmund Lacon is ignorant of the fact that you are the illegal agent of the party?—He cannot be after reading the report of the House of Commons. I do not think that Sir Edmund Lacon knew anything about what I was doing. Sir Edmond Lacon called with Mr. Goodson and canvassed me.

1489. As if you were a perfect stranger?—No; he knew me. He said, "I suppose I may put you down right?" and I said, "Certainly, Sir Edmund;" and I recollect Mr. Goodson saying that any little interest I could give him he would be happy to have.

1490. If you received the promise of a vote from a man in consequence of having bribed him, I suppose you would consider it desirable that Mr. Reynolds should be acquainted with the fact?—I should think it desirable that it should get to the committee in some way or other. I told these men to put themselves in the way of the ward men.

1491. Do I understand you to say when you bribed the men you told them to go up to the committee room, and state that they would vote for Lacon and Goodson?—No, they were canvassing every day. I should tell them a man's name, and no doubt they would find his name not marked off in the canvass book.

1492. Do you mean to swear you are not aware, either directly or indirectly, that Mr. Reynolds or anybody on Mr. Reynolds behalf received information as to the voting for Lacon and Goodson?—I am not aware of it. That now affords me an opportunity of correcting the statement made by Mr. Costerton, that my son was the medium of communication between myself and Mr. Reynolds. I beg to say I do not know that I ever mentioned politics to the boy in my life. I am not aware of it. I never in any illegal way sent him backwards or forwards, or anything of the kind. He is sitting here now.

1493. What did you receive for your services for this election?—100*l.*

1494. And who paid you that?—I paid myself.

1495. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you receive for your services at the election before that?—I think it was 50*l.*

1496. And paid in the same way?—Yes, I thought it was worth it.

1497. (*Mr. Russell.*) What authority had you to retain it?—No authority; but they could not expect me to take a part without being paid for it. I have never concealed that.

1498. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You have never concealed what?—I would not deny it to any one at all.

1499. Did you ever tell anybody of it?—No, I never told anybody. I should not care about telling people. If anybody had asked me, and had said, "I suppose you were paid for it?" I should have said, "Yes."

1500. A certain number of people at all events did know of it?—I do not know of anybody who knew of it. I do not know that I even mentioned it. Yes, I believe I told Mr. Charles Bunn. He now reminds me of it.

1501. That you kept 100*l.* for yourself?—Yes, I told him.

1502. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did the strange gentleman tell you you might retain any portion of this money?—No, he never made any remark to me about it at all.

1503. Do you think this man was not a Yarmouth man?—Yes; I think I know everybody in Yarmouth.

1504. What sort of a person was he?—He was a man between 30 and 40 years of age. I think he had dark curly hair and a red face, and a man about 5 feet 8.

1505. What height do you say?—I think about 5 feet 7 or 8.

1506. And he came to you three days following?—Either upon the three days following, or the Monday or Tuesday, I do not know which. He came upon the Saturday and Sunday, but whether it was on the Monday or Tuesday that he brought the money I do not remember.

1507. Can you judge from his manner of speaking where he came from?—I thought he came from London.

1508. Did he walk to your shop or did he come in a fly?—He walked to my shop, and heavily laden too.

1509. Are you aware that anybody showed him the way?—No, I am not.

1510. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you expecting him?—I was not expecting him on the Saturday.

1511. He came rather sooner than you expected?—He came just about the right time. If he had come later he would have been of no use.

1512. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you ever seen him since?—No, I have not seen him since the election at all.

1513. Did you see him at a subsequent time to bringing the money?—Yes, upon the quay.

1514. On what day?—Upon the election day.

1515. Have you seen him since the election day?—No, I have not.

1516. Who was he with when you saw him?—He was alone, walking about here on the Hall Quay at 3 or 4 o'clock.

1517. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was anybody in your shop

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at the time he came, besides yourself?—No, upon the Sunday my door was on the jar, and a friend of mine came bolting into the shop, and I told him to go out.

1518. Was that before the man came in?—No, when the man was there.

1519. While the stranger was in there?—Yes.

1520. Had you been expecting him at all?—I had arranged with him to come on the Sunday afternoon after dinner.

1521. The third time was anyone present?—No one was present.

1522. When you opened the parcel containing these sovereigns, was the money all together, or was it in separate parcels inside?—It was done up in separate parcels inside.

1523. Of what amount?—I think there was one with samething like 200*l.* made up in packets of brown paper.

1524. Wrapped up in brown paper inside?—Yes, in the bag. It was all together.

1525. (*Mr. Russell.*) About 200 sovereigns in each parcel?—I should think there were some parcels of 100 rolled up in this way, lengthways, and some half-sovereigns in it.

1526. Did you use entirely your own judgment in the amount you gave to the voters?—Entirely so.

1527. Never consulted anybody?—Except those people whose names I have given you. I might say "What are the others paying," or anything of that kind, and I would say, if it was necessary, to top them; if they put 15*l.* I might say put him down at 20*l.* but get him.

1528. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you had money conveyed to you by a stranger before?—No I had not. I never had any before.

1529. I understand that before this you were not entrusted with money at the last election?—The money in Stracey and Lacon's election I had from Mr. Green.

1530. And you do not know from whom Mr. Green received that money?—No.

1531. Whether it came from a stranger?—No, he was a peculiar old man, and if I asked him he would have told me to mind my own business.

1532. Did you make arrangements with your sub-agents as to what portion they should retain for their own services?—No.

1533. Are you aware whether they retained any?—I think there was some small balance.

1534. Would they retain anything without your knowledge?—I think several of them told me they had a few pounds, and asked whether they should give it up or not, and I said "No keep it."

1535. (*Mr. Russell.*) Has the whole of the money you received been expended except what you retained or the sub-agents?—The whole of it. In fact if I had known it I should not have wanted to have spent so much, there would have been some left, but I was afraid, and I should not like to have lost the election.

1536. Do I understand you to speak positively to these sums or approximately?—Which sums?

1537. The sums the three parcels contained, are you certain what they contained?—No I am not; I think if I recollect one time Mr. Blyth came into the shop, and told me to give him some money directly.

1538. Out of the parcel?—Yes.

1539. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Without counting it?—Without counting it.

1540. (*Mr. Slade.*) When did you proceed to count these parcels, immediately after you received them?—Yes, I used to go into my little room, lock the door, and count them.

1541. (*Mr. Slade.*) Then you can tell us exactly what they contained?—I do not know; I think you will find something like 3,500*l.* was about the amount; between 3,000*l.* and 4,000*l.* that is as near as I can tell you. I have been endeavouring to think of it this morning.

1542. Are you certain they did not exceed 4,000*l.*?—I will swear that solemnly.

1543. (*Mr. Russell.*) You say if you had been aware of the state of the canvass you should not have spent so much?—I should not.

1544. What in that case would you have done with the balance?—I should have waited till somebody asked me for it, and then I should have given it him.

1545. You have no idea in your own mind who would have been likely to ask for it?—I daresay if they had thought it was left, and there was a balance I should have heard of it.

1546. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) But who would you have given it up to?—I do not know. If anybody had proved who it belonged to, I would have given it. I do not think there was a shilling spent in bribery on the election day.

1547. (*Mr. Russell.*) If I had come and told you I was a member of the Carlton Club, would you have given the balance to me?—Not unless I knew something more about you.

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JOHN EAGLETON sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

1548. What is your trade or profession?—A builder, buyer and seller of houses and land, and so on.

1549. And where do you reside?—Victoria Lodge, in Great Yarmouth—the south part of the town.

1550. We have heard that you acted under the orders of Mr. Cooper at the last election?—Under the orders of Mr. Cooper?

1551. Yes.—I did as regards money.

1552. I mean that, as regards money?—Yes.

1553. From that I presume you are a Conservative? Well, I am a Conservative at this last election for the first time.

1554. Previously you have been a Liberal?—Yes, all my lifetime.

1555. Was any communication made to you by the Liberal party this time?—In which way?

1556. In any way?—At this election?

1557. Yes.—Only being canvassed by them—nothing else.

1558. Did you receive any letter from anybody?—From the Liberal party?

1559. Yes.—You are speaking of the last election?

1560. Yes?—Nothing since. Are you speaking prior to the election?

1561. Prior to the election?—Did I receive a letter from the Liberal party?

1562. Yes?—What here in Yarmouth?

1563. Yes?—Certainly not.

1564. You did not receive a letter asking you what chance a Liberal candidate would have here?—Not in Yarmouth.

1565. But in Yarmouth from anybody?—Yes, from a gentleman in London.

1566. Have you got the letter?—I have not got the letter, but I took a copy of it at the time.

1567. I daresay that will do.—This was a letter, I beg leave to say, from one Liberal agent to another, and was never expected to be made public.

1568. I understand that.—Entirely a private communication. This letter I received from a clerk of Mr. Chamberlin, who is sitting here, containing a quantity of forms requiring information to be given to Mr. Roberts, the Secretary of the Liberal Registration in London. When I examined these forms I found they would take several days to complete them in the way Mr. Roberts requested they should be done. In fact, one form was asking for this information; how many new persons on the register at their last revision, their politics, whether Liberals, Conservatives, or Radicals? What were left off the register—Liberal, Conservative, or Radical? It was information that I could not give certainly under three or four days. I had no one to pay me for it, and I therefore told Mr. Chamberlin's clerk if he could assist me I would write to Mr. Roberts, and I would answer him in as few words as possible, which I think would give him all the infor-

mation he wished to have, and the following is the letter which I sent: — "Sir,—Mr. Chamberlin's "solicitor has handed to me a paper or forms sent "by you requiring a quantity of information as to "the Liberal registration of this, and last year the "result of the last revision, &c. Having myself "been the manager of not only the registration for "the Liberal party of this borough for many years, "but also for this part of the eastern division of "the county of Norfolk, I can give you the fullest "information, and more to be depended upon than, "perhaps, any other man in Yarmouth. I must begin "by saying that there has not been for years any "real united Liberal party here. We have no funds to "conduct our revisions as they should be. We have "been in the habit, for years, working for merely "nothing, and this last year I refused to have anything "whatever to do with the registration of the borough. "However, it was partly done, and after it was over I "found something like 50 or 60 Conservatives left on "the list, which, had they been objected to, must have "been struck off, besides a quantity of Liberals who "ought to have been claimed for, but was not; there-"fore of course they are not on the present register. "My real opinion is, that, taking into consideration the "above, and that one of the members who will again "become a candidate (Sir Edmund Lacon) with his "large influence, as a brewer and banker, and the "Chairman of the Great Eastern Railway (Mr. Good-"son will be the other candidate, and finding that the "Conservatives will make a great handle of his posi-"tion by saying what he can do to serve the town "(which by-the-bye he certainly can) and how he will "try all he can with his brother directors in improving "the town, &c., will, I have no doubt, have a weight "with a large part of the constituents (I mean the "lodging-house keepers); that my real opinion is, it "would be next to impossible upon this present "register to return a Liberal." That was the answer. I should say that opinion was not intended to be made public to any person; that was merely my opinion in answer to Mr. Roberts. I often had communication with Mr. Roberts before.

1569. He wrote to you thinking you were a Liberal?—I was. I had still a communication with Mr. Roberts after the time of my sending that letter up. I received other communications, but I took them to one of the Liberal party, and said "I can do "nothing with these letters from Mr. Roberts, but I "will hand them over to you." And I handed them over to the gentleman, and I had no communication with Mr. Roberts since. I thought that was the straight forward way of doing it.

1570. Did you, as a Liberal, at one time act as the clerk to Mr. Clowes?—Never a clerk to Mr. Clowes in my life.

1571. Will you kindly inform us what part you took in the last election?—I believe in the first instance by my being frequently out and in Mr. Cooper's shop, I might have been asked if there was any person that I knew that could be bought for the Conservative side.

1572. Asked by whom?—I suppose they came from Mr. Cooper. I do not suppose it would be from anybody else.

1573. When was it you became a Conservative?—I made up my mind till within a month of the last election not to vote at all.

1574. Then you were neutral?—I did vote, which I will tell you the reason for, I voted Conservative.

1575. When did you become a Conservative. How long before the election?—I never voted Conservative before.

1576. The question is when did you become a Conservative so as to become mixed up with Mr. Cooper?—I had known Mr. Cooper for years, independent of being a Conservative; as a Liberal, I had known Mr. Cooper many years.

1577. As a friend?—Yes.

1578. When did you first intimate to him that you had turned your politics?—There was a little falling out between me and the Liberals in regard to money matters, and bills that I have in my pocket that they have not paid me.

1579. What bills are those?—Electioneering bills some of them; and another thing, I cannot tell you when it might be, within a couple of months of the election I was grossly insulted by one of the leading Liberal men in Yarmouth, and from that moment I made up my mind I would not give another Liberal vote as long as I lived in the borough, and I shall stand to that.

1580. I did not catch when that was?—I would not be positive as to the time; it would be a month, or two, or three months; I would not be positive as to the time of the insult that I received.

1581. What year was it?—It must have been in 1865, I should fancy. I will not be positive.

1582. Now go on as to what you and Mr. Cooper thought as to your being Conservative?—The first thing was I gave Mr. John Jones, a surgeon dentist, 12*l*., which he paid me back again.

1583. You are going to give us a list of the gentlemen you gave money to?—I thought that was what you asked.

1584. I thought you were going to give us the communication with Mr. Cooper?—Merely "if I knew anyone."

1585. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Cooper asked you that question?—I cannot say whether Mr. Cooper put it to me, or I put it to him.

1586. (*Mr. Slade.*) You had a conversation, and Mr. Cooper gave you a sum of money)—He did so.

1587. Mr. Cooper tells us he gave you in all 220*l*. or 230*l*.?—No, he did not.

1588. You do not acknowledge that?—I do not acknowledge that.

1589. How much did he give you?—215*l*.

1590. Tell us how you spent that 215*l*.?—John Jones, surgeon dentist, of Great Yarmouth, I gave him 12*l*., which he gave me back again.

1591. What day was that?—That I gave him this money?

1592. Yes?—I should say about two days before the election. I should think on the Monday.

1593. Where was he?—At his own house. He had been doing some work for me.

1594. Did you go in and give him the money without saying a word?—No, we had a long chat together. First of all I asked him how he was going to vote. He said his family were all Conservatives, and he should do the same as they. After that I said there was money that was stirring on both sides, and I had no doubt that I could get him some if he liked, and the arrangement was, that I should give him 12*l*. That was the final arrangement at all events.

1595. And did you give it him the same day as you had this conversation?—I do not know that it would be the same day; it might be the day after. He was doing some work for me in his profession. That is what let me in and out of Jones's house. This conversation transpired between him and I as to the coming election. Ultimately I gave him the 12*l*.; when, I could not be positive.

1596. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was it on the Monday the conversation occurred, or that you gave him the money?—I gave him the money.

1597. When was the conversation?—I was frequently in and out of the house, and I could not say the day. Sometimes I was in and out two or three times a day.

1558. Was it any time before the election?—It could not be any time before the election, because I made up my mind within a very few days.

1559. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was it on the same day on which you had the conversation?—That I am quite positive of, that it was not on the same day that we had the conversation. In our first talking about the coming election.

1600. About paying the money; when you offered the 12*l*.?—It was not offering 12*l*. We were speaking on his profession as regards a set of teeth; that is

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how it came out, and what the expense of a set of teeth would be, and his answer was 15*l.* He made me a part set for the side for which I paid him 3*l.*, and when I paid him the 3*l.* I gave him the 12*l.* for the vote.

1601. What did you say to him when you gave him the 12*l.* ?—He perfectly understood it was to vote for Lacon and Goodson.

1602. Did you say so ?—Yes.

1603. Did you say, "Here is 12*l.* for your vote ?—In first talking about the money, I told him he could have some money if he would support Lacon and Goodson, and he said he had no objection at all.

1604. And he took the money ?—Yes, he took the money.

1605. What did he do with it ? Did he put it in his pocket ?—I do not know whether he put it in his pocket ; I put it on the table.

1606. Was anybody present ?—No one.

1607. Which way did he vote ?—He voted Liberal for Brogden and Vanderbyl.

1608. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When did he pay you back the money ?—On the morning of the election.

1609. He brought it you back ?—It was, perhaps, about half-past seven or a quarter to eight.

1610. Did he give any reason ?—Yes.

1611. What did he say ?—He met me on the Victoria Road. He said, "I have just been down to your house, I want to give you some money back," I said, "Why ?" He said, "Do not let us talk about it here, let us go into this house." There was a house close by ; a porter shop. We went in, and he said, "I suppose it will make no difference how I vote ?" I said, "I do not care a straw how you vote."

1612. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did he say he had received anything on the other side ?—He told me he had done better the other side. I did not ask him anything as to any amount. I took the money and went home.

1613. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) He said something about the other side ?—He said he had done better on the other side.

1614. (*Mr. Slade.*) And where was it he gave you back this money ?—At the "New Standard" Tavern, kept by a man named Johnson.

1615. And this took place the morning of the following day ?—This took place the morning of the following day.

1616. Did you report that to Mr. Cooper ?—No, not that I am aware of, or that I reported it to any one. I did not see Mr. Cooper then. I did not see Mr. Cooper all that day. After that time I never came up to town from where I lived.

1617. Did you make a report to Mr. Cooper of all the people that you bribed ?—I might have done so, but I do not think I did. I do not think I had the opportunity of doing so, for I did not receive the money until I think the day before the election, and I had not seen Mr. Cooper.

1618. Do you mean on the Monday ?—The Monday or Tuesday, I would not be positive; I think both days.

1619. Did you receive the 215*l.* in one lump ?—No, Mr. Cooper came down twice.

1620. How much did you receive the first time ?—That I cannot say.

1621. Did you receive a larger sum the first time ?—No, a smaller,

1,622. Was it all in sovereigns ?—All in gold.

1,623. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you count it at the time you received it ?—I did not.

1,624. How do you know much you received ?—I though you meant while Mr. Cooper was there.

1625. No ?—I counted it after he was gone.

1626. You have no doubt you received 215*l.* ?—Exactly.

1627. (*Mr. Slade.*) Now go on ?—Another man named Edward Morter was at work for me at the time; he was a bell-hanger.

1628. Edward Morter, of Northumberland Place ?—Yes, that is the name. He was at work for me at the time, and he was passing. It was some time previous to the election, and he asked if he could speak to me, and I said "Yes." He said, "There is an election coming on," and he said, "I am very poor, can you do something for me ?" I said, "No, I do not want to buy you; you are in Conservative employ, and must vote Conservative." He said "I intend to do so, but a little money will be of use to me considering the difficulties I am in." I said I could say nothing to him, and he left. On the day previous to the election I was coming home to my dinner, and I saw him against my door, and I said, "What do you want ?" I asked him in, and he told me a pitiful tale about a lawsuit, I think, and he mentioned Mr. Costerton's name, and that he had a bill brought in against him, and that they had threatened to seize his furniture ; so I put my hand in my pocket and gave him 10*l.*, and I said,—and that is his evidence before the committee,—"That is my own money ; I make you a present of that."

1629. What day was that ?—That was the day before the election.

1630. Did he vote for the Conservatives ?—He did.

1631. Now go on ?—The next man I gave 10*l.* to, was Howes, a publican of Gorleston.

1632. What is his Christian name ?—William.

1633. Of King Street ?—No, on the Gorleston list. You will not find him on the register. He is in the poll book, because he is since off.

1634. But he is on the register of 1864 ?—Yes.

1635. What did you give him ?—10*l.*

1636. What did you give it to William Howes for ?—To vote for Lacon and Goodson.

1637. Did you say so ?—Yes, plainly.

1638. And did he keep it ?—Oh yes.

1639. And did he vote ?—Yes.

1640. Did he vote right ?—Yes.

1641. Who was the next ?—There was a man of the name of Collins, who lived somewhere by Outwell, at a place called the Marsh Land Fen, out near Lynn.

1642. You put him down as "Marine-terrace ? —He formerly did live there, but not at the time of the election.

1643. But that is the man ?—That is the man. I gave him 5*l.* for travelling expenses and loss of time ; that is all he had of me.

1644. What travelling expenses had he ?—It is some expense in coming from some miles through Lynn to come to Yarmouth. I thought 5*l.* would be sufficient to pay for his expenses and loss of time.

1645. It was not for his vote ?—He would scarcely have taken 5*l.* for a vote ; I should think not ; that is a very small sum.

1646. A vote is too valuable ?—When 15*l.* or 20*l.* is going about he would hardly take 5*l.* for his vote. It was to pay for his travelling expenses and loss of time.

1647. I do not understand why you should pay his travelling expenses ?—I gave it him for his trouble of coming down.

1648. You had asked him previously to vote ?—Yes.

1649. Did you promise him any money if he came ?—No ; I promised him his expenses.

1650. And money for loss of time too ?—Yes.

1651. What would his expensse have been, coming up ?—That I do not know.

1652. How far off did he live ?—I do not know where Outwell is ; somewhere in the fens.

1653. He came up by train, I suppose ?—Yes. It is close by Lynn.

1654. I assume his travelling expenses would not amount to 5*l.* ?—No, I should think not ; I do not think it would.

1655. (*Mr. Russell.*) He did not take a special train ?—No ; he would not have had one for 5*l.*

1656. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What is he ?—A farmer there.

1657. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you got him down in

your list of bribed persons?—I have got him here as where I spent the money.

1658. Now go on.—Those are all the cases that passed from my hands to a voter, but I have something further behind. That is 25*l.* A man by the name of William Hutchins, a tenant of mine, who lives in Marine-terrace ——

1659. What happened with him?—A good deal. He called on me with a list of names, asking me if I was going to do anything connected with the election, I mean as regards bribery.

1660. What list of names do you allude to?—He brought me a list of different voters' names. I took the list up to Mr. Cooper, and asked him if those men were worth buying.

1661. Have you got that list?—I will give you some of the names directly.

1662. You have not got the list?—What, the identical list?

1663. Yes.—No, that I have not.

1664. You have destroyed it?—Yes, some time ago, and on to that list, after we had decided that the men should be had, I put three names more myself.

1665. Mr. Cooper assented to the payments, that they were worth buying?—We both agreed that they were worth it, and I put three more names on to that list. I put Robert Brown, of Fish-street, merchant.

1666. You have not given us the list itself yet. How many names are there?—I thought I would take them as they came.

1667. Well, go on?—Upon the list I put Robert Brown, a fish merchant in Row 112 I think. Alfred Brown I put on, a fish merchant; I think that is Row 117 also; and Robert Etheridge, a gentleman. Would this be the right time for me to make any observation on any of these names, as to what occurred upon the election petition in London.

1668. Yes?—I can say as to this Robert Etheridge, the whole of his examination was one tissue of falsehood; I never went to the man's house; I never saw the man for a month before the election up to the present time; I have never seen the man.

1669. In his examination before the committee?—Yes; he swore I had been to his house several times, and he had promised me a vote.

1670. Is Mr. Etheridge in the town of Great Yarmouth now?—Yes.

1671. You were called before the committee?—I was.

1672. And you did not answer?—I could not; I was ill in bed.

1673. You had better go on; go through the list?—I am now speaking on the list of Mr. Hutchins.

1674. You added three names?—Yes.

1675. Those are the three names you have given us?—Yes.

1676. Now give us Mr. Hutchin's list?—I will give you as many as I can recollect.

1677. (*Mr. Fitzgerald*). You did not bribe these people?—No, I never saw them; I never went near them.

1678. (*Mr. Slade.*) Give us the list?—I give you William Courtman, Samuel Drake, William Ellis.

1679. Of Victoria Road?—That is the man, Robert Read, Francis Weeds, he is a coal merchant in the Nelson Road.

1680. Is it Mr. Weeds, the elder, or younger?—I am speaking of the elder, the Nelson Road one. That is the list, as far as I have any recollection.

1681. That is only five names?—I have given you eight names.

1682. Three of your own?—Yes.

1683. Then Mr. Hutchins only gave you five names?—There may have been seven or eight. I will give you a list of the whole of them.

1684. Now tell me what happened upon that?—I first recollect that he went round and saw these parties.

1685. Did you give him any money at that time?—No, not at that time. He had not been and seen the parties. He went round, and brought me back on this list the price he could have each man for, and I then found that the whole of them would amount to 190*l.*

1686. Give us each separate price?—That I cannot do. That Mr. Hutchins will be able to give you, but I could not say that he gave any.

1687. The total is 190*l.*?—Yes.

1688. He told you he wanted 190*l.*?—No. I reckoned up the amounts the parties wanted, and I found they amounted to 190*l.*

1689. (*Mr. Russell.*) What is that paper you are refreshing your memory with?—My own paper; that you might have the names I have been telling you. You may look at it.

1690. When was that memorandum made?—Last evening.

1691. From memory?—From memory and this book. (*Referring to a poll-book*).

1692. Did that 190*l.* include the three names that you gave?—That includes the three names that I gave. The three names that I gave I recollect were 15*l.* each.

1693. Did you give Hutchins that money?—I did.

1694. On what day?—That I could not be positive. I should say the day before the election. I should think so.

1695. The day before the polling day?—The day before the polling day.

1696. That would be the Tuesday?—It could not have been above a day previous to that, but I could not swear to the Monday or the Tuesday; it was on the one day or the other.

1697. Where did you give it him?—In my own house.

1698. Did these eight people all vote for the Conservative party?—No. The two Browns voted against; Francis Weeds voted against; and Mr. Etheridge plumped for Lacon.

1699. Did you give the same price for plumpers as for a split vote?—I never asked the question. I never asked any man about splitting his vote, or even a plumper.

1700. To whom else did you give money?—No one else: not a farthing.

1701. What did you receive yourself for this business?—Not one farthing, that I swear.

1702. Did you do all this for love?—I did nothing. I only saw four men. It was not exactly for love.

1703. (*Mr. Russell*). Did you do it for hate? What was your pay for this?—Not a single farthing. I never made a charge of a farthing to any person; not a farthing.

1704. Mr. Cooper says he gave you 220*l.*?—Mr. Cooper tells you wrong. That I am prepared to swear.

1705. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*): Let me clear up this. You say you gave John Jones the dentist, 15*l.*?—No, 12*l.*, and he paid me the money back.

1706. (*Mr. Slade.*) When did John Jones return you back the 12*l.*?—On the morning of the election.

1707. You had paid all these sums much before that day?—No, I did not.

1708. When did you pay out these sums?—When did I first pay them out?

1709. When was the last payment you made?—The last payment I made would be on the day before the election.

1710. Then you had not been recouped this 12*l.* at that time?—No; but I had paid some money out of my own pocket previously. I paid Morter money out of my own pocket before I received the money of Mr. Cooper.

1711. You say you paid Morter the day previously to the election?—I think it was, or the day previous to that. All I can say is, 215*l.* I am prepared to swear is the only amount I received, and that is the amount I paid, and that is the way I paid it.

1712. We are obliged to press you upon this?—I cannot help it.

1713. Mr. Cooper says 220*l.* or 230*l.*?—He has made a mistake.

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1714. (*Mr Fitzgerald.*) It appears to me you have paid away 227*l.* ?—No, 215*l.*

1715. 190*l.*, 25*l.*, and the 12*l.* to Jones?—But I received the 12*l.* back.

1716. You say you advanced it out of your own pocket?—Yes, I did, Mr. Morter's money. That might be the Monday, but I will not be positive as to the day.

1717. The question is, whether you had from Mr. Cooper more than the 215*l.* before that day, which you certainly had?—No, only 215*l.* At all events, those are the only men that I have read over to you that received money from me, and those are the amounts. I can say nothing more than that.

1718. (*Mr. Slade.*) The question is, where the rest of the money is?—I never had it, and I am prepared to swear I never had.

1719. Mr. Cooper says you had?—I did not.

1720. Why do you work for nothing? Why do you have nothing for your own trouble?—That is nothing. I shall have another election to come to presently, where I did the same thing.

1721. But why do you do the work for nothing?—I do not say I do the work for nothing. But this work for the Liberals I did.

1722. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Call it by the right name. It was done on this occasion for revenge?—This time it was for the insult I received.

1723. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you any papers remaining that you made at the time of the election?—I made none to the best of my knowledge, and I do not know that I kept a paper. I had nothing whatever to do with the election. I had so little of it, less than ever I had at any election in my life.

1724. You were entrusted with a large sum of money?—No, a very small sum of money. It would be a very strange thing if a man living in Yarmouth for twenty years in the position I am in could not be trusted with 215*l.*

1725. I presume you canvassed some people?—Not this time, I never stirred a step. I did not even see the Conservative canvassing party. I never saw and never spoke to Sir Edmund Lacon in my life, and Mr. Goodson only once. That was about a month after the election, he was introduced to me in Mr. Cooper's shop. They canvassed there, and left me a card, that was all they did.

1726. Had you reason to believe Mr. Hutchins had given money to Mr. Etheridge?—I think so.

1727. Did Mr. Hutchins tell you so?—He told me so in every case.

1728. Did you apply to Mr. Cooper for this money, or did he send it to you?—How do you mean? Personally, Mr. Cooper brought it to my house.

1729. What day was that?—I told you before, I think. It was on the Tuesday, the day before the election.

1730. Had you given him in a list before that time?—Before that time.

1731. Had you given Mr. Cooper a list?—Never. Only showed him a list of the names I am speaking to.

1732. You showed him that list?—Yes.

1733. And did you put the prices against each gentleman?—I do not think at the time that Mr. Hutchins had his list as far as the money was spent. I do not think I saw Mr. Cooper afterwards. I do not think Mr. Cooper knew in particular the price of these men.

1734. But you gave him a list with these names?—Yes, I did.

1735. How could you judge what sum he was to give you?—This man had been round to see these parties as to what amount of money they required 15*l.* and 20*l.*

1736. And you told Mr. Cooper?—I told Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Cooper brought me the money down.

1737. He brought you the money to your house?—Yes, he came to me twice.

1738. Did Mr. Cooper say anything to you about the stranger?—I have heard Mr. Cooper say since that a stranger brought him the money.

1739. But at that time?—No, not a word.

1740. Did he say anything about more money being forthcoming?—No, not a word to me. I think the only reason Mr. Cooper gave was on his coming the second time. He had been carrying some somewhere else, and had not enough to leave me the first time of his coming. That was the only excuse he made.

1741. Was the money that was brought to you wrapped up in brown paper?—It was. I think one parcel was a little bag, and the rest was in brown paper. That I would not be positive about, but I fancy so; it is so long back.

1742. And you did not count it before Mr. Cooper? I did not count it before Mr. Cooper.

1743. Did he say what the sum was when he gave it to you?—He did.

1744. What did he say?—I cannot tell you. The only reason I know that he said so was that when I counted it I found the money was short. I told Mr. Cooper so, and he gave me half a sovereign. That is how I come to have it in memory. I would not swear whether the first sum was 50*l.* or 60*l.* All I can say is there was half a sovereign less than what he told me there was.

1745. And he paid you that half a sovereign?—The very next day.

1746. Do you think if you were to look at the register you could find out any other names?—I am positive of it.

1747. On either side, I mean. Take the Liberal side, can you find out anything you know from your own knowledge from what you have heard? Can you give us a list of people who received bribes on the Liberal side?—No, I do not know anything about it; I had nothing to do with it myself.

1748. Do you not know anything about the tactics on the other side?—No; I had no knowledge, only from report.

1749. Then do you know from report people have received bribes on the Liberal side?—Yes, because I was told so by the man whose name I mentioned to you that he had done better with them than he could with me. That is the case of Jones.

1750. Do you know of any other?—Yes, I had one man in this town told me he was pressed very strongly by a party—he did not mention his name—to go and take some money. There was plenty of money to be given away, and he might as well have it as anybody else. He was told where to go; he went down there and he saw a crowd of people on the stairs and in the room. He was introduced by some person—I did not know who—into another private room, and there sat a gentleman there with a quantity of money before him.

1751. Who was that man?—A friend of mine in the town.

1752. What is his name?—His name is Makepeace.

1753. William Makepeace?—That is the man.

1754. Can you give us any other name?—To my own personal knowledge I know of none.

1755. I mean from report?—I heard a report that John Adcock had been bribed—that is the chimney-sweep.

1756. Would you make a list of those you had heard were bribed on that side, and hand it in to the Commissioners?—If I recollect any, I will do that.

1757. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You were once a Liberal?—I was.

1758. Were you employed by the Liberal party in the same way that you appear to have been employed by the Conservatives?—I was at one election.

1759. Which election was that?—1859.

1760. Did you at that time know Mr. Cooper as employed on the Conservative side?—I always knew Mr. Cooper to be a warm partisan on the Conservative side.

1761. When did you find out he was employed on the Conservative side as an illegal agent?—That I

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cannot say. I do not see how I can possibly answer that question.

1762. You told me on this election Mr. Cooper applied to you, or that you applied to him?—Merely in the course of conversation, neither of us applied to each other merely for that purpose. Mr. Cooper did not apply to me, nor did I apply to Mr. Cooper.

1763. In a casual conversation it came out that Mr. Cooper was going to spend money?—We were speaking on the coming election, and in the course of conversion this Mr. Jones, Mr. Morter, and Mr. Collins, came out.

1564. How did you know Mr. Cooper would have any money to disburse?—I should generally suppose Mr. Cooper to be the agent.

1765. You suppose Mr. Cooper to have been the agent?—Yes.

1766. From what did you suppose that?—He was always a very active member of that party.

1767. Did you know, previous to this conversation, he was the agent?—Certainly.

1768. That is the question I asked?—I did not exactly understand the way you put it.

1769. Did Mr. Cooper tell you so himself?—No, I recollect in a former petition case where the case came out there, where only Mr. Cooper had been the party.

1770. That would be the election of 1859?—I cannot say the election, I recollect the case very well.

1771. Had you any idea where Mr. Cooper obtained the money?—When?

1772. At this last election?—Not the least, only as I told you before, in speaking to Mr. Cooper since he has always told me it was a stranger, and he did not know who it was.

1773. I mean previous?—I had no conversation with Mr. Cooper in 1859; I was not on intimate terms with Mr. Cooper in 1859.

1774. When did Mr. Cooper tell you about the stranger?—We have talked the matter over two or three times.

1775. Before the election?—No; since we knew this commission was coming down.

1776. I want to know when you became aware, before the election, that Mr. Cooper had the money to disburse?—I suppose it might come from his saying he had it.

1777. Had you no curiosity so as to have asked where he got it from?—No. Since we knew of this commission, I said, "I am going in to speak the truth" and therefore I shall say what I know about it."

1778. I wish you would answer my question?—I will if I understand it.

1779. Have you no idea yourself where it came from?—Not the least in the world, no more than you have. That I pledge my word to.

1780. Perhaps I may have some idea?—Then you would beat me. Then you know more than I do. There is one thing I should like to say to you, as a remark has been made by Mr. Costerton in the case of Alfred Pettingill, I will say that I never was in that committee room in my life until the county election, which was some time after the borough election, and the reason of my going in was, I met Mr. Reynolds on the quay; he asked me to be kind enough to give him the names of three or four voters they could not find. I said I would with pleasure. He said, "Walk into the room," and I went up with Mr. Reynolds, and he brought me a list, and I put the names to them, and that was the only time I was in the room in my life. That I swear.

1781. (*Mr. Slade.*) Then it was a mistake between the county and the borough election?—Yes.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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Mr. W. Hutchins.

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Mr. William Hutchins sworn; examined by Mr. Fitztgerald.

1782. Are you a tenant of Mr. Eagleton?—Yes.

1783. When did you see Mr. Eagleton about this election?—About a week before the election.

1784. Have you always taken an active part in politics in Yarmouth?—I have not, but on this occasion as I now have. I have always taken an active part in getting all the votes I can.

1785. On which side?—On the Liberal side.

1786. On this last occasion you took to the Conservative side?—Yes.

1787. What was your inducement to do that?—Because they did not please me by the Small Tenement Act, as I was a cottage owner. I said I should never support them any more by putting that in force, and in consequence I went the other side, and told the gentlemen when they came canvassing I should not support them, and I did not.

1788. When did you see Mr. Eagleton with reference to the election?—The first time?

1789. Yes?—About a week before the election.

1790. Did you go to him or did he come to you?—I went to him.

1791. What for?—I took him a list of certain parties that I knew were to be paid.

1792. Were you aware a week before the election that money was going to be spent?—No. I said, if there was anything to be spent these were the parties that wanted money.

1793. And what did he say to you then?—He said he did not know anything about it, and would let me know.

1794. Then he afterwards let you know?—He did afterwards let me know, about two days before the election.

1795. Did you give him a list on the first occasion?—I did.

1796. Can you tell us the names in that list?—I have got a list in my pocket.

1797. Have you the original list?—No, I gave Mr. Eagleton the original list. I have destroyed that, but I made this list out from memory (*the witness handed in the list*).

1798. All these names now upon the list?—Yes. They are not all of them my names. Mr. Eagleton gave me four names himself.

1799. He gave you how many names?—Four.

1800. Three names, was it not?—No, four names; two Browns, Etheridge, and Drake, that you will find down there.

1801. Mr. Eagleton said three names?—He made a mistake.

1802. Two Browns and Etheridge?—He missed that one.

1803. Two days before the election, that would be on the Monday?—I think it would.

1804. On the Monday did Mr. Eagleton give you money?—Yes, part of it, not all of it.

1805. How much did he give you then?—I could

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not say how much. I took it all in two days, the day before the election, and the day before that.

1806. How much money did he give you altogether?—190*l.*

1807. And did you give that money in the proportions and to the people mentioned in the list?—Yes.

1808. Samuel Parsley?—Yes.

1809. Did he get 15*l.*?—Yes.

1810. For his vote?—Yes.

1811. Alfred Brown?—Yes.

1812. Did he have 15*l.*?—Yes.

1813. You gave it yourself?—Yes.

1814. Robert Brown?—Yes.

1815. 15*l.*?—Yes.

1816. Robert Etheridge, of Trafalgar Road, 15*l.*?—Yes.

1817. William Ellis?—Yes.

1818. 15*l.*?—Yes.

1819. Samuel Drake?—Yes; 15*l.*

1820. And Robert Read 10*l.*?—Yes.

1821. William Courtman 15*l.*?—Yes.

1822. Samuel Thetford 15*l.*?—Yes.

1823. Stephen Alsop 15*l.*?—Yes.

1824. Robert Youngs 15*l.*?—Yes.

1825. And Francis Weeds 15*l.*?—Yes.

1826. And William Hutchins, that is yourself—15*l.*?—Yes. I had 15*l.* to spare, and I kept it for myself.

1827. You gave all those 15*l.* or 10*l.* and kept 15*l.* yourself for your vote?—For my trouble.

1828. The others you gave for their votes?—Yes.

1829. Did you afterwards account to Mr. Eagleton for the way in which you had spent the money?—Yes.

1830. (*Mr. Slade.*) At the time you gave them this money did you say what it was for?—Yes.

1831. What did you say?—I said it was to vote for Lacon and Goodson.

1832. Did they all vote that way?—No; the two Browns went to the opposite side, and voted the Liberal side.

1833. Anybody else?—They took the money and voted the other side.

1834. Any other?—Francis Weeds.

1835. Any other?—No other.

1836. Did you hear what they got the other side?—No, I never heard.

1837. Was Mr. Eagleton your landlord?—Yes.

1838. Did you turn your politics at the same time that he did?—Oh, no; four years before him.

1839. Had you ever been employed before in this work?—Never; I never took a penny in my life before for anything.

1840. Have you voted before?—Oh, yes; always voted in Yarmouth for 26 years.

1841. Which side?—Always on the Liberal side.

1842. Were these men all bribed on the same day?—Yes.

1843. What day did you begin?—I began two days before the election.

1844. What day was it?—I could not say what day it was.

1845. The election was on the Wednesday, the poll?—Yes; I did not recollect that. I know it was on the 12th July; I could not tell you what day.

1846. Telling you the polling day was on the Wednesday, what day did you begin to bribe?—Two days before, the Monday.

1847. What time of the day?—I went out in the afternoon, I think, after dinner, and saw some of these parties.

1848. Two o'clock in the afternoon?—Yes, after dinner.

1849. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you know where Mr. Eagleton got the money from?—I did not.

1850. He did not tell you from whom he got it?—No.

1851. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you ask him?—No, I never asked him anything about that.

1852. (*Mr. Slade.*) Besides these men that you have mentioned, have you heard of any others receiving bribes?—No, not any.

1853. When you gave this list to Mr. Eagleton, did you say you had been to see these men?—Yes.

1854. Had you been to canvass them?—Yes. I went round to see how they stood, what they wanted, and so on.

1855. And then you gave in a list?—I gave in a list of the parties whom I gave the money to.

1856. The 10 names?—Yes.

1857. How many had you canvassed?—I am sure I do not know. You have them all there. I could not tell you how many.

1858. We have these.—I have got no more.

1859. Did you canvass no others?—No.

1860. Did you ask no one else to vote?—Not any.

1861. All the men you went to seem to have taken the bribes very readily?—Yes; they were willing to take what was going. I did not know what was going then.

1862. Did you ever ask a man for his vote without giving him money?—No.

1863. How did you canvass them?—Went round and spoke to him, and asked him which way he was going to vote, and so on.

1864. What did you say then?—He told me he was not particular which way he should go. I told him I should get him so and so, whatever there was, if he liked to vote for my party. I went to see him, and he was willing to take it, and these parties I gave it to.

1865. Well?—Nothing more; but I gave them the money and there was an end of it. I never went to the men before.

1866. Did you write their names down on a list?—Yes, of course I did.

1867. Did you always go to the men they call the "lame ducks?"—What do you mean by that?

1868. What Mr. Cooper says, men who would accept bribes for both sides?—There is a certain party that always wants money; people living in the town know who these parties are.

1869. You only went to those who you knew wanted money?—Exactly.

1870. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is it your opinion those people would have voted with whichever side gave them money?—Yes.

1871. Without respect to political principles?—I do.

1872. (*Mr. Russell.*) How came it that you gave Robert Read 10*l.*, and all the rest 15*l.*?—He did not ask any more. I gave him what he asked.

1873. Did you try all the other men with 10*l.* first?—No. They seemed to know what the figure was better than I did, 15*l.*

1874. Do I understand you to say there was a recognized tariff of prices?—Yes.

1875. And Mr. Read was in ignorance of that?—Yes, I believe so. He did not ask any more, and I did not give him any more.

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WILLIAM BLYTH sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

1876. What are you?—A plumber and glazier.

1877. And where do you live?—In the Caister Road, I suppose it is called; White Horse Plain.

1878. Were you living there at the time of the election?—Yes.

1879. Did Mr. Cooper come to you shortly before the election, or did you go to Mr. Cooper?—I went to Mr. Cooper.

1880. When was that?—I think it must be on the Saturday; the Saturday evening I think.

1881. The Saturday evening before the election?—Yes, I think so.

1882. Did you then see Mr. Cooper?—Yes.

1883. Did you receive anything from him?—The Saturday evening?

1884. Yes?—No.

1885. What happened when you went to Mr.

Cooper that Saturday evening ?—I told him there were some men wanted some money down at the North End.

1886. What did Mr. Cooper say to that ?—He asked me how many there were.

1887. Did you give him a list of the names ?—I gave him a list I think of four. I told him of four ; I am not exactly certain ; either four or five.

1888. Who were the men whose names you gave ?—I can tell you in a minute if you give me the poll-book to look at. (*The poll-book was handed to the witness.*) Edward Collins was one, and Alfred Goffin.

1889. Is that Edward Collins of Caister Road ?—Yes. And Robert Nobbs. I do not remember any other just now.

1890. That is only three names ?—That is three names ; and William Trett.

1891. Do I understand you to say that Mr. Cooper did not give you any money that Saturday night ?—No.

1892. But you told him that you should require some for these men ?—I told him those were men who would not vote without money.

1893. Did Mr. Cooper then promise you some money ?—Yes.

1894. And did he tell you when you were to come again to receive it ?—No.

1895. Did you go again ?—No.

1896. Did Mr. Cooper come to you ?—Yes.

1897. When was that ?—The Sunday afternoon or the Sunday evening.

1898. And did he then give you some money ?—Yes.

1899. What sum did he give you ?—He gave me a paper with 50*l.* in it, done up like copper.

1900. Are you quite certain that was the sum ?—I never counted it, but I fancy that was it. I never counted it. He said, "Here is 50*l.*," so I suppose that is what there was.

1901. Did Mr. Cooper give you any further sum at any other time ?—Yes ; he gave me some more on the Monday, I think it was.

1902. How much did he give you then ?—That he gave me loose. I do not know, but I think he gave me something like 30*l.* or 40*l.* more. The first was in a paper done up like 5*s.* worth of coppers.

1903. And how was the second money ?—That was loose.

1904. Will you swear he did not give you 100*l.* altogether ?—I assure you I never counted the money. I do not know whether there was 100*l.* He gave me close by that, because there was 50*l.* first in the paper, and if he gave me 30*l.* or 40*l.* besides, that would be something like 100*l.*

1905. When you got the first 50*l.* on the Sunday evening what did you do with it ?—I gave one man some money on the Sunday evening.

1906. Whom did you go to first ?—I gave Mr. Goffin some the Sunday evening.

1907. How much did you give him ?—I am not certain whether it was 15*l.* or 18*l.* I gave him. I am not positive from memory ; I cannot remember.

1908. Did you tell him whom he was to vote for ?—Yes.

1909. Who was that ?—Lacon and Goodson.

1910. Did you see any other voter that night ?—No. He voted one and one afterwards. That you will see if you will look.

1911. Whom did you get the vote for ?—Brogden and Lacon.

1912. Did you hear he had received money on the other side ?—I heard a rumour, but I do not know where it came from ; I heard that he received money from the other side.

1913. On the Monday morning did you see any voter ?—Yes.

1914. Who ?—I am not exactly certain whether it was the Monday morning, but I think it was the Monday morning when I went and saw Collins.

1915. Did you give him some money ?—Yes.

1916. How much ?—15*l.*

1917. Did you tell him what it was for ?—Yes.

1918. To vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—Yes.

1919. Did he vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—Yes.

1920. Who did you see next ?—I think it must be that Nobbs.

1921. Did you give him some money ?—Yes.

1922. How much ?—15*l.*

1923. Did you tell him he was to vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—Yes, he told me he should. He said he did not care much, he was hard-up, and if I would let him have 15*l.* he would vote.

1924. And did he vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—No, he voted opposite.

1925. Did you hear that he took money the other side ?—I saw him come down the same evening from the "Angel," so I thought it looked as if he had been taking some.

1926. Was the "Angel" the Liberal house ?—Yes.

1927. Who did you see after Nobbs ?—I went to Northumberland Place to a man of the name of Smith, to give him some money, and when I got down there he told me he had got it already, so I gave him either a sovereign or two, I do not know which, for telling me some one had given him the money, being so honourable.

1928. Did he tell you who had given him the money ?—No, he did not tell me who had given him the money.

1929. What is Smith's Christian name ?—William.

1930. And do you know where he lives ?—In Northumberland Place.

1931. You gave him a couple of pounds ?—I am not certain whether it was one or two ; I do not know exactly what I did give, it was either one or two.

1932. Did he vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—I am not certain. I think he did. I am not certain whether he did.

1933. Did you then see Trett ?—Yes, I think the election morning it was that I gave Trett his.

1934. What did you give him ?—15*l.*

1935. Did you tell him that he was to vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—Yes.

1936. And did he vote for them ?—Yes.

1937. Do you remember if you saw any other man and gave him money, or offered him money for his vote ?—I do not remember any other offered money ?

1938. Yes. A man by the name of Clements ; he lived on the Plain, told me if I would give him 20*l.* he would vote. I offered him 15*l.*, and he said he could do better. I never gave him the money.

1939. Do you know his Christian name ?—Thomas William, I think.

1940. Of Church Plain ?—Yes.

1941. What did Clements say to you ?—He brought a little slip of paper to me with some writing upon it, signed "W. E." What it was, whether forged, I do not know, saying he had been offered 25*l.*

1942. By whom ?—That he never told me.

1943. The other side ?—Yes.

1944. He said it was by the other side ?—Yes.

1945. Do you know if he voted on the other side ?—Yes ; I think he voted the other side, I am not certain.

1946. Was there any other man you went to who would not take the 15*l.* ?—I do not remember any other.

1947. Were all these four men to whom you gave the money ready and willing to take it ?—Yes, I think so, as far as my memory can serve.

1948. You did not have to press it on any one of them ?—No, I do not think I had.

1949. Did you retain any part of the money for yourself ?—Yes, I have got some of it now. I offered it to Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Cooper told me to keep it until somebody asked for it.

1950. How much have you retained ?—I think I have got something like 16*l.* or 17*l.*

1951. You see you have accounted for 61*l.* or 62*l.* 15*l.* I see to four men, and you gave either 1*l.* or 2*l.* to another man ?—Yes.

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1952. And you received by your statement 90*l.* probably ?—It must be something about that, I fancy it must be. I never counted it. I do not know what it was, but it must be that.

1953. Are you sure you did not retain as much as 38*l.* ?—No, no such thing. I cannot know how.

1954. In fact you are certain you did not receive 100*l.* from Mr. Cooper ?—Yes.

1955. You received 100*l.* from Mr. Cooper and only account for having spent 62*l.* ?—I paid some treats two or three times when I was down there at the North End Retreat.

1956. Where was that ?—At the house at the north end of Cemetery Road.

1957. Is that the North End Retreat ?—Yes.

1958. Who did you treat at the North End Retreat ?—There was a largish meeting there, and Mr. Hylton (who is dead, poor man) told me to pay the expenses, to treat anybody I liked, and Mr. Hylton told me to treat everybody.

1959. Who is Mr. Hylton ?—He is dead now.

1960. Do I understand you to say that Mr. Hylton told you to treat the men at the North End Retreat ?—Yes.

1961. And he would pay you again ?—He never paid me.

1962. He told you to pay it ?—I paid it out of the money I had.

1963. Out of the money you received from Mr. Cooper ?—Yes.

1964. How much do you think you spent in that treating ?—What people owed for I paid for, and so on. I do not know what I did ; probably not above 4*l.* or 5*l.*, I do not know what it would be. I kept no account of any kind.

1965. Was it on more than one occasion you treated men at this house ?—I do not know whether there were two meetings held or not. I cannot remember whether there were two meetings held there, or whether there were three, or only one.

1966. Were these men you treated at the North End Retreat voters ?—I do not know particularly whether they were. They were in a body, and people would come in. I do not know whether they were voters or not. There was a meeting called, and I was there, and Mr. Hylton called me on to the grass plat, and said, "See it all paid for," and I paid for it.

1967. Tell me the names of some of the men who you treated at that house ?—I think a man here is one.

1968. What is his name ?—Mr. Buston.

1969. This is a very serious inquiry, and you mean to tell me you paid for what Mr. Buston had ?—I do not know whether I did or no, I am sure, I am not certain. I said, "Probably I might." He might pay for his own for what I know.

1970. You know we must ask these questions. I am not asking what probably happened, but what did happen. You have told me that Mr. Hylton authorized you to pay for the treating of certain men ?—Yes.

1971. It is possible you may not remember the names of all, but I beg you to tell me the names of as many as you can remember.—There was a Mr. Jackson, a baker, there ; I remember him.

1972. Do you know if he is a voter ?—I think he is.

1973. What is his Christian name ?—John, I think.

1974. Of Moat Road ?—Yes.

1975. Think of the name of another man.—Mr. Bland, he was there.

1976. Do you know if Mr. Bland is a voter ?—Yes.

1977. Of Cemetery Road ?—Yes.

1978. Try and think of the names of some more.—A man of the name of Powley I think was there.

1979. What is his Christian name ?—Daniel, I think.

1980. Of Cemetery Road ?—Yes.

1981. Go on and tell me as many names as you can remember ?—I am trying to recollect. An old gentleman of the name of Money was there.

1982. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was he a voter ?—I should think he is. I do not know whether he is or not.

1983. (*Mr. Russell.*) Can you remember any more names ?—No, I cannot remember anyone just now.

1984. Did you ask any of these men for their votes ?—No, not a man.

1985. Have you spent any of the money that was over the money Mr. Cooper gave you ?—No.

1986. You have kept the whole of the balance ?—Yes.

1987. And how much do you say that is ?—I think it is something like 17*l.* or 18*l.* I do not know what there is, I am sure.

1988. Did you vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—Yes.

1989. Have you received nothing for your vote ?—No, only what I have got back, and anybody can have that if they like.

1990. Do you propose to retain that balance for your own vote ?—No, anybody that comes to me to say they want that can have it. I do not want the money.

1991. Have you ever done anything of this sort at former elections ?—No. I voted several times and never had a halfpenny. I have never done anything of the sort.

1992. How came Mr. Cooper to know of you as a man who would undertake to do this work ?—I do not know ; I have been at work for him several years doing work at his house.

1993. Did you suggest to him or he to you that you should undertake it ?—I do not think there was any suggestion about it at all. I told him there was a list of two or three men who would not vote without the money.

1994. What made you go to Mr. Cooper to get the money ?—I do not know. I am sure I do not know what made me go there particularly.

1995. How came you to know Mr. Cooper would have money to give you ?—I suppose I went up to ask whether there would be any. I do not know.

1996. Why did you go to him ?—I am sure I really do not know how I came to go. I might go to give him a list of the two or three names, and ask him if there was anything of that sort, on the way, because these men wanted the money, and they would not vote without it.

1997. Had anybody told you Mr. Cooper would have money for these purposes ?—No.

1998. Nobody ?—No.

1999. It was a guess on your part ?—Yes.

2000. Had you never heard it mentioned in the town that Mr. Cooper was to have money for the purpose of bribery ?—No, never.

2001. Do I understand you to swear that you went to him on pure chance ?—On pure chance.

2002. It was a mere guess of yours ?—I went to him with a list of these names to know whether there would be any money, for these men wanted it.

2003. Why did you go to Mr. Cooper ?—I suppose because he figured up in the petition once before ; something of that sort ; I do not know the reason I went to him.

2004. Do you mean to swear that you had not very good reason to believe that Mr. Cooper was in the habit of receiving money to buy votes ?—I never knew Mr. Cooper was.

2005. It was a pure guess on your part that made you go to Mr. Cooper ?—Yes, because I did not know the man had the money more than I know what anyone here has got.

2006. Then why did you go to him ?—There might be a joke about the affair over the town. I do not know how it came out.

2007. You cannot induce me or the Commissioners to believe that you went to Mr. Cooper's to get this money by pure chance.—There is no one ever said a word to me about it. That I will be on my oath. Except Mr. Cooper suggested the affair to me during the Saturday or the day before, or anything of that sort. I do not remember whether he told me to look and get two or three names if I could, and he would supply me with the money.

2008. Do you swear Mr. Cooper did not say, "If

you know of any men whose votes can be bought I will let you have the money," or anything to that effect?—I believe I certainly went to him first.

2009. (*Mr. Slade.*) You say you gave Mr. Cooper a list of two or three men who wanted money?—Yes.

2010. And you mentioned four?—Three or four.

2011. Was that all you got?—Yes.

2012. Now let me read you a little piece of the evidence.—I have seen it.

2013. I will refresh your memory. "The last time I met Blyth he said he was out on that business. He pulled a paper out and clapped it up against the wall and wrote my name down and 15*l.* at the end of it. He had I should say 15 or 20 other names down, and a price against every name. I see it upon the wall." Is that true or false?—That is false every word of it. In my habit of business I frequently go about without a coat on, and I frequently have a piece of paper in my pocket, and when about if they tell me of anything I put it on a piece of paper until I get home, and when I saw Grimes that day I met him I knew the old fellow was running about after money because I heard of it in different ways, and I said, "Jim, what is the price," and I had a piece of paper and pencil of this description; I never had a list of any kind, only those three or four names I have told you of previously.

2014. Was that list of three or four names the one you produced?—On a piece of paper of this description (*referring to a piece of paper*). Sometimes I have three or four pieces that I make a memorandum upon.

2015. Grimes says he saw a piece of paper with 15 or 16 other names?—Where is Grimes? He cant say what names he saw because it is a palpable story. Here is a list of different prices of contract jobs, also memorandums that I made of my own account for different works, and so on, which I carry about. It is very seldom I have a book in my pocket that I can put anything down in.

2016. Did you say to Mr. Grimes, You are not going to turn your back upon us, are you?—I do not remember a word about that.

2017. Did he say, "I have never promised to vote for you yet, and I shall not vote for you if you give me 50*l.*?"—I never asked him to vote for me, only a little chaff when I met him going past, and so on.

2018. Did you see Mr. Grimes on the Monday before the election?—No. He swore to a lie there before the Committee of the House of Commons. The Monday before the petition, did you say?

2019. On the Monday before the election?—I thought you said "petition." No. I do not remember seeing him the Monday before the election, except it was that very Monday when I pulled that piece of paper out, or something similar to that I produce to you now.

2020. Did you say to Grimes, "How many do you suppose we shall have for our loss," and did he say, "I am sure I do not know." And you said, "Only 4 per cent., I had 100 on my last election, and John Cooper had 200?—I do not know a word about it, because I never gave a penny in my life until this election.

2021. Had you a list?—No such a thing, I never offered a man a penny in my life.

2022. Have you seen Grimes since the petition?—Yes, several times.

2023. Have you told him what he said there was not true?—Yes, I chaffed him about it several times.

2024. What did Grimes say, did he adhere to his statement?—He would not stop to have any particular argument along with him about it. I told him it was a lie he pitched over and over again.

2025. But Grimes would not admit it was a lie?—No, he never admitted it to me. I told him it was a lie. I never said such a thing, and I could not say such a thing.

2026. You said that you offered to return this money to Mr. Cooper?—Yes.

2027. When was that?—Just after the election, I suppose, about a week or a fortnight after the election.

2028. Before the petition?—Before the petition was thought about.

2029. And he told you to keep it?—He told me to keep it until somebody called on me for it.

2030. Was that all that passed?—That was all that passed, to keep it till somebody called for it. That was all the observation he made to me, and all I made to him about it.

2031. Did he leave you to infer that somebody would call for it?—No.

BENJAMIN LANE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

B. Lane.

2032. What are you?—A rate collector.

2033. I believe you are not on the register?—No.

2034. Did you see Mr. Cooper shortly before the election?—I did.

2035. What day?—I think that must be on the Thursday or Friday.

2036. The Thursday or Friday before the election?—Yes.

2037. What passed between you then?—I said to him I had seen three or four persons, and they wanted money.

2038. Did you go to Mr. Cooper or did he come to you?—I went to Mr. Cooper myself.

2039. Why did you go to Mr. Cooper?—I have known Mr. Cooper since I was eight years of age.

2040. But why did you go to him specially on the subject of the election?—I felt pretty safe, if there was any money to be spent, he would be the man to go to.

2041. And on the Thursday or Friday you said you knew several people?—Yes, persons who had stopped me in the street.

2042. At that time was it believed money would be spent?—I believe not.

2043. What did Mr. Cooper tell you?—He said he believed there would be nothing of the sort; he thought the election was safe and Sir Edmund was sure.

2044. When did you go to him again?—I think the Saturday.

2045. What time in the day?—After dinner.

2046. What passed then?—I said, "The fact is I think there will have to be money spent, because the others are offering 25*l.*" He said, "I cannot say anything to that at present." I said, "Well, I will give you a look in on Monday," and I think I saw him early on Monday morning.

2047. Did he then give you some money?—He gave me 45*l.*

2048. What did you do with that 45*l.*?—Gave it to my son.

2049. Did you hear from your son what he had done with it?—Yes, I told him what to do with it.

2050. What did you tell him to do with it?—I told him there would be three or four persons calling to see him, and he was to give them the money.

2051. How much?—One man received 10*l.*

2052. Did you give him the names?—Yes, I told him the names and he wrote them down.

2053. Tell me the names?—Henry Crucknell.

2054. How much was he to have?—10*l.* or 15*l.* he wanted, but my son said he gave him 10*l.*

2055. I want to know what you told your son to give him?—15*l.* He returned him his 10*l.* and he voted against. The next is Simon Woods.

2056. How much was he to have?—18*l.*; he wanted 25*l.*, but my son gave him 18*l.* and he voted against, and got 25*l.*, I believe, from the other side, by a man of the name of Holmes or Seago. Holmes is his brother-in-law, I believe.

2057. The next?—Henry Munsey, 14*l.*

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2058. Did your son tell you he paid him that?—Yes.

2059. Who did he vote for?—For Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

2060. Is that all?—That is all.

2061. That is 42*l.*?—Yes.

2062. And you got 45*l.*?—Yes.

2063. What became of the other 3*l.*?—He kept that, I believe, for his trouble.

2064. Your son did?—Yes.

2065. What is your son's name?—Benjamin Lane.

2066. Did you inform Mr. Cooper afterwards what you had done with it?—Yes, I think I did. I talked to him about those two persons who voted against.

2067. Is your son here?—No, he is in Australia.

2068. Did your son tell you he had given these sums on the same day?—Yes, I have every reason to believe he did.

2069. Did you ever see those voters themselves?—I have seen Crucknell since.

2070. Have you said anything to him about it?—I did; I told him that he behaved very unmanly indeed; he ought to have voted for the party he took the money for.

2071. What did he say?—He said, "When the county election comes I shall go and vote for the Conservative, and I shall make up for it that way." That is what he said.

2072. He acknowledged he had the money?—Yes, and he said he got no rest all night. He suffered very much in his mind.

2073. Did he tell you whether he received anything on the other side?—Yes, he got money.

2074. Did he tell you so?—I will not swear that he did say so; I will not swear that.

2075. Have you seen Woods since?—I have, several times.

2076. And spoken to him on this subject?—No, I did not think him worth speaking to; I considered him a blackguard, as he is.

2077. And Munsey, have you seen him?—I have seen him.

2078. Have you ever spoken to him on the subject?—No.

2079. You had seen these people, I suppose, before on the subject, had you?—Yes, or they saw me.

2080. Have you spoken to them on the subject?—They spoke to me.

2081. Did they come to you?—Yes, as I was walking about the streets on my business.

2082. I am speaking of Woods and Munsey?—Woods came to my house.

2083. And offered to vote if he was paid?—Yes.

2084. And Munsey too?—No, I saw him.

2085. Was there any sum mentioned at that time?—No, no further than what would be the going price, or something of that sort.

2086. Was that mentioned by both of them?—No; Woods said he wanted 25*l.*, because they were giving that on the other side. Munsey did not.

2087. Woods told you he wanted 25*l.*?—Yes, and he said it was given, and his brother-in-law, he believed, had got 25*l.* That is Holmes.

2088. How came you to tell your son about giving only 18*l.*?—I never told him to give only that. I told him to make the best arrangement he could with him. I said, You must not go even to 20*l.*; 18*l.* is too far.

2089. What politics was Woods?—Always Conservative.

2090. He has always been Conservative?—Yes.

2091. And Munsey?—Munsey is Conservative.

2092. (*Mr. Russell.*) What is the Christian name of Wood's brother-in-law, Holmes?—Robert, I believe, in Row No. 74, I think; I do not exactly know the number. I cannot exactly call to mind. It is close by Regent Street where I could not give you the number.

2093. Row 70?—I think that is it.

2094. Is it William Holmes, of Row No. 70?—I will not be certain whether his name is William or Robert. I know the man quite well; William I think it is.

2095. Do I understand you to say that Woods told you Holmes had received 25*l.* from the other side?—Yes, Woods told me that.

Mr. E. O. Johnson.

Mr. Edwin Orfeur Johnson sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

2096. What are you?—I am a builder.

2097. Mr. Cooper has told us that he gave you just previous to the election 100*l.* or 150*l.*—He gave me 140*l.*

2098. When was that?—The Saturday night before the election.

2099. How did you dispose of that 140*l.*?—I gave it to various voters.

2100. Will you tell me the first person?—Samuel Patrick 15*l.*

2101. To vote for Lacon and Goodson?—To vote for Lacon and Goodson.

2102. Did he vote?—Yes.

2103. What day did you give him that?—The Sunday night.

2104. The next?—Thomas Lake.

2105. How much?—15*l.*

2106. To vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

2107. The next?—Thomas Benslyn.

2108. How much?—10*l.*

2109. The next?—James Stubbs.

2110. How much?—10*l.*

2111. And the next?—Henry Cadywould.

2112. Is that Henry George Cadywould?—Yes.

2113. How much?—10*l.*

2114. The next?—Matthew Westoby.

2115. How much?—15*l.*

2116. The next?—John Bensley.

2117. How much?—15*l.*

2118. The next?—James Lawson.

2119. How much?—10*l.*; that makes up 100*l.*, and 40*l.* I gave to Mr. John Lummis for electioneering purposes.

2120. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is he dead?—Yes.

2121. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) All those sums were given to those voters to vote for Lacon and Goodson?—They were.

2122. Did they all vote?—They all voted.

2123. And you gave 40*l.* to John Lummis?—Yes.

2124. Did John Lummis tell you what he had done with it?—We were talking the election over and he asked me if I had any money. I said I had some money for electioneering purposes. He said he knew two or three men, and he wanted some money that night for them.

2125. The Sunday night?—Yes, and I gave him 40*l.*

2126. Did he tell you the names of the parties?—He did not.

2127. Did he tell you afterwards to whom he gave it?—No, because afterwards he was taken ill, and I was ill two months afterwards.

2128. And you had no knowledge how the 40*l.* was disposed of?—No, he was not a likely man to tell me. I told him at the time he would have to account to Mr. Cooper for the 40*l.*

2129. When was he taken ill?—Taken ill I think two or three days after the election, and went away to Ireland after he got a little better.

2130. Did you account yourself to Mr. Cooper afterwards for the way in which you had spent the money?—Yes, I believe I told him of the different names.

2131. Had you negotiated with these voters before you gave them the money?—Yes, I had asked them all; some of them worked for me.

2132. Were they persons whom you considered

would vote the very way they were paid ?—Yes, they were.

2133. All of them ?—All of them.

2134. (*Mr. Slade.*) What class of life were these voters in?—Some of them journeymen carpenters, some journeymen bricklayers. One, Patrick, is in the lunatic asylum, a bedmaker or something.

2135. They were men you came in contact with from being a builder ?—A great many of them.

2136. Did you have any bargains with them about what they were to receive ?—For voting ?

2137. Yes.—The sums named here were what they asked and what I gave them.

2138. There was no bargain ; they did not ask more? —No, one man did ; John Bensley wanted 20*l.*

2139. What class of life was Mr. John Lummis in ? —A large fish merchant.

2140. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he tell you the number of people he wanted the money for ?—I think he said he had about three men—he wanted two or three men every day, and he wanted it for that night.

2141. Supposing you had not spent this money in buying the votes, do you think they would have been bought on the other side ?—I have not the slightest doubt of it.

2142. And they would have voted for the other side if money had been given ?—No doubt of that.

2143. Did you hear from any of them that they had been offered money the other side ?—Patrick told me he had been offered 25*l.* by the other side.

2144. Any others ?—Yes, Lake, he had been offered money the other side.

2145. Did he say by whom ?—He did not say by whom. A man by the name of Joseph Bensley, of Gorleston, I asked him to vote. He was a bricklayer and formerly worked for me. He said he should not vote. I asked him if there was any inducement I could make to him to vote, and he said I was too late in the field.

2146. Is he any relation of John Bensley ?—I think he is a relation, there is a large family of them.

2147. Was that the same day.?—It was the day before the election.

2148. The day before the polling ?—Yes, the nomination day, and he told me then he should not vote without money. He said I was aware he was a poor man, and the other party had offered him 20*l.*

2149. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did he say who the other parties were ?—No, he did not say who he was.

2150. Did you know of any case of bribery on the other side ?—No, that is the only one I came in contact with.

2151. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What time was it on Saturday night you got the money from Mr. Cooper ? —Nearly 10 o'clock.

2152. Did you have any conversation with him about that time ?—I met him close to the Crown and Anchor, and told him the men I could get if there was anything, and he said if I went into the Crown and Anchor with him he would give me what money he had, and he gave me the money in the Crown and Anchor about 10 o'clock on the Saturday night.

2153. Did he tell you anything at all about the money—how much he had ?—No, not a word.

2154. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you count it together ?— I counted the money as it was put down.

2155. Did he put it down on the table before you ? —Yes.

2156. Mr. Cooper says he gave you 150*l.* ?—He says 140*l.* or 150*l.*

2157. He says 100*l.* or 150*l.*, but you say it was 140*l.* ?—It was 140*l.* I received.

2158. Was this money all done up in little rouleaux ?—No.

2159. How was it brought to you ?—Mr. Cooper took it out of a small bag he had, and counted it in twenties on the table, and I counted it.

2160. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you a member of the Committee ?—No.

2161. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Cooper says—"And E. O. Johnson I gave 100*l.* I do not know whether it was 100*l.* or 150*l.* He can tell you better than I can." You say it was exactly 140*l.* ?—Exactly 140*l.*

2162. How long before the election was it that you began to sound the men ?—More than a week, much more than a week.

2163. Was that before you knew there would be a poll ?—Well, I thought there would be a poll at the time. I knew something about Mr. Marshman retiring at the time. I supposed there would be a poll.

2164. Did you make any bargain with them that they were to have more if there was a poll ?—No.

2165. Had you been in constant communication with Mr. Cooper all this time ?—I may as well say that Patrick, who most likely you will see, has since the election been an annoyance to me by saying that I did promise him 5*l.* more, but such was not the case. In fact I turned him out of my house. When he came and threatened me before the inquiry in London took place, that he should expose me unless I gave him 5*l.*, I told him if he did not get out of my house I would kick him out. He then had an execution in his house until the opposite parties lent him the money to pay out, and he was taken to London, but not examined as a witness, because they omitted to put him in the bribery list.

2166. Then you and Mr. Cooper were in constant communication all through the canvassing ?—We did not see Mr. Cooper above two or three times.

2167. Did you canvass much yourself ?—I did not canvass at all save asking these men.

2168. These were the only men you asked ?—Those were the only men I asked.

2169. Did you make an offer to a man of the name of Stanley ?—No.

2170. Do you know who I mean ?—Yes.

2171. Did you offer him 20*l.* ?—No. Stanley does large works for me in the building trade. He is a stonemason. I asked him if he was going to vote for Lacon, and he said decidedly not, he should not vote for him, and that is all the conversation that passed between me and Stanley upon that.

2172. However you had some conversation with him ?—I asked him when we were doing business together whether he was going to vote, as I was doing largely with him at the time. I had several houses in work at the time, and he was doing all the stonework, the marble chimney-pieces, and such like, and I asked him if he would vote my way this time, and he said no.

2173. No mention was made of money ?—He said no decidedly.

2174. You were giving money to these people, why did you not offer money to Stanley ?—He was a man in a large way of business, employing 15 or 16 men.

2175. A man not capable of being bribed ?—I should think not.

2176. What made you go to Mr. Cooper ?—I did not go to Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cooper came to me, or I met him close to my business shop one night, some few days more than a week before the election, and Mr. Cooper asked me if I had anybody at work for me, knowing that I employed a great many hands, that I knew could vote, or whom I could get to vote. At that time there was nothing said about money, or anything of the sort at that first time.

2177. Did you understand from his asking that question that he would have money to dispose of ?— No, not at that time.

2178. Did you know at that time that Cooper was the gentleman who did give money ?—Of course I did.

2179. Of course you had a very good idea of what he meant when he asked you that question ?—I might form an idea ; I do not say but what I had.

2180. Did you ever hear from Mr. Lummis himself what money he had received ?—No.

2181. Did you ever speak to Lummis on the subject ?—I do not think we had any conversation after he was taken ill.

2182. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When you gave him the

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40*l.* did you know he had received other money from Mr. Cooper ?—Not then.

2183. Did you afterwards ?—Yes, I knew afterwards he had money.

2184. How did you know ; did you hear from Lummis that he had other money from Mr. Cooper ?—Yes, before the election I did.

2185. Did he ever tell you the amount ?—He was not a man to do anything of that sort.

2186. (*Mr. Slade.*) You knew Lummis very well ?—I was with Lummis until he died, and he never breathed of the election once during his illness.

2187. Do you know what part of the borough he did his operations in, whether it was Gorleston or Great Yarmouth ?—I should think it would be almost all over the borough.

2188. Everywhere ?—Yes, he was a man in a large way of business.

2189. From your knowledge of Lummis do you think that 540*l.* which he received for bribery was entirely spent in that way by him ?—Yes ; I should think every shilling, perhaps more. I can say this for Lummis, that if he had 540*l.* given him, every shilling would have been spent or returned ; I am certain of that.

2190. (*Mr. Russell.*) Every shilling would have been spent on the purpose for which it was taken ?—Yes.

2191. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know of any person employed by Lummis in this way ?—No, I do not know whether he had any voters, I am sure, employed under him directly. I do not think that the men he employed about his place were voters.

2192. Do you know of any person who acted as sub-agent for Lummis who distributed the money ?—No. I think he would distribute it himself.

2193. (*Mr. Russell.*) Judging from your experience, do you believe that the number of corrupt voters in Yarmouth is sufficient to turn the tide of an election by the votes ?—I think they are.

2194. Supposing either side, the Conservative side or the Liberals, to contest the borough of Yarmouth on pure principles, and their opponents to contest the borough of Yarmouth on corrupt principles, do you believe the side that contested the borough on corrupt principles would invariably succeed ?—I do.

2195. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) These voters of whom you are speaking, generally in what rank of life are they ?—The names I have given you ?

2196. No ; the corrupt voters whose support would turn the election ?—Men like what I have named here.

2197. Are they mostly working men ?—They are mostly working men.

2198. Any of them of a higher class than working men ?—Yesterday it was proved that there are men of a higher class, R. and A. Brown, the fishmongers, much higher.

Mr. J. T. Buston.

Mr. John Trueman Buston sworn; examined by Mr. Russell.

2199. What are you ?—A house and estate agent.

2200. Residing where ?—In Fuller's Hill.

2201. Did Mr. Cooper come to you or did you go to Mr. Cooper before the election ?—I was frequently in Mr. Cooper's shop, because Mr. Cooper did my printing.

2202. Did Mr. Cooper before the election give you a sum of money ?—He did.

2203. What amount ?—60*l.*

2204. In sovereigns ?—In sovereigns.

2205. Did you count it ?—I did.

2206. When was that ?—I think the Saturday before the election, I think so.

2207. What did you do with that money ?—I gave it to different parties for their votes.

2208. Will you tell me in order the names of those parties ?—Yes.

2209. What is the first ?—William Lodge 15*l.*

2210. William Lodge of North Quay ?—Yes, that is the man.

2211. Did you tell him what it was for ?—Yes, I did.

2212. To vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—To vote for Lacon and Goodson.

2213. And did he so vote ?—He did.

2214. Whom did you see next ?—James Paston.

2215. Of Gaol Street ?—No, he lives in the Deanes; he keeps a public-house called the "Coopers' Arms."

2216. Near St. George's Road; is it James Paston, senior ?—Yes.

2217. How much did you give him ?—15*l.*

2218. To vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—To vote for Lacon and Goodson.

2219. And did he so vote ?—He did.

2220. Whom did you see next ?—Robert Balls in Queen Street.

2221. What did you give him ?—15*l.*

2222. To vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—To vote for Lacon and Goodson.

2223. And did he so vote ?—He did.

2224. Who did you go to then ?—I then saw a person of the name of James Grimes.

2225. Did you give him anything ?—I did not ; he said he was offered 25*l.* by the other party and he should take that.

2226. What did you say to him upon that ?—I asked him if he would vote for Lacon and Goodson, and he said no, he would not vote for them. I asked him if he would accept 15*l.*, and he said no, he was offered 25*l.* by the other party, and there was a person in the country who would give him another sovereign provided he would vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl.

2227. Did he mention any names or did he merely say the other party ?—The other party, the Liberal party.

2228. Did you not ask him who had offered him the money ?—I did not.

2229. Did he vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl ?—He did ; he told me that he received the money at the Angel Inn, in the Market Place.

2230. Did you offer him any particular sum of money ?—I offered him 15*l.*

2231. Whom did you see next ?—Those were the only persons I saw.

2232. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is 45*l.*?—Yes.

2233. (*Mr. Russell.*) You received 60*l.*—I did.

2234. Did you receive the other 15*l.* for yourself ?—No, I will deliver it up to any party who can give a clear account of it.

2235. You kept the 15*l.*?—Yes, I did.

2236. You do not consider it your property ?—No.

2237. You would not consider yourself justified in spending it ?—No.

2238. There is no understanding that that sum should be retained by you either for your services or your vote ?—Not the slightest.

2239. Do you expect you will ever be asked for that money ?—I think it is very likely I may be asked for it.

2240. What makes you think it likely you will be asked for it ?—Because it is known I hold it in my hands.

2241. Known by whom ?—It is publicly known now because I have given an account of it.

2242. Now it is ?—Yes.

2243. Has Mr. Cooper ever told you it is likely you will be asked for this 15*l.*?—No.

2244. But you should never consider yourself justified in spending it ?—Certainly not.

2245. Did you mention the sum of 60*l.* to Mr. Cooper ?—Yes, I think I did.

2246. Did you give him a list of names ?—I did not.

2247. When you asked Mr. Cooper for 60*l.* did you think there were four men whom you could buy ?—Yes, I did.

2248. Who was the fourth man ?—Grimes was the fourth.

2249. That was why you asked for the 60*l.*?—Yes.

2250. When you found Grimes would not take 15*l.* you retained it until you should be asked for it ?—Yes.

2251. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You knew Mr. Watson, of course ?—Is it George Watson ?

2252. Yes.—Yes, perfectly well.

2253. When you offered to bribe you were not aware that Watson had been canvassing him on true principles ?—No, I had no idea.

2254. I suppose you have read this ?—I have some portion of it.

2255. I observe he says nothing about you ?—I believe he does not; I do not think he mentioned my name.

2256. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you employed by the Conservatives on the day of the polling ?—No, I was not employed by the Conservatives.

2257. Were you one of the inspectors ?—No, I was not; I was not employed by anyone.

2258. Was it your son that was employed ?—I think he was. I think he was a card writer. I think so, but I am not positive.

2259. His name is John T. Buston ?—Yes, his name is John Trueman Buston, the same as myself.

2260. Were you present at any of the meetings in the public-houses in the borough ?—I was at the "Star Hotel" on the Quay one evening.

2261. What day was that ?—That I really could not say, but I think it was on one Thursday evening.

2262. Who was present there, a large party ?—Yes, a room pretty well full; I did not stop many minutes.

2263. Did you have any drink there ?—I had a glass of brandy and water there.

2264. Did you pay for it ?—I did.

2265. Were you at any other meeting ?—I was at the North End Retreat one evening.

2266. What evening was that ?—I think that was on a Tuesday evening.

2267. Was that a meeting of the Conservative party? Yes, that was a meeting of the Conservative party.

2268. Who was the principal personage at the North End Retreat that evening ?—Do you mean who was the chairman ?

2269. Yes ?—John Bessey Hinton.

2270. (*Mr. Russell.*) He is dead ?—Yes, he lately died.

2271. (*Mr. Slade.*) How many people should you say were at that meeting ?—At the North End Retreat ?

2272. Yes.—I really cannot say; the saloon was pretty full; there were a good many parties there.

2273. What time of the day was it ?—It was in the evening.

2274. What led you in there ?—They were sitting there enjoying themselves over their wine and grog.

2275. Did you have a glass of grog yourself ?—No, I had a glass of wine.

2276. Was wine on the table ?—Yes, wine was on the table.

2277. And everybody helped themselves ?—If they ordered it themselves they helped themselves.

2278. Without ordering it did they help themselves to the wine on the table ?—I did not see anybody help themselves except to what they paid for. What I had I paid for.

2279. Did you see anyone else pay for what they had ?—Yes, I saw several people who ordered things, and as they came in they paid the waiter.

2280. Did you see Mr. Blyth there ?—I did.

2281. What part was he taking there ?—He was sitting there enjoying himself the same as other parties were.

2282. Did you hear what Mr. Blyth said this morning about treating people at the North End Retreat ?—That might have occurred after I left the room.

2283. Do you know of your own knowledge any people who were there that took wine and refreshments without paying for them ?—I do not know of any. I did not know from them, I did not stop very long, that there was any treating ; it was after I was gone; I do not know.

2284. Did you ever attend any other meeting at the North End Retreat ?—I do not remember more than one being held there.

2285. That was at the time you speak of ?—That was at the time I speak of. There might have been another, but I do not think there was.

2286. Was there one, to your knowledge, held there on Sunday before the election ?—No, I never heard of such a thing.

2287. Why did you not return the 15*l.* that you had not spent to Mr. Cooper ?—I was never asked for it.

2288. You have never offered it to him ?—No.

2289. You got the money originally from him ; why should you not return it to him ?—Well, he has never made application for it, and therefore I have never mentioned it to him.

2290. Did nothing pass between you and him on the subject ?—Nothing.

2291. Have you ever formed any idea as to whom you are going to return it to ?—No, never.

2292. Have you any doubt that you will not be asked for it ? I may be probably ; I cannot say.

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2293. You are the partner of Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Yes, I am.

2294. In the brewery ?—Yes.

2295. Where is your office ? In this brewery ?—I have an office at the brewery.

2296. Where do you live ?—North Quay.

2297. How many years have you been in partnership with Sir Edmund Lacon ?—I should think 15 years ; I do not quite remember ; 15 or 20 years.

2298. Are you the manager of the brewery ?—Yes.

2299. And during that time have you been upon terms of very great friendship and confidence with Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Yes.

2300. Now Sir Edmund Lacon also is a banker ?—Yes.

2301. Does he leave the entire management of the brewery in your hands ?—Yes.

2302. Can you give me any idea of how many public-houses Sir Edmund Lacon has in this borough?—I do not quite know, between 30 and 40. The trade consists of a free trade, independently of our own immediate houses.

2303. But still you have some houses ?—We have a considerable number of houses.

2304. Can you give me the exact number ?—No, I cannot.

2305. Thirty or forty, you say ?—Yes.

2306. Those houses I presume are all bound by their leases to take their beer from you ?—Yes.

2307. We have heard from Mr. Cooper that you were one of the leaders of the Conservative party ?—I took an active part, perhaps.

2308. Did you take an active part ?—Rather so, not particularly so.

2309. Did you take an active part at this election ?—Yes.

2310. What part did you take ?—I canvassed a few men that I knew.

2311. Did you attend Sir Edmund Lacon in his canvass ?—No. I may have met with them upon the canvass, and stayed with them a minute or two, but not regularly attended his canvass.

2312. Did you ever go with Sir Edmund Lacon from house to house to ask voters for their votes ?—No.

2313. We have heard one case mentioned here before by a witness examined, Mr. Garson Blake, the case of a man named James Harboard ?—Yes; what Mr. Garson Blake said was simply untrue.

2314. That you deny ?—That I deny. I met the man, of course, and I did canvass him,

2315. Will you tell us what passed between you ?—I met him accidentally in the Corn Market, and I

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asked him if he would support us in the election, and he said he was under obligations to Mr. Garson Blake, that he had a mortgage and he threatened to close it unless he voted for them. I said "You can get the money," and he said he would not vote at all. All I replied was that "I should be much obliged to you if you can vote."

2316. Was anything said about grains?—No, I carefully avoided it. I knew Mr. Watson had accused me of it before, and I carefully avoided it.

2317. Did you attend any meeting of the Conservative party?—No.

2318. Did you attend any meetings at the "Star?"—I walked into the room at the "Star" one evening; I really forget whether before or after the election, I think it was after the election.

2319. Did you ever walk into the room before the election?—I think not; I would not be certain about it.

2320. Could you have walked into a room where a Conservative meeting was being held without recollecting it?—Yes, I think I could; I think I walked as far as the door and found the room full.

2321. Did you ever attend any meetings at the "Feathers?"—No.

2322. Never at any time?—Never.

2323. You, I think, have taken part in canvassing at the previous elections, have you not?—Yes.

2324. Do you remember the evidence taken before the Committee of the House of Commons in the year 1860, when you were said to have made a loan to some voter, a man named Leon Gooch, he swore that you gave him 10*l.* as a loan?—He applied to me and I refused him, I think.

2325. Were you in the habit of making loans to voters?—No.

2326. Have you ever given a loan to a voter?—I do not remember one. I have to municipal voters, but not to parliamentary voters.

2327. You have to municipal voters?—I think I have.

2328. In how many instances?—One or two.

2329. Have they ever come to you for loans?—Yes.

2330. Have you taken a receipt? No. I did on one occasion take a note of hand, but I lost it; I made up my mind to lose it.

2331. What sums of money have you lent?—5*l.* or 10*l.*, not more; it is my own private money, not in the way of business.

2332. I understand you; have any voters applied to you upon this election for a loan?—No, I think not.

2333. Will you say yes or no?—I do not remember.

2334. Who is your banker?—Lacon's.

2335. Is he your private banker?—Yes.

2336. And the bankers of the partnership?—Yes.

2337. They keep the partnership account?—Yes.

2338. Have you an account at any other bankers?—No.

2339. Have you ever opened an account at any other bankers?—No.

2340. You did not take any part in canvassing?—No

2341. What part did you take in the election?—I canvassed a few voters.

2342. You say you canvassed a very few people?—Ten or a dozen.

2343. What part did you take beyond that?—No other part. I may as well tell you, perhaps, to simplify the thing and save you some trouble: in the year 1857, I think it was, there was a contest between Lacon and Vereker, and Watkin and McCullagh. At that time I took an active part in the contest, and I had an opportunity of observing daily the state of the canvass, and I then found we had such a very large majority that I advised Sir Edmund Lacon to go to the poll without supplying any money, and then we found in a day or two previous to the election we were told the other party were spending a large sum of money; still, from the preponderance of the promises to us, we felt justified in going to the election without spending any money. The result was, that Sir Edmund Lacon was defeated. I then made up my mind from that time we would not be subject to such annoyance and be victimized again, and I found the money for this election, of course unknown to Sir Edmund Lacon or anyone else.

2344. We are much obliged to you for that statement. Will you kindly tell us how much money you laid out?—I think 4,000*l.*

2345. Where did you draw that money from?—I took it from my own private resources.

2346. Where was that private account, at Lacon's?—I had a private account at Lacon's at that time, but I did not take it from there; at least I saved my money up for a few weeks. I have a private trade of my own. I saved my money for a few weeks previous.

2347. Did you draw any of that 4,000*l.* from your private account at Lacon's?—No.

2348. For how many weeks previous to that had you been drawing out money to save up?—Three or four weeks, perhaps more, five or six.

2349. Can you tell the Commissioners what was the largest sum you drew out at any one time?—I did not draw any. I saved my money as I took it.

2350. Do I understand that this was money that would otherwise have gone to the partnership account?—No, my own private money.

2351. Coming to you from other sources?—Yes.

2352. And instead of paying it into the bank you kept it?—Yes.

2353. I must ask you, if you please, from what sources did this large sum of money come into your private account?—I have a trade in Norwich in corn and coal, a trade from which I am constantly receiving money. I also borrowed 3,000*l.* from a friend in London.

2354. I must ask you the name of that gentleman?—A hop merchant.

2355. His name?—Wolton. I gave him a bill, and I paid him again out of my own money. The gentleman is now lodging in Yarmouth, and he will confirm it if you wish.

2356. You say the gentleman himself is in Yarmouth?—He is in Yarmouth now.

2357. For your own sake we will call Mr. Wolton, because I understand from you you borrowed the money from him?—I borrowed 3,000*l.* from him.

2358. How many weeks before the election was that?—Only a few days before. I was not aware I should want any money before. I went to him and asked him to let me have 3,000*l.*, and I gave him my bill, as he said he must have some security.

2359. Was Mr. Woolton aware at all for what purpose this 3,000*l.* was wanted?—Yes; I told him I wanted it for electioneering purposes, that I am not quite certain of. I said, I want 3,000*l.*, will you let me have it?

2360. Now on what day was it that you borrowed this 3,000*l.*?—It was two or three days before the election.

2361. You know the election was on the Wednesday?—Yes.

2362. Was it on the Saturday?—On the Saturday or the Monday morning.

2363. To whom did you give this 4,000*l.*?—I sent it to Mr. Cooper. I sent 3,500*l.* to Mr. Cooper and 500*l.* to Mr. Shuckford.

2364. In how many sums did you send that 3,500*l.*?—I think in three or four; I do not quite remember the detail. I know the exact sum I sent.

2365. I see your amount exactly tallies with that of Mr. Cooper. I presume I may take what Mr. Cooper says to be true. Mr. Cooper says he received 1,000*l.* on a Saturday evening. He received 1,500*l.* on the Sunday after church, between one and two, and he received 1,000*l.* on the Monday?—Yes.

2366. Can you tell me the name of the stranger who took the money?—Yes; I think his name was Aldred; he is a resident of London. He is a stranger to Yarmouth.

2367. By whom did you send the 500*l.* to Shuckford?—The same man.

2368. Are you aware of any other money being sent to Mr. Cooper?—No.

2369. Or to Mr. Shuckford?—No.

2370. You advanced this money, as you say, in order to prevent Sir Edmund Lacon being defeated?—Yes.

2371. Did you identify the interests of Mr. Goodson altogether with those of Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, it is as cheap to buy two votes as one.

2372. Was there any fund provided by the Conservative party to meet any contingency of this sort?—No, not that I am aware of; I do not know of any. I think not.

2373. Can you say of your own knowledge whether any other gentlemen of that party provided any money?—I am not aware of it; I should say not. I took upon myself to find the money.

2374. I should like to ask you was there a meeting at Mr. Aldred's, the mayor's house, on the Sunday of a certain number of gentlemen?—No, I think not.

2375. You were not present?—No, I called at Mr. Aldred's house, which I frequently do. It was reported on the Saturday night that Mr. Vanderbyl had retired, and before church I went in to inquire if he had heard the news, and I afterwards went to church.

2376. That was before church?—That was before church, knowing that he felt an interest in it I went to hear if the report was true.

2377. Will you give us your reason for giving this large sum of money to Mr. Cooper so late in the day as that?—From the knowledge that the other party were using unfair means to obtain the seat.

2378. At that time Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl were in the field?—Yes.

2379. And had only just come into the field?—No.

2380. If I understand right they came into the field on the Saturday?—Brogden had been in the field before.

2381. Mr. Vanderbyl?—Yes.

2382. There was some idea at one time there might not be a contest?—It was reported that Mr. Vanderbyl had retired when he found the canvass against him the same as Mr. Marshman.

2383. Then on the Saturday Mr. Vanderbyl appeared?—Yes, I think so.

2384. It was in consequence of what you heard was going on on the other side you sent this money to Mr. Cooper?—Yes.

2385. Is that what you mean?—Yes, there is nothing can prevent Sir Edmund Lacon taking his seat for Yarmouth without, of course, bribery. I knew from former experience he was unseated by that means, and I took means to prevent it and see that he should not be served so again; that was my motive.

2386. Were you prepared to go beyond the 4,000*l.* Was that money represented to you to be necessary?—Yes.

2387. By what means did you ascertain that money was enough?—I judged from the canvass and the number of promises. On the Friday I knew that the promises were a certain number, and on the Saturday. I knew there was that number on the Sunday and Monday. I said there is such a preponderance of promises now that there is no occasion.

2388. Had you no reason to believe that those promises would be broken?—Yes, I was certain a number of them would, but there was so large a number that we could afford to lose some 20 of them.

2389. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That would be of voters that would not take a bribe, of course?—Yes.

2390. (*Mr. Slade.*) You mean from having such a large number of promises you could afford to lose a large number?—Yes.

2391. In fact you had a very large majority?—Yes.

2392. Who was the gentleman who reported to you the state of the canvass?—Several of them. I applied even to Sir Edmund Lacon myself and asked him what are your promises, without saying anything else to him; he said so and so; next day I applied to another party.

2393. You were kept quite *au courant* of what it was?—Yes, from inquiries I made myself.

2394. Did Mr. Reynolds bring his canvass-book to you?—No, I have always inquired of Mr. Reynolds what was the state, and he may have told me, but nothing further.

2395. Then I presume from what you knew of the state of the canvass, it was chiefly from Sir Edmund Lacon himself?—No, I asked him certainly what the state was and he told me.

2396. Did you not keep a canvass-book yourself?—No.

2397. Was there any person in particular whom you trusted to give you a correct return of the canvass book?—No; from time to time I asked how we stood and they told me, and that regulated my disbursements.

2398. Was the state of the canvass-book known at all to the party?—I do not know; I think not. No.

2399. Was there no one particularly you would have asked as to how you stood?—I may have asked Mr. Reynolds how we stood, and he may have told me off hand how we stood.

2400. Mr. Reynolds was the recognized agent of Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes; I may have said to him, what is the state of your canvass-book, and he would tell me.

2401. Mr. Cooper has told us that he was the recognized illegal agent of the borough. I suppose you knew that was the case, that he had been employed in that way before?—I presumed he had.

2402. Was that the reason why you sent him the money?—Yes.

2403. Did you at the election when Sir Edmund Lacon stood with Sir Henry Stracey do anything of this kind?—Yes, I think I did, but only to a small extent.

2404. Can you give us a rough notion as to how much you spent on that occasion?—It is seven or eight years ago, I really forget, something about 1,000*l.*

2405. We will not go into that now. We may as well have it upon that former occasion you say you spent about 1,000*l.*?—I think it was about that.

2406. Who did that money come from?—It was my own money.

2407. Was it money you had saved up for the purpose?—Yes.

2408. I must ask you whether Sir Edmund Lacon was aware that you spent that money upon him at that election?—No.

2409. Was Sir Edmund Lacon aware any money had been spent on that election?—No.

2410. There was a petition, I think?—Yes, there was a petition.

2411. And the members were declared elected?—Yes.

2412. I presume you know the report of that Election Committee, that there were a certain number of people bribed on that occasion?—Which?

2413. The election of 1859, at which you gave 1,000*l.* for the same purpose.—Yes.

2414. The petition was heard?—Yes.

2415. And the report of the Committee was that certain acts of bribery, which were proved, were committed without the knowledge of Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

2416. I want to know whether that did not bring to Sir Edmund Lacon's knowledge that money had been spent on his behalf?—Yes.

2417. Who found that money, in his opinion?—I found the money.

2418. There was money spent?—Yes.

2419. Have you ever conversed with Sir Edmund Lacon on that subject?—Never.

2420. Has he always carefully avoided it?—Yes.

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2421. Had Sir Edmund Lacon known that money had been spent by his friends in the borough, who is the friend whom he supposes spent the money for him ?—Are you speaking of the last election ?

2422. I mean the last.—Sir Edmund has no idea of it. I believe neither Mr. Goodson nor Sir Edmund Lacon has the remotest idea where the money came from.

2423. They knew money was spent ?—Only by report.

2424. Sir Edmund must have known that money was provided by his friends ?—He naturally thinks so, although he could not be certain of it; he could not tell who his friend was.

2425. He could not fix on the friend ?—He might, probably.

2426. Are you not the person that Sir Edmund would naturally fix upon ?—No; he might, I do not know. I never had any conversation with him on the subject.

2427. I understand you to say you carefully avoided all conversation on that score ?—Yes.

2428. But from Sir Edmund's experience of elections at Great Yarmouth he knew that money must be spent ?—He would probably judge so, but he does not know from what sources it was obtained ; he had sufficient promises, without bribery, to justify him in the belief that his election was secure.

2429. How does Sir Edmund Lacon keep up his influence with the borough ?—He has a very large connexion, and the connexion of his friends, and nothing in the world could unseat him unless it is by extravagant bribery.

2430. From his personal friendship ?—From his personal friendship, and interests and connexions.

2431. Does he subscribe largely to the charities of the town ?—Yes, and he spends a large sum of money in the town, and has a large business in the town. When I tell you we are perhaps one of the largest country brewers out of London, it makes me think he must have some influence and connexion.

2432. I presume that all the influence Sir Edmund Lacon possesses would hardly return him without he spent some money ?—It would do so unquestionably if the other party did not spend money ; if they did of course his influence would be of no use.

2433. Then Sir Edmund Lacon, when he stands for the borough of Yarmouth, must always be prepared to spend money ?—No party can command Yarmouth without spending money.

2434. As I understand it, he has always been opposed, has he not ?—Yes.

2435. Therefore he has always been prepared to spend money ?—Money has been spent for him.

2436. He has always been opposed by men of wealth ?—Yes ; those men of wealth must buy three men to his one.

2437. Sir Edmund Lacon being always prepared to spend money upon his election, he could hardly expect his friends always to return him ?—Well, I do not know; Sir Edmund Lacon's connexion and influence is always sufficient to carry him in without spending money, and probably he may find he can do it without.

2438. He is always opposed, and always opposed by men of wealth ?—Yes, and he has always had a majority of promises.

2439. He also knows, if he is opposed by men of wealth, he must beat them with their own weapons ?—Yes; I do not know what Sir Edmund Lacon's opinion is upon the subject.

2440. Still that is the case, that money has always to be spent for him ?—Yes, and that is without his knowledge and consent.

2441. Sir Edmund Lacon, I presume, was perfectly well aware that money was spent for him at the last election ?—I do not know what he may think or imagine ; I have never had any conversation with him upon the subject.

2442. He knew the reputation for wealth that the other gentleman had when they came down to contest the borough ?—Yes.

2443. And he never spoke of retiring ?—No.

2444. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You said it was in consequence of having heard money was being spent upon the other side, that you thought it necessary to spend money upon your own side ?—Yes.

2445. Have you heard of any instance in which money had been given or promised ?—General report.

2446. Only from general report ?—Yes, it was pretty well known that they were spending money.

2447. When did you hear that the money first began to be spent upon the other side ?—I think upon the Saturday or Sunday.

2448. You heard it then ?—Yes.

2449. Was the report that money had actually been paid at that time ?—I have been told that they had declared upon the canvass that they meant to have it and to buy it; that the parties upon the canvass had so declared.

2450. Had you heard any instance reported in which parties were said to have been bought at that time ?—It was generally said so.

2451. It was generally said that there were parties bought at the time ?—Yes.

2452. But you advanced the money ?—Yes.

2453. Did you consult with any of your party, your friends, before you advanced this money ?—No, I had done it upon my own account ; I made up my mind at the election of 1857 not to see Sir Edmund Lacon beaten.

2454. I ask you did you consult with any other members of the party ?—No.

2455. You determined to do it yourself ?—I determined to do it.

2456. After you had done it did you communicate the fact to anybody ?—No, I might leave them to judge that I did so.

2457. You did not communicate to anybody that you had done it ?—No.

2458. But indirectly you did ?—Yes.

2459. Will you tell us to whom ?—I do not remember to whom.

2460. I suppose you said the money will be forthcoming, or something of that sort ?—Yes.

2461. To whom did you say that ?—I do not remember saying it at all ; I may have said so.

2462. Tell us if you can remember ?—I cannot remember ; I made up my mind that I would find the money without consulting anybody, and I did so.

2463. I want to know whether you allowed the members of the Conservative party of the borough to know that money would be forthcoming.

2464. They might judge so ; I am not aware.

2465. You told no one ?—No.

2466. What could they judge from ?—I do not know how they would judge.

2467. You see the question is whether you acquainted them with the fact that you would find the money ?—Yes.

2468. No one else would find the money ?—No.

2469. You did not know that anyone else would find the money ?—No.

2470. Was it known then that if the money was wanted you were of all persons the person likely to find it ?—I do not know whether it was so ; they might have judged so.

2471. They might have guessed so ?—Yes.

2472. From what ?—I do not know from what.

2473. Was it known that you had found the money before ?—Do you mean at the previous time ?

2474. The previous election.—Yes, I believe it was.

2475. Was it generally known among the leaders of the Conservative party ?—I do not know that it was ; it might be to three or four.

2476. Had it ever been made the subject of conversation, to your knowledge ?—No.

2477. Will you tell us who might have known it ?—I am not aware of anyone knowing it ; the party might judge the money was found.

2478. Not that the money was found, but that the money was found by you?—Yes.

2479. They might have judged it, and for what reason?—I do not know that anyone would so judge.

2480. You have already told me the party?—They might guess it, perhaps.

2481. It has come out that it is notorious that Mr. Cooper is the illegal agent?—Yes.

2482. That fact seems known?—Yes.

2483. Do you think that Mr. Reynolds did not know that you were the person from whom the money was to come?—I never had any conversation.

2484. I ask you, might Mr. Reynolds have known that you were the person to find the money if it was wanted?—He could judge.

2485. Is he one of the persons that you had in your mind just now when you said people might have guessed?—He might have guessed.

2486. Was he one of the persons you had in your mind?—No.

2487. Will you tell me who the people were?—Are you speaking of the previous election or the last election?

2488. I am speaking generally?—If you are speaking of the last election the whole party might have guessed.

2489. Then it is probable the whole party might have judged that the money would be forthcoming upon this occasion?—Yes.

2490. How many people do you suppose were aware that you had spent money upon the former election?—Two or three.

2491. Who were they?—It might be Mr. Aldred, and it might be Mr. Stirling Lacon; I do not know any other.

2492. You have mentioned three; do you think that those parties might have guessed it, and at the same time not have communicated it to Mr. Reynolds?—I think they would carefully avoid it, Mr. Reynolds being the agent.

2493. Did you communicate to anybody after this election that you had found the money?—No.

2493*a*. Neither directly nor indirectly?—Yesterday I told Mr. Reynolds of it; I knew that it must come out, and therefore I told him yesterday, but not before.

2494. Was Mr. Reynolds surprised to hear it?—Yes.

2495. Did he express surprise to you?—Yes, rather so.

2496. Have you never breathed it to anybody else?—No.

2497. Up to the time you did tell it to Mr. Reynolds?—I do not remember.

2498. You do not remember that you told anybody?—No.

2499. Or given anybody any reason for believing it?—No.

2500. What was your motive for advancing the money; was it friendship for Sir Edmund Lacone alone?—I explained at the first, at the election of 1857 how Sir Edmund was served, and I determined that he should not be served so again, if I could prevent it.

2501. Do you suppose that Sir Edmund Lacon is unable to guess that you have advanced the money as well as the other people that you have mentioned?—I think not.

2502. Why not?—I think he supposed that parties subscribed; he had no idea that I found the money.

2503. Was there any idea of the party subscribing it?—No, I think not.

2504. At any time?—No.

2505. I suppose there are rich men enough in Yarmouth to subscribe for the purpose in the Conservative party?—Yes.

2506. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you ever known of a Conservative subscription in Yarmouth?—No.

2507. What makes you say he supposed?—I say probably Sir Edmund might think so, his friends being interested in his election.

2508. Still there never has been such a thing?—No, I am not aware of it.

2509. At all events Sir Edmund knew that the money was provided by his friends, somehow or other?—He would naturally think so, probably.

2510. Will you tell me who it was that recommended this gentleman who goes by the name of the stranger, Mr. Aldred, to you?—He was staying at Yarmouth at the time, and I fixed upon him.

2511. Tell me how it was you came to fix upon him?—He was staying in Yarmouth; I knew him to be a respectable young man.

2512. How did you happen to know he was a respectable man?—From his connexions.

2513. What connexions has he?—He is a distant relative of Mr. Aldred.

2514. The Mayor?—Yes, a distant relative.

2515. Do you know where he is at this moment?—No, I do not.

2516. Did Mr. Aldred, the mayor, recommend this young man to you?—No, I met him at Mr. Aldred's; being election time, I cannot say how it occurred.

2517. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you had any communication with Mr. Goodson?—No; do you mean on the subject of the election?

2518. Yes?—No, never a word.

2519. I presume then, Mr. Goodson is entirely ignorant of how the money was spent?—Quite so.

2520. Do you believe Mr. Cooper is quite ignorant of where the money came from?—Yes.

2521. Mr. Cooper was engaged in the election of 1859?—It is so long ago, eight years, I cannot recollect. I think a Mr. Green at that time was the man.

2522. Mr. Cooper has told us he was under Mr. Green?—Yes; Green was the man at that time; he is dead, he was then our acting man.

2523. When you advanced this money, you did it entirely out of friendship to Sir Edmund Lacon, and with no expectation whatever of its being hereafter repaid to you?—No, I have never received the money since; I have never asked for it.

2524. You could not ask for it if Sir Edmund did not know where it came from?—Exactly.

2525. (*Mr. Slade.*) You do not expect to be repaid?—I know I have no legal claim for it, and it is quite indifferent to me.

2526. Do you expect to be repaid?—I think probably when Sir Edmund sees this inquiry he may wish to pay it.

2527. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Would you have ever communicated it to Sir Edmund Lacon, but for this inquiry?—No.

2528. (*Mr. Slade.*) When gentlemen stand in the same interest, I presume they generally agree to share the expenses between them?—Yes.

2529. You paid this 4,000*l.* for the party?—Yes.

2530. Did you understand, when you advanced this money, that Sir Edmund was to return Mr. Goodson free of expense?—No.

2531. Then I presume you expect to receive back half of this money from Mr. Goodson?—Well, I did not give that any consideration, I know to secure two members is just as easy as it is to secure one. My principal object was to secure Sir Edmund, and doing so I could secure Mr. Goodson with the same means without any extra.

2532. You did not care about securing Mr. Goodson free of expense?—I knew at the time I should secure Mr. Goodson as well as Sir Edmund by the same means. For instance, I should not have gone and bought a vote for Sir Edmund without Mr. Goodson, I should have had to pay the same amount of money for them; I did not give that any consideration.

2533. Still for all that you would expect Mr. Goodson to pay his share?—Well, I did not even think of it. My principal object was upon Sir Edmund Lacon's account.

2534. Do you at this moment consider Mr. Goodson to be liable for half that amount?—I do so, if he feels himself bound to pay it.

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2535. In the same manner as you consider Sir Edmund Lacon liable for 2000*l.*, you consider Mr. Goodson liable for 2000*l.* ?—Yes, I should do so if they considered themselves bound to pay it.

2536. At all events you would not consider Sir Edmund Lacon liable for the entire sum ?—No.

2537. Then I presume you, not being a friend of Mr. Goodson, would not have had the same delicacy in asking him to repay you that 2,000*l.*?—Well, I have not done so, I have never thought whether I should do so.

2538. Did it never occur to you that you would be repaid ?—No, I was quite indifferent whether I was repaid or not.

2539. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) As a mere matter of money, it was indifferent to you whether you were repaid or not ?—Yes.

2540. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was it always understood that Mr. Goodson and Sir Edmund would share the expenses, either legal or illegal ?—I think it was, I am not aware of the arrangement.

2541. Had you any communication with Mr. Goodson himself previous to the election ?—Never a word,

2542. You never spoke to him ?—Not upon the subject of the election.

2543. What reason have you for saying you suppose they had agreed to share the expenses between them ? —I do not know it is so, it is generally supposed the two members would do so.

2544. You mean from experience of other elections ? —Yes.

2545. In other elections has it always been the practice that the person who has stood with Sir Edmund Lacon has shared the expenses with him ? —Yes.

2546. Both legal and illegal ?—Yes, I think so.

2547. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Being Sir Edmund Lacon's partner, and being very intimate with him, you would naturally, would you not, talk to him on the subject ? —I have never said a word to him.

2547*a*. You would naturally have talked to him but for your determination not to speak to him on the subject ?—Yes.

2548. He, I suppose, never broached the subject to you ?—Never.

2549. You have no doubt he never broached the subject, because it would lead to inconvenient discoveries ?—Well, I do not know that.

2550. Have you any doubt about that ?—I suppose not.

2551. In fact, on both sides, you have no doubt you kept each other intentionally ignorant ?—I will not say intentional upon Sir Edmund's part.

2552. On your part it was intentional ?—Yes, of course.

2553. (*Mr. Russell.*) I understand you to say, that in 1857 you advised Sir Edmund Lacon to go to the poll without spending any money ?—I do not know that I advised Sir Edmund particularly so, but it was so by the party.

2554. I believe you stated that you advised Sir Edmund Lacon ?—It is eight or nine years ago ; I did not not expect to be asked these questions. I do not think I mentioned the subject to Sir Edmund, but his party generally thought themselves justified in going to the election without spending any money.

2555. I understand you to say, in 1857 you advised Sir Edmund Lacon to go to the poll without spending money, and in consequence of that advice having failed, and Sir Edmund Lacon having been defeated, you determined upon this occasion that the result should not be the same ?—Yes.

2556. Am I to understand from that, upon the previous occcasion, in the preceding election, you had advised Sir Edmund Lacon that it would be necessary to spend money ?—No. I never spoke to Sir Edmund in my life about spending money.

2557. Did you give Sir Edmund Lacon any advice either upon the election of 1859, or upon the last election, with reference to the spending of money ?— No, never a word.

2558. Do you think Sir Edmund would have been likely to consider your silence upon that subject, after the advice you had given him in 1857, to be a tacit admission on your part that money would be required ? —No ; I think not. If I said I gave Sir Edmund advice, I made a mistake ; I mean I advised the party generally.

2559. You did not advise Sir Edmund Lacon ?—I do not think I did. The election was fought upon pure principles upon our side, and we were defeated.

2560. In what form did you receive the 2,000*l.* which you borrowed from Mr. Woolton ?—In gold.

2561. And you delivered it in that same form to Mr. Cooper ?—Yes.

2562. I should like to ask you this question, I am not aware that you have been asked it. Have you ever been repaid the 1,000*l.* that you advanced for the purposes of the election in 1859 ?—Yes, I have. You told me that you would go into that upon a future occasion, I am not quite prepared upon all points to say, because it is eight years ago.

2563. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I am afraid we must have that now ?—Very well, I will give it.

2564. (*Mr. Russell.*) I should like to ask you by whom you were repaid ?—I will tell you. There was a petition, afterwards there were two or three actions. There was an action for perjury which incurred a very considerable expense, and Mr. Cory had the management of that, and I asked him to include my expenses in his bill, and he did so, and Sir Edmund Lacon paid it in one sum without inquiring what it was. He did not look at the accounts.

2565. Sir Edmund Lacon did repay you that 1,000*l.* ? —He did not repay me himself. I tell you it was through Mr. Cory.

2566. Mr. Cory paid you ?—Yes, there was a considerable amount of business transacted at that time, and Sir Edmund could not judge what it was for.

2567. (*Mr. Slade.*) Will you tell us what was the sum total of that bill ?—I really cannot.

2568. Was it a very large sum ?—I do not know.

2569. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you communicate that to Mr. Cory at that time ?—Yes, I asked Mr. Cory to include it, and he did so.

2570. You told Mr. Cory what it was for ?—Yes.

2571. (*Mr. Russell.*) Mr. Cory was then the agent of Sir Edmund Lacon ?—He defended the petition, and conducted some actions.

2572. Mr. Cory is the town clerk ? — He is a solicitor, and he is the town clerk.

2573. He was the agent upon the petition ?—For the defence. He was the agent of Sir Edmund Lacon, and he was also solicitor in the two or three actions. I did not receive the money for two or three years afterwards.

2574. Can you tell me about when ?—I cannot speak from memory, it being eight years ago ; but on any other occasion I will endeavour to refresh my memory.

2575. Can you tell us about the time ? Was it two or three years ago that Mr. Cory included these expenses in his bill ?—It is earlier than that, it was three years after the election, or a year or two after ; I cannot remember now.

2576. That would be 1862 ?—1861 or 1862.

2577. At all events, Mr. Cory then became acquainted with the fact that you had advanced the money ?—He was not aware of it before.

2578. Then he became acquainted with the fact that you had advanced the money, and that you were repaid by Sir Edmund Lacon in that manner ?—Yes, without Sir Edmund being aware of it.

2579. That is to say, as far as you know ?—Yes, of course.

2580. I suppose you did not impose secrecy upon Mr. Cory ?—You see it is eight years ago and I forget.

2581. It is not eight years ago you were repaid. This is 1866, and you say it was about 1861 or 1862 ? —It is eight years ago since the election.

2582. But not since Mr. Cory became acquainted with the fact ?—It is seven years ago.

2583. You say 1861 or 1862, that is four years ago?—Yes, 1861. It is five years ago.

2584. And I presume then, you thought you might recover the money spent upon this election in some similar manner at a future time?—No, I did not give it a thought.

2585. (*Mr. Slade.*) I understand that the sum of 4000*l.* which you sent out was fixed upon by yourself upon a calculation of the number of votes that you wanted?—Yes.

2586. Did you calculate upon a man being worth 15*l.* a head?—Yes.

2587. Was that the price you paid?—Yes, that was the price. That was the generally recognized price at the time. It was reported that the other party were giving 25*l.* in some instances. I knew where we bought one they would have to buy three.

2588. What had been the price at the previous election?—I forget, but not so much.

2589. You are certain of that?—Yes.

2590. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) In your experience of this borough how many of the constituency do you suppose are open to bribes?—I do not know.

2591. You cannot tell me?—I cannot tell you.

2592. (*Mr. Slade.*) From your knowledge of the borough, has the price gone on increasing at every election?—I think it has.

2593. Can you also say whether, besides the price of votes having increased,—whether the number of people who will take bribes has also increased?—I do not know that, but I should say probably it has.

2594. Not decreased?—Not decreased I should say.

2595. I do not know if you know much about the detail of this, probably Mr. Cooper would know more?—I know nothing about it.

2596. Will you tell me through whom you learnt the price, the 15*l.*?—Only by general report.

2597. It was generally reported among the party?—Yes, it was notorious all over the town.

2598. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Everything seems to be notorious upon the subject, except the person from whom the money came?—Yes, having an object to gain, which object was to keep it secret.

Mr. Edward Harbord Lushington Preston sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

Mr. E. H. L. Preston.

2599. We understand you are one of the principal Conservative residents in this borough?—I am a Conservative in the borough.

2600. Did you take any part in the last election?—Yes, a very small part.

2601. Did you propose Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, I think I did.

2602. Did you preside at any meeting?—I did, at two, at the "Star" and at the "Feathers."

2603. I need not ask you whether you were aware at the end that bribery had taken place; were you aware at any time whether bribery had taken place?—Not personally, but from observation and from my experience I was sure it was so.

2604. Were you in constant communication with Sir Edmund Lacon during the election?—Sir Edmund Lacon, I think, with Mr. Goodson appeared in Yarmouth upon the 6th; I did not join them or attend any of their canvass till about three weeks afterwards, and then on account of lameness I was unable to canvass with them, but I did see Sir Edmund and Mr. Goodson; I believe they called upon me at my office, and I saw them at both those meetings.

2605. Then I understand you did not attend them at their canvass at all?—Never. Mr. Cooper made a mistake, which he is fully aware of, that I never did attend the canvass.

2606. Have you ever had any conversation with Sir Edmund Lacon on the subject of bribery in the borough?—Never.

2607. Are you of your own personal knowledge aware of any bribery?—No, not of one single case.

2608. Who brought Mr. Goodson down?—Well I can scarcely tell you. I received a summons in the middle, I think, of 1864, or the early part of 1865, to say that Sir Henry Stracey had resigned, and he had recommended Mr. Goodson to take his position, and then they appeared at the "Victoria Hotel," and I was summoned there to meet him.

2609. Was Mr. Goodson known to you before that?—No, I had never seen him before.

2610. Was Sir Henry Stracey present?—No, he was not.

2611. Did you on that occasion have a conversation with Mr. Goodson?—Never upon electioneering matters, further than hoping that things were going on right.

2612. I forgot to ask you what is your profession?—I am a timber merchant, and I hold the foreign consulates in the borough.

2613. You are a member of the town council?—I am.

2614. What office do you hold?—I am only a town councillor.

2615. I understand the Conservative interest preponderates very much at this moment?—It has done so of late very much.

2616. In your opinion does that preponderance in the municipal borough have an effect upon the parliamentary borough?—Very much so. I think I may make this observation to you, that it is generally thought so in London. On various occasions when I have applied in London for candidates for the borough, I have always been met with this—How are you represented in the town council? And it is almost impossible to find a candidate for the borough until they have placed themselves in a position of obtaining the influence of the corporation, which they ultimately do.

2617. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose the influence of the corporation would be proportionate to its wealth?—The corporation has no doubt great appointments; they have the management of the town, and they have the spending of the money of the town, and they have, no doubt, great influence otherwise.

2618. The corporation of Yarmouth is a very wealthy corporation?—They are very well off, but I do not call them wealthy.

2619. I am talking of their corporate funds?—Their corporate funds are not large.

2620. Do I understand you to say now that the contests in the municipal elections have become less severe?—They have nearly ceased. I may say I have fought more elections in the municipal corporations than anyone. I fought from the very first passing of the Municipal Act until last year, and in the early part they were heavy, but now they have ceased. I think the whole of my expenses for the large ward of Gorleston last year amounted to 8*l.* 10*s.*, including printing cards, letter carriers, and all that machinery.

2621. Are they contested up to the present day?—That was contested, and contested in a peculiar way, that I think I lost as many as about 60 or 70 votes in 23 hours, which very nearly lost it. We had to bring it up, as Mr. Blake has told you, by a few half-crowns.

2622. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you suppose there was bribery used on the other side?—We were 120 ahead until about 2 o'clock; then the money was poured in. A great many of our friends had gone home, considering the contest entirely over, but the money was poured in, and we were not above 20 ahead at half-past 3.

2623. And you paid some half-crowns?—We were obliged to shower in a few half-crowns.

2624. What was the price the other side?—They spent about 30*l.* or 40*l.*.

2625. But what was the price per head?—About 10*s.* I would make one observation to you before I

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leave. In my observations upon the last election, I generally keep a little diary of these things, and I find on referring to my book, that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson came in on the 6th of June, and that I did not meet them until the 19th, the Monday week following. That on Saturday night was the first meeting at the "Star," the 24th, and on the 26th was the meeting at Gorleston, and on the Saturday following Mr. Vanderbyl exchanged with Marshman, and bribery began in reality.

2626. On what day?—The Saturday, the 8th.

2627. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is that an entry made by you at the time?—Yes.

2628. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is the Friday before the election?—Yes.

2629. (*Mr. Slade.*) You think the other party began to bribe on the Saturday?—On the Saturday the 8th. I also find, on Monday the 10th, an observation made by me "Brogden and Vanderbyl bribing like fun;" and there is another observation on the 11th, "Things looking most favourable to the election. Promises—Lacon 830, Goodson 822."

2630. Was this diary made from what you observed yourself?—What I observed myself.

2631. May I ask how you could form an opinion that bribery began in reality?—It was something like the ripple before the wind; there was a flutter all over the town, people running here and there; and besides this, I had the management of the Market ward. My room was exactly opposite the "Angel," and I saw such a stream of people being carried in by parties, one, a Mr. Downing, carrying people in, that I sent for my lorgnettes, and I saw in that room Mr. Brogden with Mr. Richard Hammond, and I saw a great number of men carried about; there is one, a Mr. Adcock, a sweep, and I saw them after they were introduced to Mr. Brogden, brought down into the market into a public-house directly opposite the "Angel;" I went out of my room, and fell in with Adcock, and I fell in with several others, and I found they were bribed, from the conversations that I had with them; and there was drunkenness about the town at the time, and all business appeared to have been given up; and, from this kind of riot, it was clear to me, from experience, and what I had seen before, that bribery was going on to a very great extent.

2632. What time of the day did it commence on Saturday?—Saturday afternoon, about 6 or 7 in the evening. I think there was a meeting in the market.

2633. A public meeting?—I think Mr. Brogden had a meeting; I am not certain, and it was going on then; and on the Monday following it was rampant all over the town.

2634. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you mean the bribery that you talk of now was entirely on the Liberal side?—I do not say that; it was clear to me, from observation, that bribery was going on to a great extent; but being in my room in the market, opposite to the "Angel," I had no opportunity of seeing so much over the other part of the town as I saw there, and I saw bribery being carried on there to a great extent.

2635–6. (*Mr. Russell.*) As far as you can judge, was the bribery simultaneous on both sides?—Yes, I think it was. You could see the various individuals engaged in it running to and fro, some with one man, some with another, continually passing, stopping, and going on, and it was quite clear to me, from what I had seen before, that bribery was going on to a great extent.

2637. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had the same thing happened at previous elections?—I have seen a great deal of the elections, from the time of 1818, when Anson and Rumbold came and turned out Sir Edmund Lacon at that time, the father of the present member, and I think I am not wrong in saying, that for the 20 years that Mr. Rumbold held the seat he spent 72,000*l.*

2638. Why do you say that?—Because he told Mr. Marsh, his intimate friend and acquaintance so; and I have every reason to believe it, and I think the friends of Mr. Rumbold would not deny it.

2639. (*Mr Fitzgerald.*) You were acquainted with Mr. Rumbold?—Yes; and I brought down Mr. Praed here. I was the means of defeating Anson and Rumbold in this borough.

2640. That is going back very far?—1834.

2641. Can you tell me about the election of 1857, in which Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin were here?—Are you acquainted with the history of that?—Yes. The facts are, that Sir Edmund Lacon had determined to fight it on a pure election, and so was Colonel Vereker, but they found themselves at last wrong. I told them "You are completely lost; as to going to the poll, you are regularly bought out;" and I recollect being asked to attend a meeting to give my opinion as to the state of the poll. I did attend that meeting, and the numbers were given, and I said, "Sir Edmund Lacon will be beaten by a hundred, and Colonel Vereker by 150; and it was suggested then that it might be recovered by purchasing 60 votes. One of the parties said, "You have no power to go and buy 60 votes now." It was the night before the election. "It was all done last night; you are only fooling away the money, and you had better follow out Sir Edmund Lacon's views, and he had better lose the election than subject himself to any more trouble about it;" and of course at 9 the next morning it was all over.

2642. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you advise him to hold back any petition?—No.

2643. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You have no doubt Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin spent money?—I do not believe Mr. McCullagh did, for I do not believe he had the money, but I believe Mr. Watkin spent the whole of it.

2644. (*Mr. Slade.*) I see the returned expenses of that election were, for McCullagh and Watkin, 450*l.*?—That is like all returns.

2645. That is the election auditor's return?—That is what they call the legal expenses, but it was rather an open house election at that time. They had large expenses at hotels, and I should not be surprised that their hotel in the market and the "Star" cost them 150*l.* or a couple of hundred pounds.

2646. Can you give us any idea what that election cost Mr. Watkin?—I have always heard it cost Mr. Watkin 4,000*l.*

2647. And Sir Edmund Lacon petitioned?—Sir Edmund Lacon petitioned and unseated him.

2648. Unseated Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin?—Yes.

2649. At the subsequent election of 1858 Sir Edmund Lacon did not stand?—Sir Edmund Lacon refused to stand, and Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young came afterwards; and I understand that Mr. McCullagh made a bargain with Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young that they should each of them give him 500*l.* for the position.

2650. (*Mr. Russell.*) Where did you hear that?—I really cannot tell you who told me now. From the general gleanings I have heard it, and I believe it to be true.

2651. Was it currently reported?—It was currently reported at the time.

2652. Do you know why Mr. Watkin did not come afterwards again?—He could not. He was unseated on petition.

2653. What do you mean by "the position"?—What you call "buying the goodwill."

2654. Mr. McCullagh had no goodwill to sell?—Yes he had, because he might have recommended his own friend; he had the first choice.

2655. He could not stand?—He could not stand himself, but he could have sent for his own friend; but he said to these gentlemen (which is not an uncommon thing in electioneering matters) "I have lost my seat; "it has cost me so much; you will go down, and in "all probability be returned for nothing; you pay me "my expenses."

2656. How came Sir Edmund Lacon to stand in 1859, when he refused to stand in 1857?—I cannot say that I know much about Sir Edmund Lacon standing in 1859, for I will tell you the position I was placed in there; I was in a curious position with regard to that. Sir Edmund Lacon came forward with a Mr.

Foster, and we were requested to go to Norwich to meet Mr. Foster, to know whether his principles agreed with our ideas, and we went to Norwich, and Mr. Foster, instead of his coming out at all approaching our ideas of Conservatism, it turned out he had been in Australia, where he had been a vote by ballot man, though he was all agreed to swallow that, and be a Conservative, provided he was elected. That I could not consent to, and I said, "I should recommend, if you are going to fight the election"—I said this to one or two of my friends,—"do not have a poor man like Mr. Foster, but have a man with a little money." The consequence was, Mr. Foster retired, and Sir Henry Stracey came forward; and that was the real position of things there, and no doubt there were 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* spent.

2657. In 1857?—That is 1859.

2658. In 1857 Sir Edmund Lacon did not abstain from standing in consequence of any negotiation on the other side?—Oh, dear no; he would have stood if he had a proper colleague.

2659. (*Mr. Slade.*) Colonel Vereker was a poor man?—He growled very much at the 700*l.* that he spent here.

2660. It was the bribery of McCullagh and Watkin that brought in Mellor and Young?—They came in on their wings.

2661. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose it cost Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor very little?—I should think it cost them nothing beyond buying the goodwill. I should think the legal expenses were little or nothing; I should think the legal expenses were not above a couple of hundreds.

2662. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know of your own knowledge whether the 500*l.* was paid?—That I cannot say.

2663. Was it understood it was paid?—I believe Mr. McCullagh had it.

2664. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is that Mr. McCullagh, the present member for Finsbury?—He is, Mr. McCullagh Torrens.

2665. (*Mr. Slade.*) According to that the election on which Mellor and Young came in was not a pure election?—It was impure, because they were tainted by the result of the last election.

2666. In fact, the borough was sold to those two?—The borough was sold to those two.

2667. It is important for us to know this for going back in our enquiry?—I shall be very happy to render you every assistance in these things.

2668. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Bribery seems to have been of very long standing in Yarmouth?—I have been told that bribery was brought into Yarmouth by Dr. Lushington, and the Honourable Mr. Harbord Harbord in 1806, the year I was born, and I can tell you an anecdote of what passed in the lobby of the House of Commons then. When the Mayor and Corporation of Yarmouth were summoned to the House of Commons to give evidence, the Mayor, who carried up as returning officer his papers, was engaged in conversation, and while his bag was lying on the table, Dr. Lushington said "Let us put his papers in the fire," and it was done. Bribery existed in 1806. It was then abandoned, and in 1818 it came in in great force, and 15,000*l.* on each side for an election was very common at that time.

2669. A great part of that expenditure was incurred in bringing in out voters?—Yes, the out voters; but recollect this, it was made a complete system, for if you went to ask a man for his vote and had to bring him down you would have to bring his wife and all his family with him; and it was a very common occurrence which I have known myself. There was Colonel Anson; I recollect on one occasion his coming from Chatham with a large number of men in a steam-boat that cost 400*l.* or 500*l.* They were landed here and taken to a commercial house on the quay. Colonel Anson had met them at sea in another boat and bought the whole of them, and when my father, who had canvassed them at Chatham and arranged the pay for them, went into the room where Colonel Anson and Mr. Rumbold were, they were nearly put out of the window.

2670. That was in the days of freemen?—That was in the days of freemen.

2671. (*Mr. Russell.*) I see the election when Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor walked over was in August 1857?—Yes.

2672. And the previous election when Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin were unseated on petition was in the preceding March. There was only five months interval?—Yes, the meeting of the house took place immediately.

2673. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do I understand you to mean that the bribery which had taken place in 1857 was so fresh in the minds of the persons who had been bribed, that that enabled Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor to come in?—No, I do not think it had any effect; they would like to be paid again if there had been a contest. There was no contest, and their seeing there was no contest Mr. McCullagh, and I do not know that Mr. Watkin might have asked, but they asked to be paid their expenses for the goodwill, at least I have been always informed so. I do not know that I could prove it.

2674. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you ever heard it said that Sir Edmund Lacon declined to stand in August 1857, and Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young walked over because his petition had made him unpopular in the borough?—I did not hear of that, but I should think very likely, because a petition always makes a man unpopular.

2675. You never heard that?—No.

2676. You do not consider it good policy to petition in Great Yarmouth?—I do not think it good policy; you do not make friends by it. You must make a great exposure.

Mr. Francis Worship sworn; examined by Mr. Slade. *Mr. F. Worship.*

2677. (*Mr. Slade.*) What are you?—Nothing at all.

2678. An independent gentleman?—An independent gentleman.

2679. Living in this town?—Living in this town.

2680. I think you are a Conservative in politics?—Yes.

2681. Did you take any active part in the last election?—Not at all, a very little part, a very gentle part indeed. I attended the meeting at the "Victoria," when I was introduced to Mr. Goodson. I attended a meeting which started the canvass. I attended the meeting at the "Feathers," at Gorleston, and left long before it was over, and that was the whole of what I did. I took a very little canvassing indeed, for I was not at all well at the time, and was soon knocked up, and I should doubt whether the five or six days I attended the canvass the whole put together would amount to five hours.

2682. You threw the weight of your influence into your party?—Whatever influence I had, decidedly, was with that party.

2683. I do not know, after the evidence of Mr. Nightingale, that we have anything to ask you. Have you any statement you wish to make to the Commissioners?—Not at all. I may just say that I think it was Mr. Preston mentioned he had reason to believe about the bribery on the Saturday. Now, I am quite certain that my memory is right when I say that I heard at the committee-room, which I would occasionally look into and sit in for half-an-hour, expressions of this kind: "Brogden and his friends are bribing through thick and thin," and I am quite certain that that was two or three days before the time given by Mr. Preston. I cannot at all give the names of the individuals who might come into the room and say so, and then go out, but I am certain I heard of it three or four days before the time mentioned by Mr. Preston.

2684. At that time Mr. Brogden was alone in the field?—No; Mr. Brogden was alone in the field in the interval between the publication of Mr. Marshman's bill on the Saturday evening; I think it was a quarter of an hour afterwards, quite in a short time like that,

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out came Mr. Vanderbyl's bill. So that was the sole time Mr. Brogden stood alone. Of course he left to me and others the impression, if Mr. Marshman retired, as he was believed to do, because he saw the canvass was altogether against him, and that the money was too much for his liking. Then our belief was, that he had sent up for this Mr. Vanderbyl at least to come and take off the split votes that were promised for Mr. Marshman, so that they might not go for either Lacon or Goodson.

2685. Mr. Marshman, I understand, issued his parting address on Saturday?—Yes, he did.

2686. But it was known before that that he was going to retire?—I do not know about that. I remember being on the Britannia Pier on the Friday night, and there was Mr. Marshman walking with a gentleman who was described as his professional friend, and it was also painful to see Mr. Marshman, for I did not know what was going on. He was looking so melancholy, and what schoolboys would call so down in the mouth, and the next day we heard he had retired, and then the next morning I saw Mr. Brogden driving about with some one, and I was told "That is the new candidate, Mr. Vanderbyl."

2687–8. Then Mr. Vanderbyl came down on the Saturday night?—In all probability he was travelling the whole night through and got here by the early train at 4 in the morning.

2689. What time was it you saw him?—I suppose 10 or 11 o'clock. I know I was coming up the town at the time. I live on the Denes, and I was coming up the town at the time. I may add to what Mr. Preston has said, that the unfortunate doing of bribery is much older than 1806, for I have a poll-book for the year 1754, I think that is the date, when an ancestor of mine, of the name of Fuller, contested the borough with a man of the name of Brown, against the Sir Robert Walpole influence of Townsend and Walpole, and my ancestor and his colleague were both townspeople, and popular people, and Sir Robert Walpole was unpopular, and the election was with the popular candidates, but a vast number were bought away, and the poll-book when printed was printed with all the bought voters in German text. I looked the book out this morning for the purpose of bringing it down to show it to you, but I forgot it; but if you please I can show it you on Monday. I do not know I have anything further to say except this. I was told it was said I was at several committees, or whatever they were called, which is totally untrue; I was not at the committees I was said to be present at, and I was also told it was said that I advanced Sir Edmund Lacon 500*l.*, which was as false as possible can be. I never advanced at this election or any other election a single farthing or the hundredth part of a farthing, and always, on any occasion, if I wished for a glass of ale or a soda and brandy, or anything of that sort, I paid for it.

2690. Our investigation proceeds on idle reports, we know nothing ourselves?—I was told it had been conveyed to you that I had advanced money, which is totally false, as I say not the hundredth portion of a farthing. If you will allow me I will say another word. In the summons I was directed to bring any books, papers, and writings relating to the election. I kept the poll-book for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and the only papers I have is the casting of the poll on that occasion, which I will take leave to hand you. I have no doubt that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson were the popular candidates with the electors, and this casting of the poll will pretty clearly show it. And another paper I have since made out for my own amusement, which is simply an analysis of the poll and how the poll went; but I think that paper will pretty well show how the feeling of the electors was.

2690*a*. I presume it tallies with what we have heard before as to what the poll was?—Precisely so. It is a most extraordinary thing; there was not a difference of one between my number and the Mayor's numbers.

Mr. R. Ferrier.

Mr. Richard Ferrier sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

2691. Are you a resident of this borough?—Yes.

2692. And have you been so for many years?—Yes.

2693. Are you occupied in any way?—I am a brewer by business.

2694. You also, I believe, took a part in the politics of the last election?—In the early part of it I did.

2695. What part did you take?—I think I signed a request for a party to meet at the first meeting, at which they met Mr. Goodson and Sir Edmund Lacon as the acknowledged candidates.

2696. How long ago was that?—That was about a month I think before the election took place. There had been a meeting of the previous year I think.

2697. At the time Sir Henry Stracey retired?—Yes.

2698. This is when he made his formal introduction?—He was then introduced to the electors.

2699. Was Sir Edmund Lacon present at that meeting?—Yes, I think he was, and Mr. Goodson.

2700. Was it a large meeting?—Yes, we considered it a very good meeting. There were the principal parties, and they all met by summons.

2701. It was a private meeting?—It was a private meeting. It was not a meeting of the town; they were summoned.

2702. And where was the meeting?—At the "Star."

2703. Was that the first time you had seen Mr. Goodson?—No; I had seen him the previous year, when he came down to be introduced to the electors, as a gentleman recommended to take Sir Henry Stracey's situation if returned.

2704. Were speeches made on that occasion?—Very little; because the meeting was called to canvass. After Mr. Goodson was particularly introduced I think I then proposed, as the chairman of the meeting, we should immediately proceed upon the canvass, and we left the room and the canvass was commenced.

2705. Then it was understood that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson were to stand together?—Yes, they were to stand together.

2706. Was anything said about sharing the expenses?—No, not a word.

2707. I suppose very little was said?—Very little indeed.

2708. Were gentlemen named, who were to undertake the canvass?—Oh no. It was requested that any gentleman who had leisure would go on the canvass. It is usual to get as many as you can when you first canvass, to make a good show.

2709. At that time did you anticipate an opposition?—We did not know of any proposed opposition. The anticipation in Yarmouth generally is that there might be an opposition.

2710. From your previous experience you thought there would be one?—I thought it possible there might be an opposition.

2711. You never knew an election without one, except Mr. Mellor's and Mr. Young's?—No, I do not think I have.

2712. There never has been one, has there, at least for the last 50 years?—No, I think not.

2713. Were you at Yarmouth at the last election, when Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey stood?—Yes.

2714. Since that time you are aware that bribery was committed then?—I am aware of it by the report of it. I am not cognisant of any bribery.

2715. I do not know that we will examine you at any great length, but have you any statement you wish to make to us?—None at all; I have no statement to make at all.

Adjourned until Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

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Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 20th August 1866.

Mr. JOHN HYEM WOLTON sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

2716. What are you?—A hop merchant.

2717. Where do you reside?—At Peckham Rye.

2718. Were you at Yarmouth during the last July?—No.

2719. July 1865?—No.

2720. We heard on Saturday from Mr. Nightingale that you sent him a sum of money?—Yes.

2721. Did he apply to you for that sum?—Yes.

2722. Where?—At my house.

2723. At Peckham Rye?—At Peckham Rye.

2724. Do you remember what day that was?—I do not; I only remember it was in July.

2725. Do you remember what day of the week it was?—No, that I do not; I may tell you I was not in court on Saturday, but I heard what Mr. Nightingale said, and I can only say it was not Sunday; I heard Mr. Nightingale say Saturday or Sunday; I know it was not Sunday, but I have no recollection of the day of the week that it was.

2726. (*Mr Fitzgerald.*) Probably on the Saturday?—I cannot say; I know it was not Sunday.

2727. (*Mr. Slade.*) Will you state to the Commissioners what passed at that interview?—It was very simple; Mr. Nightingale asked if it was convenient to me to lend him 3,000*l.*; I said yes, and I did so.

2728. Had you known Mr. Nightingale before?—I had known Mr. Nightingale before for 20 years.

2729. Did you give him the money there and then?—No; I went up to London and wrote a cheque for it.

2730. On what bankers?—Barclay's.

2731. In what form did you draw that 3,000*l.*?—I drew a cheque, as usual.

2732. How did you draw it out of the bank; in gold?—Yes; he said gold would be more convenient to him, and I said, "If you come with me to the bankers' I will get it cashed for you." I went to the bank, had it cashed, and got the money.

2733. Did you get any security for that?—Only his bill.

2734. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was it a bill or a promissory note?—A bill.

2735. (*By Mr. Slade.*) Drawn upon somebody?—Drawn upon him.

2736. Has it been taken up?—Yes, it was paid at maturity.

2737. What was the bill; three months?—I think it was, either two or three months; I do not recollect. I knew Mr. Nightingale so well, that to lend him a sum of 3,000*l.* on his bill I should not have the slightest hesitation at any time.

2738. When Mr. Nightingale received this 3,000*l.*, did he leave you?—Yes, he went then directly off in a cab; he took it in a cab and went away.

2739. Had you any idea what this money was wanted for?—I did not know what it was wanted for.

2440. Had you any idea what it was wanted for?—At the time I lent him the money I cannot say I had no idea; I did not know it; after I gave Mr. Nightingale the money he said he might want it for electioneering purposes.

2741. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) After you had given him the money?—Yes; he said "I might want this for electioneering purposes," or something of that kind. I think he said that it was rumoured that Sir Edmund Lacon would be unseated by bribery, and if he could prevent it he would.

2742. That was said after the loan was made?—Yes.

2743. Nothing was said before?—Certainly not.

2744. (*Mr Slade.*) Had you ever lent Mr. Nightingale money before?—Yes.

2745. How often?—Once.

2746. Can you tell me the date of that loan?—No, that I could not; I had not the least idea that I should be called here until I was served with the summons on Saturday evening.

2747. Can you tell me what year it was in?—I do not know the year, but being summoned here I thought I might be asked the question, and I think it was in the year 1859.

2748. At the time you advanced him the money then what was it?—1,000*l.*

2749. Was anything said at that time about electioneering?—No, that was done on special security; I had not the slightest idea of anything of the kind.

2750. What security was it lent on?—At that time?

2751. Yes?—I think it was railway scrip; I believe it was Great Western Railway scrip, and I am not sure it was that only; I really forget, but I know it was on security. Mr. Nightingale handed me the securities at the time I gave him the money.

2752. Did the same thing happen then as the last time, in the way of going to the Bank and drawing it out in gold?—Yes, he said he should prefer it in gold.

2753. You drew it out in gold, and gave him the gold?—I gave him the gold.

2754. I presume at this moment you have a very good notion as to what that 1,000*l.* was required for?—I cannot say but what I know; It is impossible to have been in Yarmouth and to have heard what is going on without having an idea now.

2755. Did it occur to you, when Mr. Nightingale came in last July for the 3,000*l.* that the money that he wanted then was required for electioneering purposes without his saying so?—I cannot say but what I did. I looked upon it and reflected upon it before, and I looked upon it in this position, that a man may look upon prize-fighting as great blackguardism, and ruffianism, and immoral, but if he was struck he would strike again; I looked upon it just in that light.

2756. You are frequently a visitor at Yarmouth?—No, I have not been here since the year 1860. I used to come very frequently before 1860, but since 1860 I have not been here as a visitor.

2757. Have you a large acquaintance in the town?—Not very large, my acquaintance in the town is simply derived from business.

2758. And it is through your business as a hop merchant that your acquaintance arose with Mr. Nightingale, I suppose?—Entirely.

2759. Are you a friend of Sir Edmund Lacon's?—Yes.

2760. Are you intimately acquainted with Sir Edmund Lacon?—No, I am merely acquainted with him through business, and in the very little that Sir Edmund Lacon undertakes in it. He sometimes has a sufficient interest to inquire how the hop crop is going on, but nothing further.

2761. (*Mr. Russell.*) You say you are acquainted with Sir Edmund Lacon. Have you at any time had any discussion with him about the loan to Mr. Nightingale of either of these sums?—Certainly not.

2762. Have you no reason to believe yourself that

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Sir Edmund Lacon was acquainted with the loan of either of those sums?—Certainly not.

2763. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Where was this bill made payable?—I really do not know, but I think at Glyn's; but I do not know. If I am wrong Mr. Nightingale is here. I believe it was at Glyn's.

2764. Had Mr. Nightingale had an account at Glyn's?—I do not know, I have not the slightest idea.

2765. Are Glyn's the correspondents of Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, at least they used to be so, if I took an acceptance from the brewery it was payable at Glyn's.

2766. What are your own politics?—I have voted on both sides; I am not a politician I must tell you. I do not know which I admire most, Mr. Gladstone or Lord Derby.

2767. It was pure friendship for Mr. Nightingale which induced you to lend him the money?—Yes, I should lend a much greater sum if it was asked for by him.

2768. Had you any interest on the bill?—I think the interest was at the bank rate. It was either a half per cent. over or under bank rate, I do not recollect which.

Sir H. E. K. Lacon.

Sir Henry Edmund Knowles Lacon sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

2769. Are you a Member of Parliament for this borough?—I am.

2770. And we have heard that you are a gentleman of large property residing in this neighbourhood?—Yes.

2771. You also have a brewery and banking business in this town?—I have.

2772. And we understand you attend chiefly to the bank?—A great deal.

2773. Would you prefer that the Commissioners should ask you questions, or would you wish to make a statement of the circumstances under which the election was conducted in July 1865?—I wish to answer any questions put to me by the Commissioners, but I have no particular statement to make.

2774. You have contested this borough, I believe several times?—Since 1852.

2775. How many contests have you had?—Four; 1852, 1857, 1859, and 1865.

2776. And I believe in all those contests you have been opposed by gentlemen of large fortune, or supposed to be?—Supposed to be.

2777. Were you returned member at each of those?—In 1852, 1859, and 1865.

2778. And in 1857 you were defeated?—I was not returned.

2779. In the years in which you were returned was there a petition on each occasion lodged against the return?—There was a petition in 1852 which fell to the ground, from the recognizances being imperfect.

2780. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That petition was against you?—Yes, but the recognizances were reported as not valid. In 1857 I petitioned against Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin and unseated them. In 1859 I was returned, and there was a petition against me then on which we were seated, and again in 1865 we were seated.

2781. (*Mr. Slade.*) In the petition of 1857 you say the members were unseated?—Yes.

2782. But in 1859 and 1865 the members kept their seats?—Yes.

2783. On those two last occasions can you tell me if the committee reported the existence of corrupt practices in this borough?—That I cannot remember; 1865, of course we know that was, but in 1859 I cannot quite remember what the report was.

2784. I see that certain acts of bribery were reported in 1859?—Yes, very probably.

2785. Will you direct your attention to the last election, and tell me can you recollect what was the sum that your election cost you, that was sent in to the returning officer?—The whole was 893*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* My share was of course 446*l.* 15*s.* in round numbers.

2786. You stood in a joint interest with Mr. Goodson?—I did.

2787. And was it understood between you that you should share the expenses?—Certainly.

2788. Are you aware of any other money besides that having been expended on your behalf?—I am not aware of any.

2789. I presume you are aware of what Mr. Nightingale stated before us on Saturday?—I have not seen the report. I was in Scotland. I have only seen the report of the first day on Thursday, and that I saw in "The Times" or the "Standard," and that is almost the only report I have seen of the proceedings. I have not seen the report of Saturday.

2790. Have you been informed?—I have been told partially of it, but I have seen no official or printed report of it.

2791. Have you been informed, Mr. Nightingale said that he spent 4,000*l.* to secure your election last time?—I understood he said so.

2792. Had Mr. Nightingale any authority from you to make that expenditure?—None whatever.

2793. Mr. Nightingale, I understand, is the managing partner in the brewery business?—He is.

2794. And he is also a gentleman on terms of intimacy with yourself?—Oh yes, certainly.

2795. Since the election of 1859 have you ascertained, or have you had reason to suppose that bribery took place at that election?—No, none whatever.

2796. Then according to the best of your belief no bribery took place in that year on your side?—I was not aware of any. Of course I could only know from the petition.

2797. Only from the petition?—From the petition.

2798. From that petition are you aware that bribery took place?—I was in the committee-room, of course, but I was not personally aware of any bribery being committed myself.

2799. Are you aware that Mr. Nightingale has said that he spent 1,000*l.*?—I understand he said so.

2800. For the purpose of bribery at that election?—I understand he said so on Saturday.

2801. Are you aware that Mr. Nightingale has been repaid that 1,000*l.*?—No, I am not aware of it.

2802. Who was your solicitor in that petition of 1859?—Mr. Charles Cory.

2803. Have you paid his bill?—I have.

2804. When was that bill paid?—That was paid in 1860, and the remainder in 1861; I paid him on account in 1860, and the balance in 1861. The bill was for the petition for an action that was brought against me for an unfortunate expression that I used at a public meeting, an action for defamation, and for a case of perjury brought against a man of the name of Fayerman in the Queen's Bench. The bill was for three things, the petition, the action for defamation, and the case of perjury against Fayerman.

2805. Have you got that bill?—No, I have not. I never looked at the bill. I was so disgusted with their personal animosity against me that I paid the money and destroyed the bill.

2806. It is destroyed, is it?—Yes; in fact I never opened the envelope. I destroyed it at the time in 1861.

2807. Can you tell me the amount of that bill?—The whole came to 2,800*l.* some odd figures, I cannot tell exactly, 2,300*l.*, 1,500*l.*, and 800*l.*

2808. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Paid in separate sums?—Paid in four different sums.

2809. Can you give the amount of each?—131*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* one amount on account, 368*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* on account again, and 300*l.* on account, and then the balance when the bill was sent in of 1,500*l.* I paid him the balance at one time.

2810. (*Mr. Slade.*) I observe you have a memorandum in your hand, where did you take that memorandum from?—From the account this morning.

2811. From what account?—From my own account ; from the payments to Mr. Cory.

2812. How did you make the payments, by cheque ?—Passed to his account. He banks with me and we passed it to his account.

2813. Did Mr. Cory at that time distinguish between the expenses of the petition, and the expenses of the action ?—I never looked at the bill, I assure you I never opened the envelope nor looked at the bill at all. I was so thoroughly disgusted with their conduct and the bitterness shown against me that I destroyed it.

2814. Did you ever ask Mr. Cory what the expense of the petition was ?—No.

2815. Did you ever learn from him at all?—No, I never had the slightest communication at all about it.

2816. May I ask you why you did not look at the Bill?—In the first place I was not in Yarmouth when the bill came in. I wrote to my partner knowing what the amount was, Mr. Cory writing to say what the balance was ; and I asked him to pass the balance to Mr. Cory's account. When I was away I was not in Yarmouth at the time it was done. When I came back I found a large parcel, I suppose nearly that length (*describing*), done up in a large envelope, which I never opened, but destroyed it. I think I was away three weeks or a month after that.

2817. As a man of business, do you think that is the way in which you should conduct your affairs ?—I was so satisfied Mr. Cory would do what was right that I never looked at the bill. It was no great object, because the petition and everything was over.

2818. Have you ever on any other occasion paid a bill of upwards of 2000*l.* and not looked at the items?—I never had another bill of that kind.

2819. Was it intimated by any one that you had better not look at the bill ?—No, not a soul.

2820. Had you any idea that there might be some suspicious items in that bill?—Not the slightest.

2821. We must ask you, we having been told by Mr. Nightingale that he included an item of 1,000*l.* that he spent in bribery in that bill, whether it was not from some suspicion on your part that you did not look at that bill?—I was not aware that any money was included in that bill, nor was I aware that a farthing was spent, therefore I had no object in looking at the bill.

2822. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You must have been aware that money had been spent on your side, because this was after the election in which you were petitioned against?—Of course I was, so far as that goes ; but I was not aware any large sum like that was spent, nor do I suppose you are always to believe in parties that go before a committee, who state they have been bribed.

2823. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you mean us to understand you believe there was no bribery at that election ?—I can positively swear I was not aware Mr. Nightingale had spent the 1,000*l.*, or any sum of money was included in Mr. Cory's bill. That I positively state.

2824. Still you knew money had been spent ?—I did not know it of my own knowledge. I must have known of it after the petition ; I might have been aware if the parties were to be believed, that they had received money, but I had no knowledge of it.

2825. Are you of the same opinion as several of the witnesses, that an election cannot be carried in Yarmouth without bribery?—I do not see why it should not ; but in the last three or four Parliaments it has not. It has been rumoured there has not been a pure election since the election of 1852.

2826. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) On both sides ?—I cannot answer as to that. I have seen the evidence before the House of Commons.

2827. (*Mr. Slade.*) I may draw from what you say that the elections have since 1852 not been pure ?—I do not think I can say that.

2828. The election of 1852 was not pure ?—No ; but from my own knowledge I did not know it.

2829. It must have been evident to you in the town that bribery was practised to a great extent ?—I know it was at the last election on the other side no doubt.

2830. When did you first make that discovery ?—Two or three days before the election.

2831. How did you find it out ?—By finding that men who promised to vote were a little shaky.

2832. What day was that ?—It was after Mr. Marshman had retired and Mr. Vanderbyl had come down, and Mr. Brogden had come from the North. I think it was on the Saturday they came down.

2833. And then you found the voters becoming a little shaky ?—One or two became a little shaky I believe. I should say that I never had (having canvassed the town four different times) such a canvass as the last.

2834. In what way, so good a canvass ?—So successful ; and I polled within 30 of the number of promises that I had.

2835. Will you tell us what you mean by finding the voters shaky : what did they say to you ?—They do not say anything ; but if you go to them they merely say they have not made up their minds.

2836. What do you understand from that ?—I conclude that they have been tampered with.

2837. Do you mean they have been offered money ?—That of course I cannot say.

2838. In how many instances did it occur to you that you found the men shaky ?—Only a very few, two or three cases ; but I do not remember who they were now of course. I did not pay particular attention to it at the time.

2839. Were any reports made to you by your canvassers that bribery was going on on the other side ?—No.

2840. Did you canvass again on the Monday ?—Most probably. Monday was the day of the nomination.

2841. No; Tuesday was the nomination ?—Then on Monday ; I canvassed close up to it.

2842. Did it suggest itself to you at that time that bribery was going on on the other side ?—It was my impression it was ; but I kept my own canvass book, and the canvass was never reported to me at all. I kept my own canvass-book, therefore I could account for every vote.

2843. Were you in Yarmouth on the Sunday ?—No, not that I can remember ; I always went home on Saturday. I have been trying to remember, on account of some examination that took place on Thursday last, but I cannot remember that I was in Yarmouth on Sunday, and I do not think it was probable that I was.

2844. Do you keep a diary ?—No ; I might have come in on the Sunday evening, but I certainly was not at Mr. Aldred's. I suppose you allude to that ?

2845. I allude to that meeting ?—I was not there.

2846. Did you come into Yarmouth ?—I might have come in on Sunday evening. Very likely I went home Saturday, and came in Sunday evening. Sometimes I used to do that in the evening ; living only five miles off I used to drive in to be ready for the morning.

2847. Can you remember whether you were sent for on the Sunday ?—No, I do not remember that at all.

2848. Would it not make an impression on your memory if you had been sent for ?—Perhaps it would ; but I do not remember ever being sent for. I think I can safely say I was not sent for ; I can safely say I did not come in on Sunday afternoon. I might have come in in the evening at 8 or 9 o'clock, but I cannot say whether I did or not.

2849. When Mr. Goodson made up his mind to stand for the borough of Yarmouth, have you any idea what he put down as the probable expenses?—I do not know at all.

2850. In your own mind, what do you consider to be a fair and proper expense?—About 400*l.* That is about half—about 800*l.* In 1859 there were 405*l.*, that would be 810*l.*, and this I tell you in 1865 was 890*l.*

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2851. Do you really intend to tell us that you suppose that would return any gentleman as a member for Great Yarmouth?—What, that 800*l*?

2852. Yes?—The legal expenses, if there had been no bribery at all?

2853. Yes?—I think that amount would, provided it was not a stranger. I think that a person living in the town, with a certain amount of business in the town, ought to be returned for that amount.

2854. Was anything said to Mr. Goodson at the time he came forward, as to what the expenses would be?—I think I remember Mr. Goodson asked me what the expenses would be, and I told him they would not exceed 500*l*.

2855. The legal expenses?—The legal expenses. That was just before he came forward, before he issued his address.

2856. Was the expression "legal expenses" used?—Yes; it clearly meant the legal expenses.

2857. Was the word "legal" used?—I believe it was. It was my intention always to convey those were the legitimate expenses—the expenses that have been generally incurred.

2858. Did Mr. Goodson make any inquiry as to what the other expenses would be likely to be?—No; he never said a word about it.

2859. When Mr. Goodson came forward as a fresh man, which he did when Sir Henry Stracey retired, did he not inquire, as to what all the expenses would be, both legal and illegal?—Not to me certainly.

2860. In your presence did he ever make the inquiry?—No.

2861. Has Mr. Goodson the reputation of being a man of wealth?—I really do not know his property at all.

2862. His reputation?—I really do not know I am sure?—He was chairman to the Great Eastern Railway at the time.

2863. That I understand to have been his connexion with the borough?—Probably.

2864. Did Mr. Goodson always attend you in your canvass?—I think generally, not always, because sometimes he went to London on business; but generally speaking we were together—not always, but generally speaking.

2865. Did it ever occur during your canvass, that a voter suggested that he should require to be paid for his vote?—I am not aware of it. No question was ever asked me of course.

2866. Was it ever conveyed to you?—No. I think they knew I was too old a hand to convey anything of that kind to me, having contested the town three times before; I was not like a fresh person.

2867. Mr. Nightingale has told us that he considers that Mr. Goodson stood on a joint interest with you to pay the expenses both legal and illegal?—I cannot tell you what Mr. Nightingale told you, but it certainly was understood that Mr. Goodson should pay half the expenses; but nothing was said about illegal expenses.

2868. You say "illegal expenses" was not mentioned in those words. But was it not understood between you and Mr. Goodson, that you should share the expenses, whatever they were?—It was perfectly understood with Mr. Goodson that he should share the expenses with me, which I considered legitimate expenses, and when the petition took place, that he should share half the expenses of the petition.

2869. I also want to know, before the election, whether it was not understood between you and Mr. Goodson that all expenses of all sorts should be shared?—It was decidedly not mentioned. I was not aware there was anything illegal, therefore it was not likely I should say a word to him about that.

2870. Were you not aware that certain illegal expenses would be necessary?—No. I did not consider with the canvass I had, that illegal expenses would be necessary.

2871. But from your knowledge of Yarmouth, did you not consider that certain illegal expenses would be necessary?—No; I do not know that it was. We had an election in 1852, a pure election.

2872. Still, were you not aware from your knowledge of Yarmouth that certain illegal expenses would be necessary expenses, not allowed by Act of Parliament?—No; I was not aware of it, because I could only judge by my canvass. If the canvass were so good, and the parties all acted up to their promises during the canvass, there was not the slightest reason that a farthing should be spent.

2873. I want it away from the canvass?—I can only judge from that of course.

2874. You can form a good idea from other things?—From personal knowledge of the borough you mean.

2875. Yes, I mean that?—I do not think there was any occasion for the illegal expense. I was not aware that there was to be any, or that there would be any occasion for any.

2876. I understand you naturally shut your ears to any such suggestion; but were you not aware in your own mind, that certain expenses would be necessary of that sort?—I was not; I could not tell what the other side would do; but, as far as my own side, I did not think it necessary, from the excellent canvass I had of the town.

2877. During the canvass, were you in communication with the leading Conservative gentlemen of the borough?—Yes.

2878. You attended the meetings?—We had one or two meetings, a meeting at the "Star," and a meeting at the "Feathers" at Gorleston I think; and a meeting at the "Duke's Head." Those were the only three I attended, I will not be positive, the "Crown and Anchor" likely.

2879. Did you meet Mr. Lushington Preston often?—Yes.

2880. Almost every day?—Continually of course.

2881. And Mr. Ferrier, did you meet him?—No, I do not think very often—Which Mr. Ferrier?

2882. The gentleman who was examined here on Saturday, Mr. Richard Ferrier?—No, I think I very seldom met him; he does not go about much. I do not think I met him.

2883. Mr. Lushington Preston has informed us that he was aware that there must be a certain amount of illegitimate expenses in this borough.—I have not seen his evidence.

2884. And we hear from other gentlemen on the Conservative side, that they had no doubt that such expenses were necessary. Do you mean to say you were the only person who was entirely in ignorance of that necessary expenditure?—All I can assure you is, that I was not aware that any illegal expenses were being incurred.

2885. Because we understand you took particular care not to be aware of it?—Because I am not likely to be in the way, of course I never was applied to about it, nor was cognisant of what was taking place. I only know it now from seeing Mr. Cooper's evidence of Thursday or Friday, whatever it was.

2886. Do you consider yourself indebted to Mr. Nightingale for the sum he expended in your behalf?—No, I do not.

2887. Not legally?—I have no application for payment.

2888. I will not ask you whether you consider yourself morally and honorably indebted, you need not answer that question; but do you attend chiefly to the banking business?—A great deal.

2889. Can you carry back your recollection to say whether you have any knowledge of a bill that was given in the year 1859 by Mr. Nightingale, payable at Glynn's?—No, I cannot.

2890. For 1,000*l*.?—No, I cannot. That might be drawn, and I know nothing about it, because it might be taken up before it was due.

2891. It might not have gone through the bank?—I understand Mr. Nightingale made the bill payable at Glynn's, who are our agents in London; therefore the bill might have been taken up, and we see nothing of it.

2892. It was a 3,000*l*. bill in 1865. Has that

3,000*l.* bill come to your knowledge?—Not to my knowledge.

2893. Not in any way?—Not in any way.

2894. I presume it must have come to the knowledge of Messrs. Lacon and Youell?—Yes; unless the bill were taken up before it was due.

2895. If not, it must have come through your bank?—Yes, in the usual course.

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2896. Was the bill taken up?—Yes.

2897. Did it come to Messrs. Lacon?—Yes; at maturity, the bill was presented in London. If you had the opportunity of seeing my banking account you would see how that was. I was debited with it in my own private account. That would be sufficient for you.

2898. Your own private account was debited with it?—Yes.

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2899. (*Mr. Slade.*) We understand that bill went to Mr. Nightingale's private account?—I was not aware of the transaction. I know that Mr. Nightingale has business transactions with Mr. Wolton very often on his own account in buying hops, and so on. If it came, I should not remark it particularly I daresay; but I did not happen to see that particular transaction.

2900. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You have lived all your life in this town, have you not?—Yes; I have been connected with the town all my life.

2901. And your father lived here before you?—He did.

2902. And I believe he was member at one time?—From 1812 to 1818.

2903. Have you ever heard the history of electioneering from him?—I was very young in those days of course. I used to hear of some very large breakfasts, and so forth, but that was in the time of the freemen.

2904. Then the traditions of the borough are not known to you?—I cannot say they are not known.

2095. In conversation with your father?—Prior to 1818 I knew of course very little about it, but since that, up to 1837 or 1838, I knew there was of course great expense in giving breakfasts, and so on.

2906. One of the witnesses, Mr. Preston I think, told us that bribery commenced in the year 1806, and scarcely one election had been pure since; do you agree in that opinion?—I do not know. I have not taken any interest until the year 1840, for up to that I was abroad a great many years.

2907. About 1840 you began to take interest?—Yes.

2908. Mr. Rumbold was member for the borough at that time?—Yes.

2909. Was he member in the same interest you stand on?—No; the other side.

2910. In 1852, you were a candidate with Mr. Rumbold?—Yes.

2911. In the same interest then?—Well, we were standing together, though our opinions did not quite coincide in every point.

2912. There were three Liberal candidates on that occasion, and one Conservative?—Yes.

2913. But you and Mr. Rumbold stood together?—Yes.

2914. Mr. Rumbold had been member for sometime, I believe?—Since 1818.

2915. Were you acquainted with Mr. Rumbold?—I was.

2916. Well?—I was not acquainted, because he was of different politics to my own; still, I knew him perfectly, and regarded him as a perfect gentleman.

2917. He was a much older man than you?—Yes.

2918. He is dead?—He is dead.

2919. We have heard from Mr. Preston, that Mr. Rumbold was said to have have spent 72,000*l.* in this borough. Did you ever hear that?—I have not heard any particular sum.

2920. Have you ever heard that the borough cost him a very large sum of money?—I have heard that they used to put by a thousand a year for the borough, and I think he represented it about 28 or 30 years.

2921. In 1852, you being a candidate with him, you were returned?—Yes.

2922. And a petition was presented against you?—Yes.

2923. Do you recollect what the grounds of that petition were?—I do not know. I suppose the usual grounds of bribery; I do not know. 1852 you are asking about?

2924. I ask whether it was on the ground of bribery?—I suppose so; there was nothing else.

2925. Have you any doubt that Mr. Rumbold bribed on that occasion?—Not the slightest. I do not think anything was spent. I should say, before that, Mr. Sandars sat with Mr. Rumbold. They were of opposite politics prior to 1852; they were different politics.

2926. You were a candidate in 1852?—Yes.

2927. You were a candidate at the election before, were you not?—No. Mr. Sandars was returned, I think, and Mr. Sandars and Mr. Rumbold have sat together.

2928. Did you not canvass to some extent at that election?—In 1852.

2929. No, before 1852; in 1848?—I think I canvassed with Mr. Sandars.

2930. And did you not contemplate being a candidate at that time?—No, I did not.

2931. You say you believe the election of 1852 was a perfectly pure election?—I am not aware of any bribery.

2932. And you say the same of the election of 1857, in which you were candidate?—Yes.

2933. With regard to your canvass in 1857, had you reason before the election to think you would be returned?—Certainly.

2934. And to what did you attribute your being defeated?—To the sum of money brought down by Mr. Watkin.

2935. On the other side?—Yes, brought down, they said, in oyster-barrels. I did not see the money, but supposed it to have come in oyster-barrels.

2936. Did not the result of that election convince you that it was necessary to use the same means to return yourself?—No, I did not think so; I thought I should have been returned if it had not been for the large bribery committed by Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh.

2937. Why did you not stand in 1858?—Because I could not get anybody—one thing weighed against me. When a petitioner throws out a member it is very rarely they ever have a chance of coming in, but however, it was not the only reason.

2938. That was one reason?—That was one reason, and I could get no other candidate.

2939. Why should that be the cause?—You see it continually.

2940. But why should that be the case?—I cannot tell you.

2941. Do you mean to say you cannot?—I cannot tell you why, but so it is. It is very seldom that the petitioner is returned. It is a matter of conjecture. I know of no reason why they should not be, but I cannot tell you why.

2942. You think a petition renders a man unpopular?—I think it has proved so in most cases.

2943. Do you think that is the case in a borough perfectly pure?—You can scarcely tell me an instance where they have stood a second time; there may be, but I do not remember a case.

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2944. Why should it be so?—I do not know; I am sure I cannot tell you.

2945. Do you think petitioning against your adversary would make you unpopular with your friends?—I do not know I am sure, so it is; I cannot tell you the reason.

2946. Why did you stand again in 1859. Had any alteration taken place that induced you in 1859 to stand?—No; I should have stood in 1857 if I could have got a good candidate with me.

2947. Was that with a view of dividing the expense?—Of course; if a candidate stands he joins in the legitimate way of fighting an election.

2948. In 1859, having got Sir Henry Stracey to stand with you, you were a candidate again?—Yes.

2949. Had you any communication with Sir Henry Stracey before he became a candidate as to the expenses?—No.

2950. None whatever?—No, none whatever.

2951. Did you ever invite anybody yourself to come to Great Yarmouth?—To contest the borough.

2952. Yes?—No.

2953. When you stood in 1859 did you believe you were going to be returned without any illegal expenditure at all?—I did.

2954. You know Mr. Cooper, I suppose?—Yes.

2955. Did you know the position that he held in this borough?—Yes, I know what he is.

2956. A printer?—A printer and bookseller.

2957. Was that all you knew about him previous to this Commission?—I have known Mr. Cooper many years; I have known Mr. Cooper as a very zealous partisan.

2958. You did not know him as the recognized illegal agent in Yarmouth?—No, I knew nothing about that.

2959. Had you never heard it?—I did not hear it.

2960. You never heard it?—No, I did not hear it.

2961. Have you ever conversed with anybody at all about the electioneering matters in Great Yarmouth?—Not as in the way you allude—the illegal part of it.

2962. Have you abstained from asking anything about it?—I have never entered into conversation with anybody upon it.

2963. It is so notorious a place that one would think you had?—I have never had the slightest conversation with Mr. Cooper on the subject; not the slightest.

2964. Nor with Mr. Nightingale?—Nor with Mr. Nightingale.

2965. Nor with any of the leading Conservative members of your party?—Not the illegal part of it.

2966. Have you abstained from talking to them on the subject?—I do not particularly abstain from it; I have not entered into it; I do not know why I should enter into it.

2967. You had no reason whatever for abstaining from talking to Mr. Nightingale on the subject?—I had no reason to abstain from it.

2968. In fact what was known to all Yarmouth was unknown to you?—That I must leave to you.

2969. Was that so?—It was not known to me, because it was not known that there was any money spent.

2970. It has come before us that Mr. Cooper was the illegal agent in Yarmouth, and that he succeeded Mr. Green who occupied the post until his death. Were you ignorant of that?—I was ignorant of the part Mr. Cooper took in this election, but I was aware he was a very active man for the registration, and Mr. Green was a celebrated man for the registration; he had a recollection of every person in Yarmouth.

2971. You only knew Mr. Green and Mr. Cooper as registration agents?—Yes, the registration depended upon Mr. Green.

2972. Have you read Mr. Cooper's evidence?—I read a little of it in Scotland on Saturday.

2973. Were you surprised when you read it?—I assure you I paid so little attention to it. The post comes in at half-past 11, and I started at half-past 12, therefore I had not much time to digest it.

2974. Were you surprised to hear the revelations he made?—I was surprised to see the number of cases he brought forward.

2975. Did it occur to you then where the money came from?—No, I assure you it did not.

2976. Did it ever occur to you where the money came from?—Of course I might have thought of it myself.

2977. You might guess?—I did not guess; I had not the slightest idea.

2978. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you think with Mr. Cooper that he had obtained it from the Carlton Club?—I do not know at all; I do not think it is very likely; they are not so liberal as all that.

2979. Did you know your friends in this borough were very anxious that you should be returned by them?—Yes, they did all as far as the canvass went, in using every exertion.

2980. Are you aware they were very much disappointed at the time you were defeated?—In 1857?

2981. Yes?—They were very much annoyed.

2982. Do you know they determined that you should never be defeated again?—That I do not know.

2983. Did you know they intended to make every exertion to let you keep your seat?—No, I never heard that. I never heard an expression of that kind.

2984. You say, if I understand you, that Mr. Watkin got in in 1857 by bribery?—He must have done so.

2985. He was unseated?—He was unseated.

2986. As the election of 1857 was an impure one, did you expect the election of 1859 was going to be a pure one?—I do not know why it should not be.

2987. You knew from the election of 1857 that there were corrupt practices in this borough. Did you imagine they were all over?—Bribery was entirely on Mr. Watkin's side.

2988. Then I understand you to admit always bribery on the Liberal side?—I believe so generally.

2989. But never on your own?—I do not think they would have much chance if they did not bribe.

2990. Then do I understand you to say that your opinion is that your personal popularity would outweigh any Liberal candidate's money-bags?—I do not think that. I think having a large stake in the town has a certain amount of influence with it. The spending a large sum of money annually in the town must have a certain amount of legitimate influence; that is the way I put it. Nothing beyond that.

2991. You say Mr. Rumbold used to spend 1,000*l.* a year in keeping up his interest in the borough?—That is only hearsay.

2992. What do you consider it costs you to keep up your interest in this borough?—Only the registration, and a few subscriptions.

2993. Can you give me a rough guess?—I should say the races are 25*l.*; about 70*l.*—60*l.* or 70*l.*, but I really cannot tell you. I know 25*l.* for the races is a very large item, and the regatta, and a few of those things.

2994. (*Mr. Russell.*) I believe Mr. Cooper never canvassed with you?—I never saw him upon the canvass.

2995. And he never came to the committee room?—I never saw him there.

2996. But you knew him as a very zealous partizan?—Yes.

2997. Did it never occur to you that it was rather remarkable that a very zealous partizan should never have canvassed, and should never have come to your committee room?—No, it did not strike me, because I do not think I ever saw Mr. Cooper at the committee room. He has been chiefly useful on account of the registration. I do not recollect ever seeing Mr. Cooper upon the canvass.

2998. It did occur to you that Mr. Cooper had some indirect means of showing his partizanship?—No.

2999. He did not show his partizanship in any direct way?—He was not on the canvass certainly, nor did I see him at the committee room. I do not think I spoke a word to Mr. Cooper the whole time of the canvass.

3000. You did not surmise he had any indirect way of advancing your interest?—No, I did not.

3001. I suppose from time to time during the election you used to look at the canvass-book to see how your promises stood?—I always kept my own canvass-book, and I made out my own canvass from that, and I used to say very likely at the committee rooms "We stand so and so."

3002. I suppose you also used to make entries in your canvass-book from the canvass-book that Mr. Reynolds had at the central committee room?—No, I did not; I had my own canvass-book.

3003. And you judged entirely from that?—Yes, I never put down a person in my canvass-book unless I had seen him myself, and knew the way he would vote.

3004. Did you never compare your canvass-book with Mr. Reynolds'?—I might go and say of such a name "How have you got him down?" and most probably I have, of course.

3005. You have told us you found in the course of your canvass a certain number of the voters were shaky?—I found on the Saturday or Monday, I forget which, that there were a few, one sees a voter once or twice or three times over.

3006. Were these voters whom you found shaky, men you regarded as Conservative voters?—Some that had voted Conservative before.

3007. Men who had voted for you previously?—Yes.

3008. In the last three days of your canvass did you find any of these men who had been previously shaky had become firm and had promised you?—No.

3009. Did these voters whom you found shaky continue entered as not promised in your canvass-book up to the end?—I struck them off as doubtful.

3010. And did they remain entered doubtful up to the end of the poll?—Yes, as I tell you I was within 30 polled that I calculated upon.

3011. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is allowing for the doubtful votes?—Those that I considered myself doubtful. Of course, only a few that I happened to come across in a day or so; I could only come across one or two.

3012. (*Mr. Russell.*) When you looked at the poll list afterwards you found some of the men whom you had found shaky had voted for you?—I can assure you I never looked at the poll-book afterwards; I was glad to shut up my canvass-book and destroy it; it was of no use.

3013. May I ask you when you first heard that your partner had advanced this 4,000*l.*?—I heard it this morning. I got home last night at half-past 10, and they happened to mention to me he had been under examination. I was not aware he was under examination until half-past 10 last night, and I saw Mr. Nightingale this morning and read over part of his evidence.

3014. Did you hear of the statement Mr. Nightingale gave with surprise?—I was not aware he had advanced any money at all; I read it over very hastily before I came into this room.

3015. Did it surprise you to hear he had advanced that money?—I was rather astonished at that sum; I was not astonished that he should advance the money, of course, connected with him as I am.

3016. You were astonished at the largeness of the sum, but you were not altogether surprised that Mr. Nightingale should have advanced some money in your interest?—I cannot say that. I was not aware he had ever advanced any money before.

3017. I take it you only heard of it to-day for the first time?—Yes, this morning.

3018. I understand you to say you did not hear this morning with surprise that Mr. Nightingale had advanced such a large sum?—I thought it was a large sum this morning.

3019. Should you have been surprised if it was a smaller sum?—It would be much better perhaps.

3020. Your surprise would have diminished by the graduated scale, as the sum became less?—Certainly.

3021. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you prepared to tell the Commissioners on your oath that on the evening of the election when you found yourself elected you did not believe and had no reason to believe that a single shilling had been spent in bribery on either side?—After the polling was over I was not aware of any bribery having been committed.

3022. I asked you what your belief was upon the matter?—My belief is that there was nothing spent.

3023. You knew of nothing?—I had heard of nothing.

3024. And you believed the contrary?—I believed the contrary.

3025. Have you continued of that opinion from that time to this?—Well, I considered so up to the petition.

3026. And that opinion or belief of yours is not the least affected by your knowledge that at the previous election some cases of bribery had been proved before the Committee of the House of Commons?—On which side?

3027. On your side?—That was in 1859.

3028. On the petition of 1860?—In 1860 rather.

3029. Your opinion as to the purity of the election of 1865 was not in the least affected by your knowledge that at the previous election of 1859 certain cases of bribery had been proved against your party?—I did not think the acts that had been committed in 1859 had anything to do with the election of 1865. I really forget those of 1859.

3030. You thought it did not follow that because your party had bribed in 1859 that therefore they would bribe again in 1865?—It did not follow, certainly.

3031. You did not?—No, I did not remember the case of 1859; I have never read over the report of the committee since.

3032. (*Mr. Russell.*) I believe you were examined before the committee?—Of 1859?

3033. Yes?—Yes, I was.

3034. I believe in consequence of the evidence given by a man named Fayerman before that committee you prosecuted him for perjury?—Yes.

3035. Was he convicted?—He was not.

3036. I see there were seven other cases of bribery before that committee?—Yes.

3037. I believe none of them gave evidence as to bribery by yourself?—None.

3038. None of those charges were of bribery by yourself?—Fayerman's was bribery by myself.

3039. That constituted the difference?—That constituted the difference.

3040. (*Mr. Slade.*) In the year 1857 when the election was declared void on petition, had you after that any intention of standing again?—I had in 1857 an intention to stand.

3041. And did you look about for somebody to stand with you?—I did not personally, but a person did look about.

3042. Who was it?—It was Mr Stirling Lacon through Mr. Spofforth.

3043. Was any gentleman suggested who would stand?—I may mention his name, Mr. Duncombe.

3044. Did you see Mr. Duncombe personally?—I did.

3045. Did you have a consultation with him as to what the probable expense would be of the election?—I do not think I had any personal conversation with himself; I think not.

3046. Where did you see Mr. Duncombe?—I saw him in Yarmouth.

3047. He came down to see what chance he had?—He came down with Mr. Spofforth.

3048. How long did he stay here?—I think he was here about three or four hours. I think he came

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down about mid-day, and went to Yorkshire in the evening. I do not think he slept a night in Yarmouth, I think not.

3049. Did Mr. Spofforth go away with him?—I think so, I think Mr. Spofforth went to Yorkshire, too.

3050. Was any other gentleman introduced to you for that purpose after Mr. Duncombe went away?—No, if I remember right I immediately wrote to Mr. Mellor, saying of course I would give them no further trouble, that I did not mean to oppose them.

3051. You wrote that to Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young?—That I should give up all intention of contesting the seat.

3052. Were they in the field at that time?—Yes.

3053. Did you give any reason for not coming forward to Mr. Mellor?—No.

3054. And what made you and Mr. Duncombe decide not to stand against Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young?—I said to Mr. Duncombe, at least it was rather the understanding, if he came down we did not want a man merely as a temporary man. Mr. Duncombe said expressly whenever there was a dissolution, which might not have been long, "I am almost certain to be returned for one of the divisions of Yorkshire," and upon that we said we do not want a person to come down for one session, with every probability of that session being a short session. That I believe was the reason it went off; he was going to stand for the North Riding of Yorkshire I think.

3055. Did you make that suggestion that it would be inadvisable for him to stand on that account?—Yes. I believe two or three parties were in the room, and it was generally understood that we did not wish a man of that kind as a stop-gap, that we wanted a man who in case he was returned would continue to represent the town.

3056. Would it not have been better for the party men to have a stop-gap than have a Liberal member?—I was very glad afterwards I did not come forward.

3057. Why so?—Because as I told the learned Commissioners, I think where a candidate comes forward after having turned the members out, he scarcely ever has a chance of coming in.

3058. You learnt that afterwards, you did not think so at the time?—Well I thought so at the time too.

3059. Still you intended to stand?—Yes, I intended to try.

3060. Did any knowledge of bribery on the Liberal side come to your knowledge before that petition in 1857?—I cannot remember that, I do not think it likely, but I cannot remember.

3061. You had heard before the petition about the sovereigns coming down?—Yes.

3062. That was the common rumour?—Yes, that was the common talk of the town.

3063. And did Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young come forward entirely in the same interest as the two gentlemen who were turned out?—Yes, the same interest as Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh; in fact Mr. Mellor is Mr. Watkin's brother-in-law.

3064. Did you ever hear of any compromise or agreement that had been made between Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young, and Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin?—No.

3065. I mean in common conversation?—No.

3066. Did you ever hear that Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young paid a sum?—No, I did not. Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young paid a sum?

3067. Yes, to Mr. McCullagh?—Yes, I think I have heard of it, I think I remember something about it.

3068. Your impression is that something was paid?—I think I remember something. I will not say what it was, because I supposed when Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh were turned out, and Mr. Watkin brought forward Mr. Mellor, and Mr. McCullagh Mr. Young, it was a private arrangement.

3069. You have some recollection of it?—Some indistinct recollection.

3070. Can you tell us whether that knowledge came to you before you made up your mind not to stand?—That I cannot remember whether it was before or after, but most probably after. I think so.

3071. Did you ever hear by common report what that election cost Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh?—No; it cost them a large sum of money, but I do not know what.

3072. What do you call a large sum of money for Yarmouth? We are accustomed to high figures lately, 4,000*l.* or 5,000*l.* is a large sum?—I am not particularly alluding to that election, but 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* is a large sum.

3073. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you happen to know if Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin came down to Yarmouth, and personally introduced Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young to the constituency?—I think Mr. Watkin came down. I do not remember whether Mr. McCullagh came down or not. Mr. Watkin did, I believe.

3074. Do you know if Mr. Watkin took any personal part in that election?—There was no contest.

3075. I mean whether he introduced either Mr. McCullagh or Mr. Young?—I think Mr. Watkin came down; I will not be certain about Mr. McCullagh or not. There was no contest, they only canvassed for a few days.

3076. You have told us that there is a connexion between Mr. Watkin and Mr. Mellor; do you know if there is any connexion between Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Young?—I should think not very likely.

3077. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Young is a member of Parliament now?—He was unseated the other day for Helston.

3078. You cannot give us any further information with regard to the circumstances under which Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young came to Yarmouth?—No, I cannot, except that one was introduced by Mr. Watkin, and the other by Mr. McCullagh, and most naturally that would be the case.

3079. (*Mr. Slade.*) There was a petition in 1852 that went off on the question of recognizances?—Yes.

3080. Who was the agent for the petition at that time, do you know?—Do you mean in London? Mr. Brown was the gentleman in London.

3081. I want to know who got up the petition in Yarmouth?—Against me?

3082. Yes, against you?—Well, I suppose most probably Mr. Costerton. I really cannot remember, he has been in them all, I believe.

3083. Was Mr. Newton Finch the agent?—Of the petitioners?

3084. Yes?—I do not remember. No, I think not, it was merely they appeared before the examiner, that was all, I think it was Mr. Coppock.

3085. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) There is one more question I wish to ask you. I observe that you made no return to Mr. Palmer of your personal expenses during the election?—No, I never have in all the returns included my personal expenses.

3086. Perhaps you have not read the late Act of Parliament?—No; I am aware of it. My personal expenses were so small, it was not worth while. I was living at home. I came in for two or three days, and went home again; the whole did not amount to 20*l.*

3087. If there had been nothing spent, there ought to have been a return?—I am perfectly aware of it.

Mr. C. Cory.

Mr. CHARLES CORY recalled; further examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

3088. You have heard the questions asked Sir Edmund Lacon about your bill of costs; have you the draft bill of costs?—No, I have not.

3089. You have retained no draft of it at all?—No, I have not.

3090. Have you destroyed it?—I think so; my impression is I have destroyed it.

3091. You have destroyed it, you say?—I think so.

3092. When was it, do you recollect, that Mr.

Nightingale applied to you to include this sum of 1,000*l.*?—A long time after the election, and after the petition.

3093. Did he apply to you by letter?—No; I think it was personally.

3094. I think Mr. Nightingale said there were some letters passed between you?—I do not remember any.

3095. How many actions were there?—There were three actions, I think.

3096. And the petition?—The petition and the prosecution.

3097. Can you tell us from memory the costs of the petition?—No, I cannot. I think it was more than he said. I think it was 2,600*l.* the costs of the petition, and Sir Edmund would pay half, and Sir Henry Stracey would pay half. It did not go through my hands; it was paid in London Mr. Spofforth was the gentleman in London who did it.

3098. Sir Edmund Lacon paid you?—He paid me for what I did, but he did not pay me all. I think there was one gentleman's bill in London too.

3099. Did you write to Sir Edmund Lacon, and tell him the amount of your bill?—I cannot call that to memory.

3100. You have your letter-book?—Yes.

3101. By referring to that you can tell us?—Yes, I could if I kept a copy of it.

3102. I think we must have the letter book—

3103. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you also produce the draft bill of costs?—I cannot.

3104. Are you sure you destroyed it?—I cannot find it; I looked through it, and I have no doubt I destroyed it.

3105. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you destroy them because they contained objectionable matters?—I do not know the reason, but I never keep election papers.

3106. These are not election papers?—It refers to it. If there is anything of that kind I should certainly destroy it; I would not keep it.

3107. (*Mr. Slade.*) Because the 1,000*l.* had to do with the election, therefore it vitiated the whole thing, and you destroyed the whole of it?—No, I should not keep any evidence of that sort.

3108. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you tell us how this sum was included in the bill, what was the item?—No, I cannot tell you. My impression is I should put it down under different heads such as counsels' fees and witnesses' expenses.

3109. Do you recollect that you did?—I should certainly put it in a shape that Sir Edmund Lacon would not know about it at all if he looked at it.

3110. You think if he had looked at the bill he would not have been able to tell at all?—No, certainly not, I certainly should not put it in that shape.

3111. You must recollect what you did, not what you might have done, what did you do?—I cannot speak at this distance of time, it is seven years ago.

3112. It is not a common transaction with you?—No, it is not.

3113. It is a very uncommon one?—Yes, I do not wish to have another again.

3114. It is the only transaction of the kind you have had?—It is.

3115. Then you might remember how it was you did it?—The amount was distributed among the items, I think.

3116. Did you distribute it among the items?—I said so before.

3117. No, you said you might have done it?—My impression is I did do so.

3118. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Nightingale told you what it was for?—He told me what he had expended it for a long time after the election, I think it was a year and a half.

3119. It did not surprise you that Mr. Nightingale was the person who produced the money for this election?—It did not surprise me.

3120. If the Commissioners had asked you when you were examined before, I suppose you would have guessed where the money came from?—I should not have liked to guess. I am quite willing to say what I know of my own knowledge, but I do not wish to guess.

3121. You had more than guess work, you had positive knowledge of the fact before, because you repaid Mr. Nightingale the money spent?—You mean the previous time?

3122. Yes?—If you had asked me about that I should have stated everything about it.

3123. Did Sir Edmund Lacon object at all to the largeness of the bill?—No, I never heard a word from Sir Edmund Lacon at all.

3124. How was it presented to Sir Edmund Lacon?—Sir Edmund was absent; I do not know whether I wrote to him or how he ascertained about it, but he said his partner was authorized to advance the money to me to settle the accounts. As he was away and I was anxious to settle them, I took in the account, and I had to receive the money.

3125. You received it by instalments?—Yes, I believe what Sir Edmund Lacon says is perfectly true.

3126. Then the balance was a very large sum?—It was a very large sum.

3127. I understand you to say the 1,000*l.* was not included in the balance but distributed through all the bill?—Yes, I believe so.

3128. Can you say whether the 1,000*l.* was put into the balance by itself?—No, I think not.

3129. Could you say one way or the other?—I should say positively not by itself.

3130. Not in a lump sum?—No.

3131. Would you distribute it over the part not paid by instalments?—I should distribute it over the bill in some way or other so that Sir Edmund Lacon should not detect it.

3132. Had you been paid some instalments before Mr. Nightingale asked you for the 1,000*l.*?—I think I had.

3133. Can you say how many instalments had been paid?—I daresay Sir Edmund Lacon is right; I heard him say three or four.

3134. There were three instalments and then the balance?—Yes.

3135. Can you say whether more than one instalment was paid before Mr. Nightingale came to you?—No, I cannot.

3136. One you are sure of?—Yes, I think so, because it was a long time after the election; I heard about it.

3137. How soon after the election do you say was the first instalment paid?—The election was in 1857 I think I understood you.

3138. In 1859?—I beg pardon; the petition did not come on till 1860, and then these proceedings went on afterwards.

3139. That would be 1861?—I should say the first instalment was paid in 1860, about the time of the petition.

3140. Then Mr. Nightingale applied to you for this money in the year 1861 or 1862?—Yes, I think it was so.

3141. Therefore I presume that a very large portion of this 1,000*l.* came into that residue which was paid in a lump sum?—I think it very probable. You see I should not have made up the whole bill till the final settlement; therefore I had the power, when I made it to distribute it without reference to any instalments.

3142. What I want to know is, as the previous instalments were in sums not exceeding 400*l.* whether any remark was made to you of the largeness of the balance?—No, I never heard a word from anybody. I never spoke to Sir Edmund Lacon afterwards about it. I did not think he wanted to know anything about it at all.

3143. Did you never speak to Sir Edmund Lacon about your bill?—No, he was very much annoyed about the amount of it.

3144. How came it that you knew he was very much annoyed about the amount of it?—Not from

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any words that passed, but from his demeanour I thought he was very much annoyed.

3145. How did he show it?—By want of courtesy, not in any way personally.

3146. You gathered that he was very much annoyed at the largeness of the bill?—It may not be the fact, it is only my surmise.

3147. In your opinion Sir Edmund Lacon did think it was a large bill?—I do not know, it would appear so. It is a large bill, 2,000*l.*

3148. As you understood that Sir Edmund Lacon was annoyed at the largeness of the bill, were you not surprised that he never asked you more particulars about the items?—I do not know it was from that cause, it might be so. I had no reason to think it except from general demeanour.

3149. You would not feel hurt at Sir Edmund Lacon asking you what the sum of money was paid for, what the petition cost and what the actions cost?—Not at all.

3150. You would give every information?—Sir Edmund Lacon is not very fond of paying these things.

3151. Therefore the more reason that he should ask about it?—He does not like to ask about it; he would pay one large sum which he would not like to pay in small sums.

3152. Sir Edmund Lacon is a thorough man of business, I presume?—Pretty well.

3153. Have you any reason to believe that Sir Edmund Lacon had a suspicion about that bill?—No, I have not; not the least in the world.

3154. How did you pay Mr. Nightingale?—I cannot say now. I cannot possibly say at all now how I paid him. I think I should have sent the money down to his house in some way, though he would know who it came from.

3155. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) In cash?—In cash.

3156. By a cheque?—Certainly not.

3157. You are certain of that?—Yes, I am certain.

3158. I suppose I need not ask you; you never never communicated that fact to anybody?—No, I did not.

3159. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Mr. Nightingale apply to you more than once to repay him that sum?—I think very likely he did, but I cannot be positive.

3160. Did you consult together as to how you were to get the money back?—No, I think not.

3161. Did you without any hesitation say "I will put it in Sir Edmund Lacon's account"?—No, I do not think I said that. I think Mr. Nightingale and myself might have discussed it as to how it should be paid back, or whether it should be paid back at all. I think it is very probable this mode of paying suggested itself to him or to me and we adopted that proceeding.

3162. You had discussed the question as to how you were to get it back?—I mean at the time he applied to me.

3163. Do you consider Sir Edmund Lacon not liable for that money?—No, I think that the candidates ought to pay the money for the elections, that is my impression. I do not mean to say illegally, but it is always the case.

3164. You do not consider there was any impropriety in distributing this sum over that bill?—I cannot say it is proper. I cannot justify the act in an ordinary case.

3165. But as it was an election expense?—I did it as a matter of favour to Mr. Nightingale more than anything else.

3166. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did Mr. Nightingale tell you that the 1,000*l.* was all he had spent at the election?—I do not know.

3167. Did he tell you so?—Probably he might have done so. I cannot speak to that fact.

3168. Do you think he did tell you so?—That is my impression, because if I got the 1000*l.* I should have got all that besides.

3169. Did it occur to you that Sir Henry Stracey might be liable for one half of it?—No, I do not know how that was. I had nothing to do with the election scarcely at that time.

3170. I want to know the conversation between you and Mr. Nightingale when you determined together to charge it to Sir Edmund Lacon?—I cannot speak to a conversation seven years ago.

3171. Cannot you remember whether there was anything stated about Sir Henry Stracey's paying part of it?—No, I cannot.

3172. Both you and Mr. Nightingale came to the conclusion that Sir Edmund Lacon was liable for the whole?—Yes.

3173. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are you, in addition to being Sir Edmund Lacon's man of business, on terms of intimacy with him?—I am not his man of business.

3174. It was only on this occasion?—Yes, only on this occasion.

3175. Are you upon terms of intimacy with Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, in a general way, certainly.

3176. In your opinion would he have recognized this 1000*l.* if you had sent it in a lump sum?—I think if he knew what it was for he would not.

3177. If he knew it had been for electioneering purposes he would have refused to pay?—I think he would.

3178. Do you believe that Mr. Nightingale would have lost his money?—I think he would. I do not think he would have minded losing it much. He is a man of a great deal of property.

3179. He is not a man who wishes to pay 1000*l.* for nothing?—Not if he can get it elsewhere, certainly not. I am quite sure about this, that in a matter of Sir Edmund Lacon's losing his seat or not he would have willingly given the money, or for any motive to protect the seat he would willingly have given the money himself.

3180. Have you ever attended the nominations?—Yes.

3181. Have you heard Sir Edmund address the electors?—Yes.

3182. Have you heard him say anything which showed that he set his face against bribing?—No, I have not.

3183. Did he ever make any allusion to bribing?—Not that I remember.

3184. Has he ever alluded to the bribery on the other side in his speeches?—I think not.

3185. Has he ever in his addresses made any allusion to standing upon pure principles?—I never saw any.

3186. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You looked upon Sir Edmund Lacon as liable?—I did; I treated him so, not liable personally, nor was he liable legally.

3187. Would he not have committed a misdemeanour if he had recognized it?—That is a matter for you gentlemen, not for me.

3188. You are a lawyer yourself?—Yes, I am.

3189. Do you not know that if Sir Edmund Lacon paid that money afterwards, knowing it, he would have committed a misdemeanor?—Under the Act of Parliament he would. Therefore, that is the reason I think he would not have paid it.

3190. Your idea is that he would not have paid it?—I do not think he would have paid it if he had been asked for it.

3191. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you prepared for Sir Edmund's paying a bill without inquiring into the items?—I was not prepared one way or the other.

3192. Supposing Sir Edmund Lacon had gone into the detail of the accounts had you thought how you would account to him for it before-hand?—I had spread it over the items, and I don't think he would have detected it at all.

3193. Had you often before presented bills to him?—Yes, I think I had on one petition before.

3194. Have you ever presented a bill at all to him since?—No, I think not.

3195. When you presented this bill to him, did you go into the items of it?—No, he did not.

3196. Were you surprised at a gentleman carrying on the business of a banker and a brewer paying a large bill like that without entering into the details of

it at all ?—I was not surprised at Sir Edmund Lacon's not doing it, because he did not do it before.

3197. Did you anticipate that he would go into the items ?—I did not anticipate one way or the other. There it was, and he could do as he liked with it.

3198. Was it your idea or Mr. Nightingale's to recover 1,000*l.* from Sir Edmund Lacon by means of this bill ?—I think it was my idea of doing it in that way.

3199. Mr. Nightingale told you he had spent the money, and you suggested that means of recovering it ?—I think probably it was so.

3200. (*Mr. Slade.*) Sir Edmund Lacon was in Scotland at the time of sending in the bill ?—He was absent.

3201. And you communicated with him by letter ?—I do not think I did.

3202. Can you say yes or no whether any letter passed between you and Sir Edmund Lacon regarding this bill ?—I should say no, that is my impression.

3203. Perhaps in looking over your book you will see whether there are those letters or not. Did any letters pass between you and Mr. Nightingale on this occasion ?—No, I think not.

ISAAC SHUCKFORD sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

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3204. Where do you live ?—At Yarmouth.

3205. Whereabouts ?—My residence is 10 Britannia Terrace.

3206. Were you in communication with Mr. Cooper at all before the election ?—Yes, I was not in general communication with him, but I had some communication with him with respect to the last election.

3207. Did Mr. Cooper call upon you very shortly before the election, and say that "an illustrious stranger" would call upon you ?—Yes, he did so.

3208. What day was that ?—I will not swear positively, but I believe it to be upon the Saturday. I will not swear positively whether it was on the Saturday or the Monday.

3209. And did the "illustrious stranger" call upon you ?—He did so.

3210. Was it the Saturday or the Monday ?—I believe it to be upon the Saturday.

3211. Did he give you a sum of money ?—He brought a parcel.

3212. A brown-paper parcel ?—Well, it was a brown-paper parcel.

3213. Did you open it ?—After he was gone I did.

3214. And what was inside it ?—500*l.*

3215. In sovereigns ?—In sovereigns.

3216. You had never seen the man before who brought you the money ?—I had never seen to the best of my knowledge the man who brought me the money before.

3217. Will you be good enough to tell me what you did with that 500*l.* ? I have no hesitation in telling you what I did with that 500*l.* I gave to Mr. Wilshack 100*l.*

3218. Did Mr. Wilshack ask you for the money ?—Mr. Wilshack asked me for money. He said he knew four or five men who would not vote without money, and if he had any means of giving them any money he thought he could get some men who would vote for the Conservative candidates.

3219. Did Mr. Wilshack give you the names ?—No, he did not then.

3220. Did he subsequently ?—Well, he did. I am not in a position at the present moment to mention the names which were returned of those men. It is not an impossibility that I might do so. Eventually, he said he spent the money which I gave him.

3221. You gave him the 100*l.*, and he told you afterwards he had spent it ?—Yes.

3222. Will you be good enough to go on ?—I gave to Thomas Hudson 100*l.*

3223. Who is Thomas Hudson ?—He is a smack owner, of Yarmouth.

3224. Had Mr. Thomas Hudson represented to you that he would require this money ?—He said he thought he could do some good with it for the Conservative party whom I was interested with.

3225. Did he give you a list of names ?—Not then. He never gave me a list of names. He told me afterwards. I am not certain whether I can truthfully report the names he gave me, but I have no doubt that if Mr. Hudson is called he will give you the names.

2226. You are not aware of it yourself?—I am not aware of it.

3227. To whom did you next give any money ?—I gave to George Harvey 70*l.*

3228. Who is Harvey ?—He is a whitesmith of this town.

3229. Did he give you a list of names ?—He did not give me a list of names. He said he knew of some three or four men who would not vote without money, and if I had any means of giving them a certain sum, he thought he could do that which would conduce to the return of the Conservative candidates.

3230. And you having confidence in Harvey gave him the 70*l.* ?—Certainly I did.

3231. Who was the next person to whom you gave any money ?—I gave 20*l.* to Benjamin Lane, not for himself, but for a voter, I do not know whom. He said there was some man who would not vote without 20*l.*, and I gave the 20*l.* for him.

3232. Who was the next person ?—I gave to John Barber 20*l.* for a voter.

3233. Was it for himself ?—Not for himself, but for a man whom he had sufficient confidence in and whom he was interested in. I felt myself in a position for a voter who would not vote, to give him 20*l.*

3234. You do not remember the name ?—I do not.

3235. Pray go on with your list ?—I gave to Robert Goffin 15*l.*

3236. Is John Barber that you mentioned just now a voter ?—I believe not a voter.

3237. When you gave Robert Goffin 15*l.* yourself, did you tell him what you gave it him for ?—I did.

3238. What was that ?—I gave him 15*l.* ; he could take it in the shape of a present or anything he liked. I said I hoped he would vote for Lacon and Goodson.

3239. And did he so vote ?—He did not tell me he would vote so, but I gave it him with something very similar to those words, and he went away and took the 15*l.* and he did vote for them.

3240. Go on with your list ?—As to the 500*l.* I had no personal knowledge where it came from.

3241. You have not finished your list ?—I will endeavour to finish my list if you will allow me. The balance I still hold over. That is the whole money I spent until the day of the election. I kept the balance which was some considerable sum, as you will see for the day of the election, and should it then have become a close contest I have no hesitation in saying to you that I should have very readily spent the balance, and not only the balance, but I felt that interest in the Conservative cause, that I have no hesitation in saying I should have spent 100*l.* or 200*l.* had it been required out of my own pocket, but it was not required, and the consequence was I never spent the balance of the money.

3242. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is 175*l.* ?—I will show you the balance if you will allow me afterwards. I never knew where the money came from.

3243. (*Mr. Russell.*) Will you please to answer my questions ?—I will do so.

3244. I make out the balance to be 195*l.* ?—No I think not.

3245. (*Mr. Slade.*) What is the balance as you make it out ?—The balance will be 175*l.*, but I put my expenses upon the election day, perhaps being rather a successful day, and I being rather a strong partizan at 5*l.*, the consequence is that the balance then comes to 170*l.*

3246. (*Mr. Russell.*) You consider 5*l.* to be your

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own expenses, and consequently the balance you retained was 170*l.* ?—Yes.

3247. Have you got that 170*l.* still ?—No, I have not. I have not the slightest hesitation in endeavouring to show you what I have done with it.

3248. I should be glad to hear ?—I returned from London on Saturday. I was in London on Friday and Saturday, and I returned from London on Saturday afternoon.

3249. Before the election ?—No, I am speaking of last Saturday, I had no knowledge from whom the 500*l.* came which was sent to me, but after I came from London I saw Mr. Cooper who told me that Mr. Nightingale was the man who found the money, and that he had sent a certain sum of money to Mr. Cooper and 500*l.* to me.

3250. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) This was last Saturday ?—Last Saturday afternoon knowing from the examination which had taken place on Saturday, that I had still a large balance in hand of the money sent to me, this is the note that I sent to Mr. Nightingale or a copy of it. "Yarmouth, 19th August. Dear Sir, I "understand from your examination yesterday be- "fore Her Majesty's Commissioners, you are the "person who so kindly forwarded to me by your "London friend the sum of 500*l.* a few days prior "to the last Yarmouth election; I, having a balance "of 170*l.* still in hand, I have much pleasure in for- "warding you a cheque for the same. I am, dear "sir, respectfully yours, Isaac Shuckford. To "Samuel Nightingale, esqre."

3251. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you received any reply to that letter ?—No, I have not.

3252. I suppose you enclosed the cheque for 170*l.* in that letter ?—I did so.

3253. You have given me now the list of the money that you expended, and you state that you sent the balance to Mr. Nightingale ?—Yes.

3254. Do I understand you to state here upon your oath that you have mentioned to me every shilling that you spent out of that 500*l.* for corrupt practices?—Upon my oath I do.

3255. There is not one single voter in Yarmouth, except the man whom you have named, who received one shilling of that money ?—Not to the best of my knowledge or belief.

3256. Was this the first occasion on which you had ever dealt with money in this way ?—Not the first.

3257. Were you concerned also in the election of 1859 ?—Well, I was to a certain extent.

3258. From whom did you receive your money on that occasion ?—From a Mr. Green who was then supposed at that time of day to be the principal electioneering agent of the Conservative party.

3259. And what sum did you receive from Mr. Green ?—I will not swear positively, but I think about 200*l.*

3260. And did you expend the whole of that sum in bribery ?—I believe I did.

3261. Did you find that the sum required by voters in 1859 was a smaller sum than the sum required at the last election ?—I think there was a slight percentage additional. I mean to say, that men who would perhaps have taken 15*l.*, and this is only my impression, because I had myself to do with very few individuals; my impression is that men who would take 15*l.* in 1859 would have 20*l.* in 1865.

3262. From the evidence you have given me just now I find you did not give less than 20*l.* to any voter at the last election ?—I gave 15*l.* to Robert Goffin.

3263. I find in the election of 1859 the Committee of the House of Commons upon the petition found that you had bribed a man named George Howley for a sum of 13*l* ?—I did so, and that sum should have been 15*l.*

3264. 15*l.* was the sum which Howley had in fact been paid ?—Yes, received from me.

3265. And do you consider that 15*l.* is about the average price paid for a vote at the election of 1859 ?—I am not prepared to swear that 15*l.* was.

3266. By yourself ?—I believe from 10*l.* to 15*l.* was the ranging price in 1859.

3267. And from 15*l.* to 20*l.* was the ranging price at the last election ?—I believe it to be so.

3268. Had you never formed any conjecture where the money came from that you received for the election in 1859 ?—Not the slightest in the world.

3269. Had you never had the curiosity to inquire ?—Never. I never had any wish to inquire.

3270. Did you find any of the voters to whom you offered money at the last election at all reluctant to receive it ?—Individually, myself, I only offered money to one individual voter which was Robert Goffin.

3271. And did he take it readily ?—Well, I cannot say he took it readily or unreadily; all I am prepared to say is that he did take it.

3272. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he vote right ?—Certainly he voted right.

3273. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you any reason to believe that Robert Goffin would have voted the other way if you had not given him 15*l.* ?—Reasons or impressions are difficult things to come to conclusions upon. I should not have been at all surprised if Robert Goffin had not received the 15*l.* from me or 15*l.* from the other side he would not have voted at all.

3274. You think Robert Goffin was a man who would not have voted at all unless he received money for his vote ?—He might or might not, to say what I think of a man is perhaps rather an unfair position to put me in. What I think of a man may not be the fact. I thought he was a man who would not promise without consideration, and I saw him, and I offered him this money, and he took it.

3275. Did anybody tell you Robert Goffin had not promised his vote?—Not at all.

3276. You found that from Robert Goffin himself ?—I did not find it from Robert Goffin himself. I sent for him; he was a tenant of mine. I said, "Have you promised ?" and he said, "No."

3277. What did you then say ?—I said, "The fact is, "I feel a little interested in the Conservative cause, and "if you will vote for my friends I will give you 15*l.*," and he took the money.

3278. (*Mr. Slade.*) This man, Benjamin Lane, did he come to you, or did you go to him ?—Well, I was passing on the morning of the election. I must tell you the money I had not spent on the morning of the election I kept in the shape of a small army of reserve. Had it been a close contest, as I before said, the money would have been freely spent not only but a hundred or two or three hundred out of my own pocket. I was passing along the Nelson Road, and he called me on one side, and he said, "We have a voter here who will not vote without he is paid before he goes." Not knowing at the moment how the election stood, I said, "What does he want, he said, "He will not go without 20*l.*" I never inquired the man's name. I gave him the 20*l.*, and that finished that transaction.

3279. Is that the same Benjamin Lane whom we have examined here ?—I only know one, it is very likely it is; that was about 8 or half-past 8 in the morning; it might have been just at the time we were in an excited state, and in his evidence he may or may not have forgotten it, but such is the fact.

3280. Is that list you have got there a list you made out at the time ?—No, certainly not.

3281. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did Mr. Benjamin Lane tell you he had received any money from Mr. Cooper ?—Certainly not.

3282. (*Mr. Slade.*) You tell us you are a strong Conservative partizan ?—I am.

3283. You employ a great many men, do you not, in your business ?—I do, a good many.

3284. Did you canvass them ?—No.

3285. Were many of the men in your employ voters ?—Not very many: they are men not in a position to be 10*l.* householders.

3286. Do you know one of the men in your employ that voted on the Conservative side ?—I think they

generally did those who were in my employ, without the slightest remuneration whatever. Those men had been in my employ for a great many years; they thought, generally speaking, I was a very good master, and they voted the same way the master did.

3287. Did you ask them to vote?—Certainly not.

3288. You did not use any influence at all?—Not the slightest. In preference to using any influence with any men that I had in my employ, in the position I was in I would sooner have gone and given 20*l.* out of my own pocket to men that were not at all in my employ.

3289. Are you intimately acquainted with Mr. Nightingale?—Well, I have known Mr. Nightingale for a great many years as a gentleman connected with Yarmouth. Although meeting him in the streets and that sort of thing when there is a friendly recognition between us, I consider Mr. Nightingale's position is far above mine in Yarmouth, so that I cannot say I am in a friendly way with him.

3290. You are of the same way of thinking with him in politics?—Decidedly I am.

3291. And in your opinion he is a highly honorable man?—I think there is no more honorable man in Yarmouth than Mr. Nightingale himself.

3292. You have given us from your recollection the sums of money that you spent in bribery?—Yes.

3293. Allow me to ask you if hereafter it should occur to you that there was more money spent than you have given us should you have any hesitation in applying to Mr. Nightingale to refund you that money?—I should never apply to Mr. Nightingale for anything further.

3294. You sent Mr. Nightingale, you say, a cheque for 170*l.*?—The balance.

3295. Now supposing it should come out hereafter, from your looking over your accounts or from refreshing your memory, that you have spent more money than you tell us you have?—I will not swear I have not spent more money; to the best of my belief I have not done so. Should any circumstance arise in which 10*l.* or 20*l.* has been spent of which I have no recollection I should never apply to Mr. Nightingale for it, and if Mr. Nightingale should offer it me I should not take it.

3296. Do you not consider you would be entitled to repay yourself the money you spent?—Whether I am entitled or not I should never ask for it.

3297. What made you so anxious to send back this money?—I had the 170*l.* over from the last year, and I did not know where the money came from, and when I came home last Saturday when it was reported to me by Mr. Cooper where the money came from, I immediately wrote the note I read to you, and enclosed a cheque for it. I did not want any further bother about it.

3298. Had you ever made any inquiry as to whom this money came from?—No, my impression was at the moment, and perhaps it is rather an unfair argument, but it is according to report following up Mr. Cooper's evidence, I thought it was not impossible. I will not say it came from the Carlton, but I thought it might have been sent from some Conservative Club, who perhaps were aware that if not one shilling had been spent the town would return two Conservative members, and they wanted not to be bought out.

3299. Did you receive any other money from any other quarter?—No, none.

3300. Do I understand you to say that you did not spend any money other than this 225*l.*, or that you cannot recollect that you did or did not?—I think that is not the amount; it is 325*l.*

3301. Yes, 325*l.*?—I will swear to the best of my belief I did not spend any more money.

3302. I suppose you are tolerably certain of that?—I swear, whether I am tolerably certain or whether I am not. I conscientiously swear to the best of my belief I spent no more money than 325*l.*; therefore I ought to be tolerably certain or I ought not to swear to the fact.

3303. Another reason of your being certain is you sent back the balance to Mr. Nightingale?—I have done so.

3304. Were you anxious to send back that balance before you came to be examined?—Yes, I thought I might be asked whether I intended to stick to it or not. As I never did intend to stick to it if I could find the rightful owner I thought that would clear up the little matter that I did intend to do so.

3305. Then it seems to me that you spent this money almost entirely among sub-agents?—Yes, amongst those men. I do not know if you call them agents; the whole of the money with the exception of one 15*l.* was spent among agents.

3306. To be disbursed by them among the voters?—Yes; and as I said I kept the 170*l.* in short for the day of the election, supposing it should become a close contest. If it had I have no hesitation in acknowledging to you I should not only have spent the 170*l.* but 200*l.* or 300*l.* out of my own pocket.

3307. Did you keep any memorandum at that time of whom you gave money to?—Yes.

3308. Where is that?—The moment there was notice or an apprehension of a petition coming on I burnt them all.

3309. When did you make this memorandum you told us of to-day?—The thing is simply knowing what individuals had done. I was connected myself with only one man as far as passing the money from one to another went. The thing was in my memory, and I could make no mistake. I gave 100*l.* to one man, 100*l.* to another, 70*l.* to another, and 20*l.* to another, and 15*l.* to another, and I gave myself 5*l.*, which I spent. It may appear unreasonable that I should spend 5*l.* in one day, but upon the morning of the election we were of course all a little excited. I had had no breakfast, and about 10 in the morning, from the state of the poll I saw the thing so secure that I quietly went home and lit a cigar, and had a bottle of sparkling to begin with. That is the truth, and there is no mistake about it.

3310. I do not think your expenses were more than you were entitled to. I want to know whether you have spent more. You cannot recollect?—I may have spent more; if I did it was not legitimately spent, or it was not charged to the 500*l.* which I had.

3311. Try and recollect what money you did spend?—It is impossible for me to say, as I am not a man that easily gets very excited or intoxicated, but during that day I was a little elevated with the success of those whom I considered deserved it, and from morning to night I found I was 5*l.* out of pocket. What became of it I do not know. That is the truth. I have lived for half a century, and no man on this side or the other can say that I have been intoxicated in my life. I spent the 5*l.* or I would not have charged it.

3312. Who else did you give money to besides those men you mentioned out of your own pocket?—I will swear to the best of my belief I gave to none. If I did I do not remember it, and if I did do so it was out of my own pocket.

3313. (*Mr. Russell.*) Cannot you remember the name of the voter for whom you gave the 20*l.* to Mr. Benjamin Lane?—I do not remember.

3314. Let me try and assist you?—You can assist me. I have an impression. I will not mention a name that might be prejudicial to any man who had not the money. You in your position can demand Mr. Lane here to give you an explanation. I have an impression whom he gave the money to, but I will not name the name, because I might put the man in an unpleasant position who had not the money.

3315. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) If you know the name you must give it?—But I do not.

3316. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you mention the name at that time to Benjamin Lane?—No, I did not. He simply said to me he wanted 20*l.* for a voter, a man who would not go up without 20*l.*

3317. Did he mention the name to you?—He did not to the best of my belief. If he did it was in the excitement of the moment, and I do not remember it.

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3318. Is there no name passing through your mind at the present moment ?—No.

3319. Was it Simon Wood or Henry Munsey ?—No.

3320. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was it William Holmes ?—I believe not. I will not swear positively to any of those names, I can only swear to the best of my belief. There were none of those names you have mentioned to me.

3321. (*Mr. Russell.*) Will you swear you do not at this moment recollect the name of the man ?—I swear most positively I do not.

3322. (*Mr. Slade.*) I do not wish to go into the election of 1859 now. Will you, if you can, give the Commissioners a list of the people whom you gave money to upon that occasion ?—I am not prepared at the present moment.

3323. Not now, but on going home ?—I have not the slightest objection in the world to do that. It was a very small amount I had to do with to the best of my recollection, it being six or seven years ago. Although it may be observed men's memories fail at such times as these my memory is not very strong, but I will give you every information I can relative to the election of 1859.

3324. We are bound to inquire into it, and we shall be obliged to you if you can furnish it ?—Certainly.

3325. (*Mr. Slade.*) Then we will not ask you anything more now.

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CHARLES VICTOR BUNN sworn ; examined by MR. FITZGERALD.

3326. What are you ?—A farmer and dealer.

3327. Did you receive any money from Mr. Cooper ?—Yes.

3328. What day was it ?—The first money I received from Mr. Cooper was on a Saturday or at least I supposed it was money he gave me.

3329. The Saturday before the election ?—Yes.

3330. How much ?—I am sure I do not know. When I come home from Norwich on Saturday Mr. Cooper said to me, "Will you take some money down to Rivett," and I said, "I do not care."

3331. A parcel ?—He said it was money, and he said "Will you take it down to him ?"

3332. You do not know what it was ?—The old gentleman did not open it while I was there. He said "You will see a lot of pilots outside there, send them in."

3333. You did not know what was in it ?—I fancy it was money.

3334. You do not know the amount ?—No.

3335. What did you do with it ?—I took it straight down to old Rivett.

3336. Where does Rivett live ?—Pier Cliff, Gorleston.

3337. He is dead ?—He is dead.

3338. Did you give it to him ?—I gave it to him.

3339. What did he say ?—I hardly recollect now what he said. He said, "What are you up to?" I said, "I have a parcel from Mr. Cooper for you." He said, "Come in and have a glass of brandy," and we chatted some little time.

3340. Nothing else ?—We talked about election matters. He said, "Is there anything you can do?"—I said, "I do not care about that."

3341. Well, what then ?—I said "There is an old schoolfellow of mine who does not mind doing a little." That was young Mr. John Hammond ; we would see if he would assist us, and see what we could do with the fellows down at Gorleston as we knew them well.

3342. Did you see John Hammond ?—Yes, I saw John Hammond, he was walking past on Sunday morning, and I called and spoke to him, and then I think I gave him a parcel of money to take down to old Rivett that I had received from Mr. Cooper.

3343. That was the second time ?—That was part of the second lot that I received.

3344. When did you receive the second lot, on Sunday morning ?—Yes, some on the Sunday morning. In fact I think there was a largish parcel and a small parcel on Saturday night given to me, but I did not care about being lumbered up on Saturday night.

3345. I wish you would tell us the facts as they occurred on Saturday. You took a parcel of money to Rivett and gave it to him ?—Yes.

3346. And on Sunday you received another parcel from Mr. Cooper ?—Yes, I did.

3347. Did you give that to Mr. Rivett ?—Yes, in the afternoon I gave him the parcel I received on the Sunday.

3348. Did you have any parcel of money for yourself ?—All I had I took up to Rivett.

3349. When did you get the next parcel ?—I will not be certain whether it was on the Monday. I rather fancy it was on the Tuesday morning at the "Star." I came up the town and saw Mr. Cooper.

3350. Was that all ?—Yes, I think it was,—it was three or four lots, I forget exactly.

3351. Do you know what was contained in the second parcel, how much ?—No.

3352. Nor the third parcel ?—No, I do not know exactly.

3353. You do not know what amount of money was sent altogether from Mr. Cooper to Mr. Rivett ?—No, I do not.

3354. Now tell us what amount of money you received from Mr. Rivett yourself to distribute ?—I cannot tell to a nicety, I spent a good bit, I had to treat a good many down there, I will tell you to the best of my recollection. I do not recollect how much I gave my friend John Hammond.

3355. You gave John Hammond money not for himself but to give to other people ?—Yes, to give to other people.

3356. You cannot say how much ?—Not exactly, I know at the finish we had 9*l.* left between us, and we spent that.

3357. About how much did you have ?—I will tell you the names of the people I gave it to.

3358. I ask you how much you gave to John Hammond to give to others ?—I cannot tell, if I took 100*l.* from old Rivett to-day I would see John Hammond in half-an-hour's time and say there is some 40*l.* or 50*l.*, if you catch any of them to spend ; if you want any more I will see the old gentleman. It was a kind of running account between us. I will give you the names.

3359. Are you going to give us the names of people bribed by yourself or John Hammond ?—By myself.

3360. That is what I want ?—Joseph Draper, King Street, Yarmouth.

3361. How much did he have ?—I gave him 15*l.* through Edward Stannard.

3362. Is he on the list of voters ?—No, he is not a voter, he does not live in the borough.

3363. Do you know if Draper received that money ?—Yes.

3364. Except through Stannard do you know it ?—No, I never spoke to the old gentleman to know whether he really had it or not.

3365. Who next ?—Joseph Gibbs, Hay Dealer Ferm Street, Gorleston.

3366. How much did he have ?—15*l.* the day before the election and 1*l.* because he was rather lazy on the morning of the election. I thought we should have lost him as he was bribed by the other side.

3367. Did you give it him yourself ?—He would not go up, and I told him I would punch his head if he would not.

3368. The next ?—George Green, carpenter, High Street, Gorleston.

3369. How much ?—15*l.*

3370. Yourself ?—Yes.

3371. The next ?—Jonathan Ives, gardener, Gorleston.

3372. How much ?—15*l.*

3373. The next?—Fred. Godbolt, Southtown.

3374. How much?—15*l.*

3375. The next?—William George, at St. Andrews Hill, Public-house, through my man Newman.

3376. How much?—15*l.*, he voted one and one, they were bribed by the other side, he and Godbolt.

3377. And they voted one and one?—Yes, Lacon and Brogden.

3378. You did not give him the money yourself?—No, through my man Newman, he is a rummish kind of fellow.

3379. What is your man's name?—Samuel Newman.

3380. Is he a voter too?—Yes, he is a voter.

3381. The next?—Denis Calthorpe, at the "Greyhound."

3382. Edward Denis Calthorpe?—Yes.

3383. How much?—15*l.*

3384. The next?—Edward Roof.

3385. How much?—15*l.*

3386. The next?—James Mays, the "Horse and Groom" public-house, down the lower end of Gorleston.

3387. How much?—15*l.* I think it was James.

3388. There are two Mays, one is William?—One is an old man; it is not him.

3389. The next?—John Christmas, Southtown.

3390. How much?—He had 15*l.* through his brother-in-law, Bonney. I do not know much about the chap. Bonney came to me and asked me if I would give him anything, and I gave it him.

3391. Is he a voter? is it Joseph Bonney?—Yes, Joseph Bonney.

3392. The next?—Charles Bull.

3393. How much?—15*l.*

3394. The next?—Abel Wightman.

3395. Abel W, Wightman?—Yes.

3396. And 15*l.*?—Yes.

3397. The next?—George Durrant.

3398. How much?—15*l.*

3399. The next?—Edward Bonney. It is the Bonney going down to the pier; there is one Joe and the other Ted; I know them when I see them.

3400. Joseph Bonney was the one who bribed Christmas?—It is the one going down to the pier.

3401. That is Edward Bonney?—Yes.

3402. 15*l.*?—Yes.

3403. The next?—Stephen Lee Cox, "Rumbold Arms," through his wife. I did not speak to him about it; I gave it to his wife.

3404. 15*l.*?—16*l.*—one for herself.

3405. The next?—Samuel Read, blacksmith.

3406. How much?—It was through his son, who is a painter; I gave him something to get his father.

3407. His son is not a voter?—I gave him 1*l.* for some laurel-leaves, already gilt, because I knew we should win.

3408. You gave him 15*l.* and 1*l.* for himself?—Yes.

3409. The next?—John Ely Rivett.

3410. Before we go to that you say the son is a voter; what is his name?—George Read, a painter.

3411. Did he get any for himself?—I gave him 1*l.* to see father was all right.

3412. George Read was all right for that money?—I do not know; I had nothing to do with him; he voted all right.

3413. John Ely Rivett, you say, is the next?—Yes.

3414. How much?—15*l.*

3415. Is that all?—That is all I can recollect now. I tried hard this morning before I came away to recollect all I could and that is as far as I could get. If I find out any more I will let you know. I think there are some more, but I cannot recollect them now.

3416. Did Mr. Rivett give you the money as you wanted it, or did he give it you in a lump?—No, I would go to him and say, there are four or five. Who are they, he would say; be careful and mind and follow them.

3417. Can you tell us how much you had?—No, I cannot tell you. Down at that end of the town we have to treat the fellows a good bit before we get them. On the day of the election there were two or three young fellows I got to help me to get them up to the poll. One or two I gave a half-sovereign to drive about and get the men up rather than be behindhand. The Radicals wished to start with a good start, and I told them I would give them a half-a-crown apiece to get up early.

3418. You have only given us the names for an expenditure of about 250*l.*?—Yes.

3419. Mr. Cooper has stated that you received in different parcels to take to Mr. Rivett the sum of 1500*l.*?—I do not doubt it.

3420. Out of that you have only given us voters to cover 250*l.*?—There is my friend John Hammond there, perhaps he can give you the names of ten or a dozen. I do not know how many exactly.

3421. Can you recollect what you gave to Mr. Hammond?—No, I cannot.

3422. Did Mr. Rivett see any of the people himself?—No.

3423. He did not?—Not those that we had to do with. He would say, when I went down to see the old gentleman, "Just pick out a list of those you think "you can do anything with; you choose your own "men;" and I did so.

3424. To your knowledge did Mr. Rivett disburse any of this 1,500*l.* himself?—I rather guess he did—not to my knowledge. I could not actually swear to a man. He let drop out one or two men that he was in the habit of doing with at other elections.

3425. How much do you calculate on the whole John Hammond had from Mr. Rivett?—300*l.* or 400*l.*—going on for 400*l.*

3426. Not more?—I do not know.

3427. Was there anybody else employed who disbursed money?—He was pretty sly. He would get out what you were doing, but he would not let you know what he was doing.

3428. Do you know whom he employed?—No, I do not.

3429. Do you suspect anybody?—No.

3430. Do you think he disbursed himself as much as 1000*l.*?—He would do that in about a couple of hours. We had to go to him after this.

3431. Are there any other voters in Gorleston that you have received from Rivett, directly or indirectly for?—I do not know. The first might; I took money down to them; there was a lot of seafaring men standing round the "White Lion."

3432. Tell us who they were?—I do not know who they were. I have nothing to do with the sea. I do not like water. He told me to send a lot of them in that I saw standing about. They were pilots and fishing chaps, and boat owners; I do not know who they are. He said, "Do you see all those fellows standing round my door, send them in;" and when I went out, I told them Rivett wanted to see them.

3433. I want the names?—I do not know them.

3434. The parties Mr. Rivett gave money to?—I do not know them. He did not tell me.

3435. Did Mr. Rivett himself go about Gorleston seeing the voters?—He was agent for Lloyds, so he is often up to Yarmouth, driving backwards and forwards. He will not canvass, but he is an old man and has been up to that game all his life.

3436. Mr. Rivett had 1,500*l.*, of which you have only accounted for the disbursements of 200*l.* or 300*l.*?—Yes.

3437. I want to know with regard to Mr. Rivett's disbursement of the 1,000*l.*, did the voters go to him or did he go to them?—Many of them would go to him; at least, he told me to tell a good many of the fellows out there to go in.

3438. Can you tell us the names?—No. I know all the chaps, but I do not know the people by name.

3439. You know the people?—I know they belong

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to Gorleston or Yarmouth, and I daresay they all know me, but I do not know their names.

3440. How many voters are there in Gorleston altogether ?—I do not know. I know we gave them 60 majority in the St. Andrew's ward.

3441. There are about 277 voters in Gorleston ?—There are more than half of them to be bought to a moral. They do not like doing anything for nothing.

3442. If you can make your list as complete as possible it will be useful to us ; otherwise we shall have to call the whole of the parish and ask them the question, as Mr. Rivett is dead.

3443. If I can remember any more I will let you know ; but at present I cannot recollect any more of them.

3444. If I were to give you the register could you tell ?—I was looking over it before I came away this morning. I do not recollect it now ; I may.

3445. (*Mr. Slade.*) Take the poll-book itself, and go through all those who voted for Lacon and Goodson. Tell us who were the men you heard were bribed, as well as those you bribed yourself ?—If I were to do that, I should give the names of three parts of the parish. I heard Mr. Rivett was, and he was always in the habit of bribing Warner, but this time he could not get him ; he did not know what was the matter with him. Then George Read the blacksmith. He told me not to meddle with him.

3446. That is the same man you gave the 1*l.* to ?—No, that is another one, the blacksmith, John Read, of England's Lane, Gorleston, that is the man he told me not to meddle with.

3447. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Now look at another one. Just begin at the beginning ?—He told me not to meddle with Banham and the Bradnums ; there is Isaac and Benjamin. He told me not to meddle with William Denton and Robert Denton. James Halfnight of High Gorleston. I do not see any more that he told me not to meddle with. I do not see that I can recollect any more.

3448. Did you ever hear Mr. Rivett say how many voters he had secured in Gorleston ?—No ; he would want to know what I was doing, but he would not tell me what he was doing, because I was acting under his instructions.

3449. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you read over all these names after Halfnight ?—Yes; I looked through them.

3450. Every one ?—Every one.

3451. Do you think Mr. Hammond did as much as you ?—No ; he did not do as much as I did.

3452. You have only accounted with these men you were told not to meddle with for about 24*l.* Now 1,500*l.* at 15*l.* apiece, that seems to have been the tariff, would give 100 voters ?—Yes.

3453. Do you suppose there were 100 voters bribed in Gorleston for the Conservatives ?—I do not know ; there are a jolly lot of them who like to have a little of the dust.

3454. Do you suppose there are as many as 1,000 ?—I cannot give any idea. I know I did a good bit myself, as you see, and I know the old man did three times as much as I did.

3455. Do you mean to say, that after Halfnight you cannot find one name on this poll-book ?—I do not recollect any now. I do not know that I have given the whole of the names I canvassed ; not perhaps by five or six, or half a dozen.

3456. Look at the list ?—I cannot. I tried this morning. I cannot recollect all the fellows ; it is so long ago, and I have my own business to think about.

3457. (*Mr. Russell.*) What makes you say that the old man did three times as much bribery as you did ?—He was an old hand at it, and he first initiated me into the mysteries of bribing.

3458. You think the master himself would have been likely to do three times as much as the pupil ?—I think he would.

3459. Did old Mr. Rivett ever tell you the number of men he had bribed ?—No, he was not very communicative about what he did himself, though he liked to look after those who worked under him. He was not nice about a 5*l.* note. He would say, "Go "on, and do not let the other fellows come down. "Spend 1*l.* or so, and only let me know what you "have done with the money ;" and so I used, and I daresay they thought me a jolly sort of fellow.

3460. Did old Mr. Rivett ever tell you how much money he received from Mr. Cooper ?—No.

3461. He never gave you any idea of it ?—No.

3462. Judging from the size and the weight of the three parcels of money that you took up, you think that they contained as much as 1,500*l.* ?—I was never in that happy position to have 1,500*l.* of my own to weigh or do up in that style.

3463. Were they heavy ?—They were bulky.

3464. You know the bulk of 10 or 20 sovereigns ?—Yes.

3465. Do you think there was a bulk of 1,500*l.* ?—I took it in three lots of four parcels.

3466. Did you take it in three different lots because it was too heavy to take at once ?—I think the first time there were two lots of money Mr. Cooper gave me on the Saturday night. I know I took a good big square parcel down the Saturday night before the election.

3467. Was there much treating going on in Gorleston ?—Them fellows, they won't talk to you without you liquor them up a little. "Go on," they say, "stand something."

3468. I mean, are there public-houses kept open for entertainment ?—No. That will not do ; we do not do it so. If you get chatting with a fellow, you say, "Won't you have a glass of so and so to drink ?"

3469. Did you do any treating ?—Yes. That was the Radical stronghold. They always look there to get the majority at Gorleston, and this time we wished to put it the other way.

3470. You looked at Gorleston as a Radical stronghold ?—We do not. They are always to be bought. They go to the heaviest. If you hold one in each hand, they will say, "Which is the heaviest ?"

3471. That is your opinion of the Gorleston people ? Yes.

3472. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I see there are about 150 in the parish of Gorleston who voted for Goodson and Sir Edmund Lacon, or Sir Edmund Lacon alone ?—Yes. But that is the parish of Southtown and Gorleston too.

3473. They are all in one list ?—Yes ; St. Andrew's ward is all one.

3474. When you said more than half the parish of Gorleston voted ?—Would be bribed. Do you think those that voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl were not bribed ?

3475. When you spoke just now of Gorleston, you meant St. Andrew's ward. The two together ?—Yes ; Gorleston, and Southtown.

3476. You had a majority of 60 you say ?—Yes, in that ward. I do not know but what the old gentleman might know a more expensive class than what I do ; he would have a more expensive lot to do with. These seafaring fellows won't vote for what a landsman will, that is, the hay dealers, the bricklayers, the publicans, and so on, would take less money than pilots, fish owners, and those sort.

3477. Do you think Mr. Rivett gave larger sums than 15*l.* ?—Yes. I do not say he did. I fancy the old man would have to do so.

3478. Out of the 150 who voted for Lacon and Goodson, how many do you suppose took bribes from him ?—I do not know ; he might lose a good many.

3479. But how many do you suppose took bribes ?—I do not know how many I have given you a list of.

3480. Seventeen of your own ?—Perhaps my friend Mr. Hammond might add ten or a dozen. I do not know how many he did.

3481. Were you in the habit of reporting to Mr. Cooper the result ?—Cooper lives next door to me, so nearly every morning or evening I might see him, and

he would say, "How do you get on down to Gorleston ?" and I would say, "All right. How do you get on at Yarmouth ?"—and he might say, "Middling."

3482. Did you report the names to him ?—No; he would not have anything to do with them. He would say, "I do not like Gorleston men ; I will not have anything to do with them."

3483. When did Sir Edmund Lacon to your knowledge canvass Gorleston ?—I do not know. He was down there a week or two before the election took place, and Mr. Goodson too. When I rode through the parish one day I saw them down there.

3484. Was he successful at that time in his canvass ?—I do not know. I never went to any committee rooms. I used to do mine after I had done my own business of a day-time. I would light a pipe and walk down.

3485. Who was the agent under Mr. Reynolds who had charge of that ward ?—There was no agent down there. He was agent I suppose for the lot.

3486. Had Mr. Reynolds no representative in that ward ?—I do not know whether it was old Mr. Rivett ; I do not know whether he was his representative or no, I do not know. I am told Mr. Charles Diver was.

3487. I suppose you do not mean to say there are not a good many people living in this parish of Gorleston and Southtown, who would refuse to take a bribe ?—Yes ; there are lots who would.

3488. Are there any number of men on this list that you would say are people who would not take a bribe ?—Yes ; I should think there are lots, I could say.

3489. Cannot you suggest any other means of getting at those who did receive the bribes ?—The poor old fellow is dead.

3490. That makes the difficulty ?—He would not tell me anything he did. If you ask anybody that knew him at Gorleston, he would not tell anybody what he did. He might be like Mr. Isaac Shuckford, have a balance in hand.

3491. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you give the Commissioners a list of those whom you have heard or known to be bribed on the Liberal side ?—I will do that to the best of my ability.

3492. Do so, and send it in to the secretary ?—I will.

3493. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you anything to do with the election of 1859 ? That was when I first took a lesson of the old man.

3494. Did you serve as deputy to Mr. Rivett in 1859 ? Yes.

3495. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect the names of the parties bribed there ? I did only four or five there, and one of them bolted, and another is dead.

3496. We shall probably want you again to-morrow, if you will give us those in the meantime ? All right. I will do the best I can.

3497. And you will save us a deal of trouble if you will give us a list of those who took the bribes the other side ? I should not mind saying who I think would not take a bribe, but I should not like to say who I think would.

3498. I want a list of those who you think would not take a bribe ? All right ; I will do that.

JOHN HAMMOND, jun., sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

J. Hammond, jun.

3499. Where do you live ?—At Gorleston.

3500. What are you ?—A corn and seed merchant.

3501. Were you employed with Mr. Bunn at the last election ?—I had some money of Mr. Bunn's at the last election.

3502. How much did you have ?—I do not know ; something like 100*l.* I think. It might be more or less.

3503. When did Mr. Bunn give you that money ? —I think he gave me some on the Saturday and some on the Monday before the election.

3504. What did he give it you for ?—To give to different people in Gorleston.

3505. Can you give us the names of those persons you gave it to ?—Yes, I can give you some of them, and I think I can give you them all. The first one I gave was Robert Edwards of Fen Common.

3506. How much ?—15*l.*

3507. The next ?—George Aldous, of High Hill Street.

3508. How much ?—15*l.* Samuel Barber, of High Street, 15*l.*

3509. Who else ?—Joseph Draper, of Baker Street, 15*l.*

3510. Is that the man mentioned by Mr. Bunn as having received 15*l.*—that gentleman who Mr. Bunn mentioned received it through Mr. Stannard, the grocer ?—That is Yarmouth I think.

3511. That is a Yarmouth man.—Yes, I think so.

3512. Is this the son of that man ?—Yes.

3513. Go on ?—William Denton, of Pier Road.

3514. What did he get ?—5*l.*

3515. Is that the man that Mr. Bunn has told us that Rivett told him not to meddle with ?—No, I think not ; there are several Dentons in Gorleston.

3516. Go on.—John Sadler, of Church Road.

3517. How much ?—15*l.* George Read, High Street.

3518. How much ?—15*l.* Thomas Barwood, High Street.

3519. Is George Read the son of Samuel Read ? —Yes, the son of Samuel Read.

3520. He is the man that Bunn gave the pound to ? —Yes, that is his son. It is Sam Read's son.

3521. And you gave him 15*l.* ?—Yes.

3522. Did you tell Bunn you had given him 15*l.* ? —No, I do not think I mentioned it to Bunn; I forget. I might have done so.

3523. What did Barwood have ?—15*l.* Nathaniel Swan 15*l.* and that is all.

3524. What does that amount to, do you know ?—I do not.

3525. You say you received 100*l.* from Bunn on Saturday ?—I do not exactly know the sum of money I received. I received some on Saturday and some on Monday I think it was.

3526. Can you say altogether how much it was ? —I cannot say, I do not know how much it was.

3527. Did you expend all you received in bribing ? —Yes.

3528. Did you retain any of it yourself ?—4*l.* 10*s.* I think it was for expenses. There was 9*l.* I know that we divided it.

3529. Did you receive any money from any other person ?—No.

3530. Were you acquainted with Mr. Rivett ? —Yes.

3531. Do you know at all any men who were bribed by Mr. Rivett in Gorleston ?—I do not know at all.

3532. Did you receive any money from Mr. Rivett yourself ?—No.

3533. You took a parcel to Mr. Rivett, did you not ? Yes.

3534. What day was that ?—I do not know. I think that would be on the Saturday or Sunday morning ; I do not know exactly which.

3535. Did you give it to Mr. Rivett ?—Yes.

3536. Do you know what it contained ?—It contained money.

3537. Gold ?—Gold.

3538. Can you form any idea from the size of the parcel, and the weight of it, how much gold was in it ? —I should think about 100*l.* perhaps.

3539. Did you take another parcel to him ?—No.

3540. Can you give us the names of any other voters whom you heard were bribed in Gorleston ? —No, I do not know of any besides these, of my own knowledge.

3541. Can you give us the names of any voters who are currently reported to have received money on the

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Conservative side ?—No, I did not take much active interest in it, only with the men I had to do with. That was all.

3542. Had you ever been employed in this way before ?—No.

3543. You were a schoolfellow of Bunn's, were you ?—Yes.

3544. Did these men come to you or did you go to them ?—Some came to me and some I went to.

3545. How many men did you go to altogether ?—I do not think above eight or nine. I do not know whether there were so many as that. About that number. I have given all the names.

3546. Did you ever go to a man without giving him money ?—No.

3547. You always gave him money ?—I always gave him money ?

3548. Were these men well known in Gorleston as being people who take bribes ?—I do not know that they were.

3549. How came you to know that they were people who would take bribes ?—I had a list given to me.

3550. Have you got that list ?—No.

3551. Who gave you the list ?—Bunn.

3552. How many names were on that list ?—About nine or ten, not more.

3553. Are these the nine men you have given us ?—Yes, I think they are.

3554. Did Bunn say why he did not go to them himself ?—No, he thought he had more than he could do himself, so he asked if I would go to them.

3555. Did you account to Bunn for the money ?—Yes.

3556. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did not any of these nine men you bribed say they would vote the other way if they did not receive their money ?—No.

3557. What made you go to them ?—Because I had a list of them given to me to go to.

3558. Do you know anything about bribery on the other side ?—No, nothing.

3559. Did you do anything of the sort in the election of 1859 ?—No.

3560. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you agree with Bunn that most of the voters of the St. Andrews' Ward are purchaseable ?—Not to the extent that he goes. I do not agree with him exactly.

3561. To what extent do you go ?—No doubt many of them can be bought, but I do not say half of them. There are men of principle there no doubt.

3562. Should you say that half were purchaseable ?—I should not like to say, not of my own knowledge ; I cannot say.

3563. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were these men to whom you went known to belong to either of the political parties ?—No, I think not.

3564. Did you ever see Sir Edmund Lacon canvassing in Gorleston ?—Yes.

3565. How often have you seen him there ?—Not above once or twice.

3566. Have you ever had a request made to you without asking for money ?—Did I ever have a voter come to me ?

3567. Yes ?—Yes, I think I have ; two or three of them came to me.

3568. What were those three men ?—Some of those I had in the list that I have given you came to me.

3569. Can you tell me who they were ?—I know one or two of them came to me, but I do not know who they were now.

3570. Was that after you began to bribe or before ?—Before.

3571. What did they come and say ?—They wanted to know if there would be any money for them, and I said very likely there would be ; I had nothing to do with it, but if I had I would let them know.

3572. Did any of them say they could get money on the other side ?—Some of them said they could get more money on the other side.

3573. You say they told you they could get more money on the other side ?—Some of them did.

3574. Do you believe that to be the case ?—I cannot say only from what I have heard ; I cannot speak of my own knowledge.

3575. Have you heard it ?—I heard that they got more money on the other side.

3576. Then why should they vote for you for less money ?—I do not know ; perhaps it was a story they told me. They only said that to get more out of me perhaps. They were getting money in Yarmouth, they said.

3577. Not in Gorleston ?—No.

3578. Did you of your own knowledge ever know a man receive more than 15*l.* in Gorleston ;—Not in Gorleston.

3579. Did you hear that they were receiving more money on the Liberal side ?—Only two or three of them came and told me they were receiving more money, and they wanted more money of me, and I told them to go and get it the other side.

3580. Do you know of any instance in which more money was given ?—No.

3581-2. In fact you do not believe more money was given the other side ?—Not in Gorleston, I do not, it may have been.

3583. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) The same sum being given on both sides, do you think there was any preference ?—Yes, perhaps there was.

3584. For what reason ?—I do not know. There was a preference because the greater part of them voted on the Conservative side.

3585. Was it because you were first in the field ?—It might be so.

3586. Were you first in the field ?—I do not know whether as regards canvassing ; I cannot say, but I never heard of any money being spent until the Saturday on either side.

3587. Who was the first in the field ?—I do not know.

3588. Do you know who was bribing on the other side in Gorleston ?—I do not know.

3589. Have you any reason to believe bribery had commenced on the Saturday on the other side ?—No, only some of them told me they had had money offered to them on the Saturday night.

3590. (*Mr. Russell.*) You do not know whether the bribery at Gorleston began on the Conservative side or on the Liberal side ?—

3591. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you given us all that you bribed to the best of your belief ?—Yes, I have.

3592. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you make any offers that were not accepted ?—None that I am aware of ; I do not remember any.

C. V. Bunn.

CHARLES VICTOR BUNN recalled ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

3593. I did not ask you how much you kept for your own service ?—After we paid our own expenses and treating and one thing and another we had 9*l.*, which I offered to Mr. Cooper, and he said "I do not want it. Have a jolly lark with it or do what you like with it."

3594. You say, "after what you spent." How much did you spend in treating ?—Perhaps altogether a 10*l.* note, but I told you when I was up before ; Mr. Green, a man I bribed, he told me the night before the election his house was broken open by the opposite party, and they offered him money.

3595. That was on the Tuesday ?—On the Tuesday night, and then there was Humfrey in Fen Street, and several others, who came to me about money ; but the old governor said, "15*l.* is the price, do not go any more than a pound or so beyond that," but we were restricted to that amount.

3596. (*Mr. Slade.*) What is Humfrey's Christian name ?—I think there is only one in Fen Street ; he is a carpenter.

3597. Henry Thomas ?—Yes. He would come down four or five times. They are roughs, they will

come up. They do not mind it themselves. They will tell you the money the other side offered.

3598. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you any reason to know when the bribing on the other side commenced in Gorleston ?—Not for a certainty, I have not. Only as these fellows tell me. They were some of them, one or two; they saw me a little busy the election before this last: they came to me and said, "Master, you will have something to do with it, there have been such and such parties about. I know there will be money out to-night.

3599. You gathered from that that promises had been made on the other side previously to the Saturday ?—Yes, there were some men I lost, too. There was Noah Duffield, and Brown on the Common, and several others. I cannot recollect them all. They had money the other side, and more.

3600. They had money from the other side ?—Yes.

3601. When ?—Sometime before the election.

GEORGE WATSON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

G. Watson.

3602. What are you ?—A game dealer.

3603. Mr. Cooper has told us he gave you 150*l.* previous to the election ?—Yes.

3604. Was that the sum ?—Yes, I think that is the sum as near as I can recollect.

3605. What did he give it you for ?—To give voters to vote for the Conservatives.

3606. Did you disburse it among the voters ?—Yes.

3607. Will you say to whom you gave it ?—James Ruthen of Gaol Street.

3608. How much ?—20*l.*

3609. The next ?—Isaac Hayward, of Howard Street.

3610. How much ?—20*l.*

3611. The next ?—Henry Soanes, of Rainbow Corner.

3612. How much ?—20*l.*

3613. The next ?—Thomas Coleman, St. George's Road.

3614. How much ?—20*l.* Robert Bessey, North Quay.

3615. How much ?—20*l.* Henry Savory, of Hall Quay, 20*l.*

3616. The next ?—George Holmes, of Gaol Street.

3617. Is that George Martin Holmes ?—Yes. 10*l.* Daniel Gravener, of Northumberland Place, 20*l.*

3618. And that is all ?—That is all.

3619. You kept nothing for yourself ?—Not anything for myself.

3620. How came your men to call for 20*l.* ?—Every man told me the Liberals had been to him and offered him that, and some had offered them more.

3621. Mr. Cooper did not prescribe to you any tariff at the time he gave you the money ?—He told me I must do as the others did, and all my men told me they were offered 20*l.* the other side, and if you have them here they will tell you.

3622. Did any of them tell you they had been offered it the other side ?—Yes.

3623. Who ?—Coleman for one.

3624. Anybody else ?—Yes; Savory.

3625. 20*l.* you said was offered on the other side ?—Yes.

3626. Anyone else ?—Yes, Ruthen told me the same.

3627. What time did you give them this money ?—I think Savory and Ruthen and Holmes; I gave them 10*l.* each at first, but I gave them that out of my own pocket.

3628. Besides ?—No, I took it after I received the money.

3629. You recouped yourself ?—Yes.

3630. When was it ?—Part on the Monday and part on the Tuesday.

3631. Were these men you went to known as belonging to your party or not ?—I believe they were.

3632. Did you go to them because they belonged to your party, or because you knew they would take a bribe ?—I went to ask them if they would support our party, and I believe they were willing two or three of them, but they said they were offered money the other side, and except they got money they should go that way.

3633. Did you offer to anybody else besides those men you have given to us ?—Yes, I think I did.

3634. Who ?—I offered Mr. Bacon who keeps the public-house at the North End.

3635. What did Bacon say ?—There were five or six of them I think he said there. I offered him 20*l.* a man, and he said he should not take it, he could do better the other side.

3636. Bacon said that ?—Yes.

3637. Did he speak for himself ?—He had to do with the whole lot of them.

3638. What is Bacon's Christian name ?—I am blowed if I know; he keeps the "Waggon and Horses," at North End.

3639. He is a voter I suppose on the list ?—Yes.

3640. Where does he live ?—At the "Waggon and Horses," at the North End, in the Caister Road.

3641. Did he tell you how much was offered on the other side ?—It was over 20*l.*, I think it was 25*l.*

3642. What day was that that the conversation occurred ?—It was three or four days before the election.

3643. Was it on the Saturday ?—It might have been the Friday or the Saturday or the Thursday before.

3644. I want to know, I should like to know that ? It was a day or two before the election.

3645. Are you sure it was before ?—I went to the man's house myself and saw the man.

3646. Are you sure it was before the Sunday ?—Yes; I am quite sure it was not the Sunday. I did not stir out on the Sunday.

3647. Was it before the Saturday ?—I should think the Friday or the Saturday. I should fancy so.

3648. Was this when you first spoke to Mr. Bacon ? Yes.

3649. What did you offer him at that time ?—When I first went down 20*l.*, because I heard they had been round to me.

3650. That was after you had received the money from Mr. Cooper ?—No; I offered that before I received the money from Mr. Cooper.

3651. How did you know there was any money going to be forthcoming ?—I had seen Mr. Cooper, and told him what the other people were doing, and he said "I suppose our people must do the same in some way.

3652. When did you see Mr. Cooper and tell him that ?—I must have seen him a day or two before.

3653. It was before the Saturday previous to the election ?—Yes, I think about the Wednesday or the Thursday I told him what they were doing.

3654. Grimes—did you offer him anything ?—No; he told me he did get 20*l.*, in fact, the other side.

3655. Had you any conversation with him about the election ?—Yes.

3656. When was that ?—A week perhaps previously; more than that.

3657. Did you then offer him money at that time ? No; I did not offer him money.

3658. Did you promise him ?—I told him if there was any to be given he should have it.

3659. I suppose you are aware of what took place before the Committee of the House of Commons in 1866 ?—Yes, I think he said there, I offered him 15*l*; but I did not offer him anything.

3660. Did you tell him you could guarantee him 10*l.*, and if there was an opposition, he should have 10*l.* more.

3661. No. I am not aware I told him that. I do not recollect offering Grimes anything, as I said, any money.

3662. Did Grimes tell you on the first or second

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occasion that he got 25*l.*?—20*l.* I might have seen two or three times before that.

3662*a.* Did he ever tell you he had 20*l.* himself?—Yes. he told me he had 20*l.* himself, and he was going to vote for the Liberals, and to do everything he could for them.

3663. Do you recollect the day he told you that—that he had got the money?—I should think it must have been the Friday or the Saturday.

3664. You cannot undertake to say it was not on the Saturday?—I believe that to be the Friday.

3665. (*Mr. Russell.*) You say it was Friday or Saturday Grimes told you he received the money?—Yes, 20*l.*

3666. Did he tell you what day he had received it?—No; he might have taken it the same day.

3667. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was there anybody else to whom you offered money?—Not that I am aware of.

3668. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you give money to a man named Ablett, and a man named Smith?—No.

3669. Do you know Ablett?—Yes.

3670. Did you ever give him money?—No, I do not know that ever I spoke to Ablett upon election affairs in any respect whatever.

3671. Do you know Smith, of Northumberland Place?—No.

3672. Did you spend any money in treating?—Yes, lots.

3673. Was that your own money?—Yes.

3674. Did you ever get that money repaid?—No.

3675. Did you tell Cooper you had spent money in treating?—I might tell him so, but I did it at my own risk and at my own pleasure. I took a little interest in it.

3676. Did you ever intend to he repaid when you spent it?—No, I did not think of it at all.

3677. Where did you spend this money; at public-houses?—Yes, at different public-houses.

3678. Did Cooper tell you to do so?—No.

3679. Did you do anything of this sort in the previous elections?—Yes, I think I did, a little of it.

3680. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Shall you be able to give us the names?—No, I cannot; I have not the slightest idea.

3681. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you do at the previous election; did you spend any money?—I really cannot say whether I did or did not.

3682. Did you act under Cooper then?—Yes, I was about with him or about by myself like.

3683. Did you get the money from Cooper?—Really I do not know whether I did or did not the election before the last. The last election of course I did.

3684. I talk of the previous election?—I have no recollection of the election before at all.

3685. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you know Mr. Green?—I might know him. I do not know that I had any conversation with him.

3686. I mean at the election of 1859. You know who I mean?—Yes, I know him by sight and so on, but I do not know that ever I spoke to the man to the best of my knowledge.

3687. You did not get any money from him?—No.

3688. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you go to any of the eight men that you bribed at the last election because they had taken money from you at the previous election?—Had they taken money from me at the previous election?

3689. Yes?—No.

3690. Not one of them?—No.

3691. How came you only to give Holmes 10*l.*?—I told you I gave him 10*l.* the night previous, and that Savory took the money to Holmes, and that when he went down the Monday night or the Tuesday night with the other, he said he was going the other side, so he kept the 10*l.* and voted the other side, and got well paid there no doubt.

3692. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) He voted the other side?—He voted the other side.

3693. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were there any of these men besides Holmes to whom you did not give the money yourself?—No, only him.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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Mr. W. Worship.

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Mr. William Worship sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

3694. What are you?—A solicitor of Yarmouth.

3695. What relation are you to Mr. Worship, whom we examined the other day?—I have been away every day, and I know very little of what is going on. If it were Mr. Francis Worship, he is my brother.

3696. Were you in Yarmouth at the last election?—I was.

3697. During the months of June and July 1865?—Yes; that was the time of the election.

3698. Did you take any part in the election?—Very little. I had my feelings upon the subject, but not an active part.

3699. On which side were your feelings?—On the Conservative side.

3700. Did you at that time identify yourself with the gentlemen on that side of politics?—No. I went to the meeting at the "Star," on the first occasion of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson making their appearance prior to the commencing of the canvass; but I did not proceed on the canvass, nor did I afterwards attend the meetings. I saw parties of my own accord. I saw a few voters that I knew, and spoke to them on the subject of their votes, but that was apart from the general canvassing party.

3701. You had a small canvass of your own?—Yes, a very small one; a few parties that I privately knew, and privately saw.

3702. Had you interested yourself at all in previous elections for this borough?—Oh yes.

3703. For how many elections before this?—Several; as long as I can remember.

3704. You were aware, from your experience of previous elections, that money was generally spent in this borough?—I am not aware of it as a fact within my own knowledge. One has had one's impressions. It is part of the business of an election, and a rumour passed through my mind, as a matter of impression and belief to a certain extent, that there were those who were influenced in that kind of way.

3705. You formed that opinion I presume, from what you heard, more than from what you saw?—Yes.

3706. Did you form an opinion, that bribery to a great extent prevailed in this borough?—I do not know that. On some of the recent elections, my impression is very strong that very large sums of money must have been spent.

3707. And spent, I presume, illegally?—No doubt.

3708. By "recent elections," do you mean the last two or three elections?—Yes. There was an election when Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh were returned

as against Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker; without any knowledge, I had a belief and impression that very large sums of money must have been spent on that occasion.

3709. I do not wish to tie you down to any particular sum, but will you give the Commissioners an idea of what you suppose was spent?—I have none.

3710. I understand you to say that, having formed an opinion that money was spent at the election of 1852, you suppose that money was continued to be spent subsequent to that?—I think it must have been. I have very little doubt about it.

3711. Was that an opinion that was likely to be formed by any person who was conversant with the borough?—Yes, as well by every one as myself.

3712. You had no more opportunities of forming that opinion than anybody else?—Not at all.

3713. I presume any gentlemen who interested himself at all in Yarmouth politics must have known that bribery was practised to a great extent?—I would not for myself believe any man who expressed an opinion to the contrary. It was impossible for any man with his eyes and his ears open not to come to that conclusion.

3714. Then, if a gentleman came before us who was well acquainted with the borough, and said he did not believe bribery did exist on both sides, you would say he would not be worthy of belief?—I would take the liberty of saying I would rather that that gentleman would reconcile his conscience to himself than that I should pass an opinion upon it.

3715. Was bribery openly talked about in the town at the last election?—Yes, I think I may say it was. If you ask me for any distinct fact, I can hardly remember it. It is one of general reasons and of general impressions.

3716. Was it the common talk of the town during the last three days of the elections?—I should think it was.

3717. No person could have been in the town from the Saturday previous to the election until the polling day, but what he must have heard that bribery was going on?—I should say it was quite impossible.

3718.—On both sides?—Yes, I should say on both sides.

3719. You took no part at all in the election; but may I ask you whether you were aware from what you had heard, that Mr. Cooper was a gentlemen who was engaged in those operations?—From any distinct information on the subject—no; from general belief—yes, because I knew he was identified with the party as a man very likely to be a sort of managing man on an occasion of that kind.

3720. I believe it has taken many people by surprise as to where the money came from; but I presume very few people were ignorant as to who distributed the money?—I should think very few people must have been ignorant of it. I have heard since this examination commenced where the money came from.

3721. I presume for the first time?—Yes.

3722. But as regards Mr. Cooper's management of the business, it was not at all new to you?—It did not surprise me.

3723. On the contrary, from what you had heard, you believed him to be the man?—I should say so.

3724. Was there any other gentleman acting in a similar position to Mr. Cooper, whom you had heard of on that side?—No, I could not name them by name, because I was not in communication with any one, or knew them.

3725. As regards Mr. Cooper, you not only knew him by name, but knew him by reputation?—Yes.

3726. I may ask you the same question that I did as regards the bribery. In your opinion was it known to every person who took any interest in politics in Yarmouth that Mr. Cooper was the recognized illegal agent?—I do not know what you mean by the "recognized illegal agent." He is a man who has interested himself very much in the matters of the parties, and has been the very party through whom the registration and other things were attended to. I mean, if I had occasion to send in a claim for the county, I should send it in all probability to Mr. Cooper to be deposited in the right place.

3727. You have told me you knew Mr. Cooper was a gentleman who had disbursed the money, from what you heard?—Yes.

3728. Then I ask whether your belief would not be most likely the belief of every person who had busied himself in the electioneering matters of this town?—Myself would equally have known the fact?

3729 Yes.—I think there can be no doubt.

3730. Would you go so far as to say it would be impossible for any gentleman to be interested in the politics of the town, and not know Mr. Cooper was the man who spent the money?—You go rather too far, because it is mere matter of impression. What makes the fact clear to my mind, I should be inclined to extend to the minds of other persons, but I can go no further than that. It is mere matter of belief from cases that might strike me as strong, but would not be equally operative on the minds of others.

3731. What part did you take in the election, beyond canvassing a few of your own friends?—At this last election no part whatever. I am afraid I was of very little use to my friends on that occasion. I was not very well at the time.

3732. I will ask you generally, had you been of greater service at previous elections?—I had always taken a warm interest in them, and perhaps I canvassed more and was about more with the canvassing party, perhaps took a portion of the work at the rooms, none of which I did on the occasion of the last election.

3733. Did you take any part in the election of 1847?—Who were the candidates?

3734. Lord Arthur Lennox, Mr. Coope, Mr. Rumbold and Mr. Goldsmith.—Yes. Mr. Rumbold and myself were great friends. Mr. Rumbold was a great friend of mine, and I always took a strong interest in all that concerned him.

3735. Did you assist Mr. Rumbold when he first stood for this borough?—No; he came before my time; but from the time of my taking any interest in the elections where Mr. Rumbold was concerned, I was very warmly interested in his behalf.

3736. Was 1847 the first election you interested yourself in?—Upon my word I keep them so little in my mind, that I must ask you to give the dates and the candidates at the elections before I answer the question.

3737. The election before that I believe, was 1841, in which Mr. Wiltshire and Mr. Rumbold were returned, and Mr. Baring and Mr. Scames defeated?—Yes; I was warmly interested for Mr. Rumbold in that election.

3738. And previous to that?—Mine extend back to Anson and Rumbold.

3739. That is the year 1832?—Yes. Who were the candidates then?

3740. Colonel Anson, Mr. Rumbold, and Colville?—I remember in the earliest period of my recollection, whenever Anson and Rumbold were representing the town, and until their severance with the town, my interest in all their elections was very strong.

3741. Did you advise Mr. Rumbold professionally?—No. I never acted professionally for him at these elections; I never made him my client; I never had any professional charges against him in any election.

3742. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Rumbold was not of the same politics as you were?—No. Mr. Rumbold was one of those old Whigs who, I say, were of my politics at the present time.

3743. (*Mr. Slade.*) In the year 1852 Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Rumbold were returned, I presume, on the same interest?—On the same interest. They united. Against whom were they? I forget.

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3744. As against McCullagh and Sir Charles Napier ?—Exactly.

3745. You took an interest in the election of 1857, in which Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin beat Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker ?—Yes.

3746. And we hear that Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor came in ultimately without any contest ?—They came in without any contest. They came in, if I remember rightly,—I amnot refreshing my memory, but they came in on a vacancy created by petition afterwards.

3747. Do you know why Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker did not stand again ?—There was a very great excitement in the town, and it was not advisable to have an opposition; I can remember very little more than that. The town was in a very excited state at that time, and it was not deemed to be a time when there could be a fair trial of the strength of parties. There was a deal of strong feeling.

3748. Do you know what caused that excitement and feeling ?—A strong feeling arose out of the disappointment of one party arising out of the loss of their man, and the desire to have two others to represent them of the same politics.

3749. That feeling would always arise at every election ?—Only I do not think the impetuosity, if I may use the word, was equal to that which existed on the side of the Whigs ; there was not the same blood up on the one side for the purpose of a contest as there was on the other.

3750. Can you tell us at all whether you heard at that time that the feeling was caused because the Liberals at that time had beaten Sir Edmund Lacon by bribery ?—There was no doubt about that being the cause of the success of that election.

3751. And of the feeling ?—I hardly like to speak as to that. I can hardly give an opinion as to the why and the wherefore. I only know there was a strong feeling manifested at that time, which rendered it, in the opinion of one's friends, not advisable to have a contest.

3752. Did anything come to your hearing as to any compact entered into between the new candidates and those who were turned out, that is to say, Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor with Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin ?—No, I have no knowledge of that.

3753. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say that you are aware that bribery has prevailed in this borough for a long time ; have you heard at any of these elections from what source the money came on the Conservative side ?—I think I may say no. They are things that one had no information upon. I know nothing about them. I had no knowledge myself on the subject.

3754. Mr. Cooper told us that he had no doubt, when the election came on, that somebody in Yarmouth would be found with pluck enough to advance the money ?—I have no belief or knowledge upon the subject.

3755. Was there ever a subscription by the principal members of the Conservative party here, to raise a sum for the purpose of carrying an election ?—If such were the case, I was never applied to subscribe to it, nor did I ever know of such a subscription.

3756. Did it surprise you to hear that Mr. Nightingale had found the money on this last occasion ?—I will not say that it did, because I knew him very well, and I knew he always spoke with great mortification of the result of the previous election, because, according to the state of the feeling in the town as expressed upon the canvass, nothing could be more certain than was Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker's return.

3757. Did you know that money had been found by the party in 1859 ?—I must ask you again to give me the names of the candidates.

3758. The election previous to the last, in 1859 ?—No ; I had no knowledge.

3759. Is there anybody whose names you can give us on the Liberal side, who are known as the agents of bribery ?—No; I can give you no names.

3760. In the same way that you are cognisant of Mr. Cooper's name ?—Just in the same kind of way one would name a very active partisan in the name of Livingstone.

3761. (*Mr. Russell.*) Putting aside for a moment the venal voters, and having regard only to those who were actuated by pure political conviction, on which side in the borough of Great Yarmouth do you believe the majority to be ?—I should say most assuredly on the Conservative side, uninfluenced either by money or pressure. I should most decidedly say, from my knowledge of the constituency, that a vast proportion would be in favour of Conservatism.

3762. Putting aside the influence from illegitimate reasons, and having regard solely to the legitimate influence of wealth ?—And employment.

3763. Do you believe the majority of that influence to be on the Conservative side or the Liberal side ?—Certainly the Conservative side.

3764. You believe the majority of the wealthier people ?—Yes, and the large employers.

3765. Did you ever hear Sir Edmund Lacon speak during the last election ?—He said a few words at the first meeting that I mentioned being present at. That was when the two candidates presented themselves, before the canvass ; and I myself proposed Mr. Goodson at the election, and heard him speak. I cannot charge my recollection with hearing any other speech.

3766. Can you remember if you ever heard Sir Edmund Lacon make any reference to bribery in his speech ?—No ; I have no recollection of it.

3767. Did you ever hear him express any opinion on the subject in committee or in private ?—I knew he would be against anything of the kind ; and it is possible, in his speech, he might have said to the effect that he knew, from his canvass and otherwise, the feeling of the majority of the electors would be in his favour.

3768. But I ask you if you remember it ?—I cannot quote any sentence. It may have been so. If so, it has passed from my mind. I have no recollection of it.

3769. Do you remember Mr. Goodson ever making any allusion to bribery ?—Not without referring to his speeches. They are things one hears. I have no recollection of it. I would not say it was one way or the other.

3770. I do not mean merely in speeches, but in committee or in private. You do not recollect Sir Edmund Lacon or Mr. Goodson expressing any opiuion upon the subject ?—No.

3771. (*Mr. Slade.*) You proposed Mr. Goodson ?—I proposed Mr. Goodson.

3772. Who brought him down to the borough ?—I think he was introduced by Sir Henry Stracey, who represented the town and retired, and gave an intimation of his intention to retire at the end of the last session. I think he was introduced to us through Sir Henry Stracey.

3773. To whom besides yourself was he introduced ?—He was only introduced to me as he was introduced to the town.

3774. At the general meeting ?—I rather fancy, speaking from recollection, that his name was either given to us by Sir Henry Stracey, or through Sir Henry Stracey by another person ; and he came down to meet a few of us in Yarmouth, and I was one who met him on that occasion.

3775. Can you give us the names of any other gentlemen who were present ?—Present at the first meeting ?

3776. Yes.—I remember my brother was there, and there were 20 or 30 met at the Victoria Hotel. Mr. Preston was there, and Mr. Ferrier, my brother I think I mentioned, and many others. I said Mr. Ferrier, but I really am not sure he was there. I think he was, but I will not be sure.

3777. Was the question discussed as to his standing for the borough ?—Oh, yes ; and it was agreed that he should represent Sir Henry Stracey's place,

and be the colleague of Sir Edmund, at the then coming and the last election.

3778. Did Mr. Goodson at that time go at all into the probable results of the canvass himself?—This was some time before the election commenced that I am speaking of. Then they remained, and the result of that meeting was made known to the town by an address on the part of Mr. Goodson, stating that at the then next coming election he should be the candidate, with Sir Edmund Lacon, for the representation of the town; which was attended with another from Sir Henry Stracey, intimating his intention to retire at the end of the session. Then things remained perfectly passive until the election took place.

3779. Did Mr. Goodson make any inquiry at that time as to the probable expenses of his election?—Not of me, nor of any other to my knowledge.

3780. Was anything at that time said about the expenses?—Not at all.

3781. Was the question of the expenses of the election discussed among the party to which you belonged?—Not at any meeting at which I was present; not at all.

3782. As far as you are aware, was any intimation given to Mr. Goodson as to what the expense of contesting the borough would be?—Not that I am aware of. I made, and I was privy to, no such communication with him. I had no communication with him, directly or indirectly, on the point.

3783. But from what you have heard, have you any notion what Mr. Goodson put down as the probable expense of contesting the borough?—I have no information, no knowledge, and no belief on which to answer the question at all. I had seen him many and many a time before the election, but never between us was the subject alluded to or touched upon in any way. I had no knowledge.

3784. When gentlemen who take an interest in politics in Yarmouth ask a gentleman to come forward as a candidate, do not they convey to him some idea what it will cost him?—That it is impossible for me to say. I have never been the medium, as it were, through whom any application has ever been made to a candidate; therefore, what may have passed in the first instance I know nothing about. All I know is, when a candidate has come down, and been approved, that nothing of that kind has passed within my hearing or to my knowledge.

3785. Have you yourself ever discussed the question of expense among your friends on that side?—No, never.

3786. Were you aware, from your own observations, that bribery did take place at the last election?—Only from observation.

3787. Which observations, in your opinion, must have been entertained by every person who was present and taking an active part in the election at that time?—I cannot conceive it could be possible that it should be otherwise.

3788. Then if you take the case of a gentleman who was very deeply interested in the election, and who busied himself very much in the town at that time, when he says that, after the polling was over, his belief was that there was nothing spent, in your opinion is that correct?—I still myself give you the same answer as I did before. I do not in the least know to whom by name you refer; but I can only say, as I said before, I must leave that gentleman to reconcile his answer and his own conscience, and not ask me to pass an opinion upon him.

Mr. Charles Cory Aldred sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

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3789. You are now the mayor of Great Yarmouth?—I am.

3790. And you are a surgeon?—Yes.

3791. And a member of the Conservative party?—A member of the Conservative party.

3792. Have you taken an active part in the election?—Always taken an active part as far as I had time.

3793.—Did you take an active part at the last election?—No. I had very little time at the last election. I was very busy, professionally busy, and I am sorry to say I could not give up much time about it.

3794. We have heard about the meeting at your house on Sunday. Did any such meeting take place?—Oh dear me, no. It is merely one of Mr. Costerton's mare's nests.

3795. We have heard that a relation of yours took money from Mr. Nightingale to Mr. Cooper. What is his Christian name?—Edward Cooper Aldred.

3796. Is he in Yarmouth now?—No; he is, I suppose, in London or the neighbourhood. His home is in London. He is a commercial traveller. London is his home. Whether he is there I do not know, but I have given his direction to your clerk.

3797. Did you introduce him to Mr. Nightingale?—I do not know. They met at my house, I think, but I cannot tell how the introduction took place. They were both backwards and forwards at my house.

3798. It was casual, at all events?—It was a casual introduction.

3799. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Nightingale said he was a young man he had a great confidence in. Did you introduce him to Mr. Nightingale as a young man who would do anything confidentially?—No; certainly not.

3800. What aged man is this young man?—I should think a little over 30. He may be a little over or a little under, but time passes so quick that I forget how old he is; somewhere thereabouts.

3801. Were you aware of his being employed by Mr. Nightingale in this way?—I had a mere guess as to the employment.

3802. Did young Mr. Aldred tell you anything about it?—No; we had no conversation about it.

3803. How were you aware?—I really cannot tell you, but I was aware of it. I cannot tell you how. It is one of those things that comes to one's knowledge without knowing how it does come.

3804. When did you first become aware of that?—I knew it at the time it was done. I knew that he was carrying parcels for Mr. Nightingale.

3805. The parcels began to be carried on the Sunday?—I cannot tell you. It was two or three days before the election. I will not state the days. It was 12 months back, and I have had a great deal to do since.

3806. According to that you were aware Mr. Nightingale provided the money?—I was not aware of it. I knew it came through him, but I did not know who provided it.

3807. You knew Mr. Nightingale was one link, at all events?—I knew he was one link.

3808. Did you know in the same sort of way, without knowing how, that Mr. Nightingale had provided money at the last election?—I knew nothing about it at the last election, only since; he told me of it a year or two afterwards. He is a very intimate friend of mine, and he mentioned it to me, I dare say some time after. I am talking of the time before the last time.

3809. I understood you to say that you did not know at the time of the election previous to this, that Mr. Nightingale had advanced money. Still before this election we are talking about, you had learnt that he had advanced money?—Yes.

3810. And putting that with what you knew about your relative, you were very well aware that Mr. Nightingale was going to advance money now?—I knew it was coming through him, but I did not know he was going to advance it.

3811. You knew he was the channel through which

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it was coming ?—Yes ; it is one of those things we avoided talking about, but I had no doubt about it.

3812. Did Mr. Nightingale mention this to you himself about the 1,000*l.* he advanced in the year 1859 ?—I really cannot say. I could not say that he did or did not. I have no doubt, I daresay it came out in the course of conversation. There is scarcely a day but what I see Mr. Nightingale, and therefore I cannot tell how it is.

3813. It could not have come from anybody else ? —Yes. Judging from the circumstances, I say most probably it was him; and it was him I had very little doubt, but when it was I cannot recollect.

3814. Did you ever breathe to anybody what you knew about that 1,000*l.* ?—No ; I should not talk about such a thing as that. They are the last things I should talk about.

3815. Did you ever give a hint to anybody you knew where the money came from at the election of 1859 ?—Certainly not.

3816. Can you say of your own knowledge whether any other person in the town of Yarmouth knew that Mr. Nightingale had advanced 1,000*l.* in the election of 1859, except you and Mr. Cory ?—I really cannot tell you; not to my knowledge I do not know.

3817. I mean has it ever been mentioned to you ? —Oh dear no, certainly not. Never by anyone.

3818. It has never been talked about ?—It has never been talked about.

3819. Never been mentioned among the party ?— Oh dear me, no; not in my hearing. Not to my knowledge.

3820. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose you were not aware that Mr. Cory knew it ?—Yes ; I think that Mr. Nightingale told me he should tell Mr. Cory. I fancy that he did. And whether Mr. Cory mentioned it to me, that Mr. Nightingale told him, or Mr. Nightingale told me that he told Mr. Cory, I cannot tell which.

3821. Mr. Cory told us he never mentioned it to anybody ?—Then it was Mr. Nightingale; but I knew it, I daresay, from Mr. Nightingale, and I am not aware from anybody else.

3822. (*Mr. Slade.*) You scout the idea of a meeting at your house on the Sunday ?—Quite so.

3823. Can you recollect whether Sir Edmund Lacon came into Yarmouth on that Sunday evening ?—I am told that he was here the whole day, but from my own knowledge I do not know. Some one might have said, "What stuff that is of Mr. Costerton's. Sir "Edmund was not in the town that day." I forget who told me that, but I never saw Sir Edmund Lacon that day, and I cannot help thinking that I spent the principal part of that day in Ormesby. My family were there, I cannot recollect. I was a bachelor, and they were staying at Ormesby. I fancy I passed the principal part of that day at Ormesby, but I cannot recollect.

3824. In your profession do you keep a diary ?— No.

3825. Have you any means of refreshing your memory as to where you were that day ?—Not any. I should be at home the first portion of the day, and perhaps at Ormesby afterwards, as I frequently did drive over on the Sunday afternoon to spend it with my family. I might or I might not have done it that day.

3826. We understand that Mr. Nightingale saw you at your house on Sunday ?—Yes. If I went, I did not go until 1 or 2 o'clock. I was at home attending to my professional duties, and then I might have gone to Ormesby.

3827. Do you recollect Mr. Nightingale being there the Sunday morning ?—I fancy I recollect his coming in just as I was getting into my gig ; but he says he was, and I have no doubt his memory is better than mine.

3828. Were there any other gentlemen there ?— Not that I am aware of. There were several that I saw in the course of the day.

3829. Who were they ?—I cannot recollect, but I can only say Mr. Barber, Mr. Bunn, and Mr. Worship, were neither of them in my house. Each of them have told me so ; that is the only means by which I can say they were not there, because they tell me they were not there.

3830. Was young Mr. Aldred at your house at that time. Was he lodging with you ?—No; he was staying with his father who lives in the town—my brother; but he was in and out of my house frequently, he was staying with his father for a week.

3831. Mr. Nightingale did not come to your house to meet Mr. Aldred ?—Not that I am aware of, he made no appointment ; certainly not.

3832. Did he meet him there ? — The Sunday morning, I cannot tell you ; I think not. I should say I think Mr. Nightingale was only two minutes in my house.

3833. What did he come for ?—To hear what was going on, he came to my house. He came to see what was the news, what was going on. Something of that kind.

3834. Why should he come to you to learn the news ?—Because I am his most intimate friend. We are on such terms of intimacy, he is very likely to drop into my house in passing to church. He would come in for a couple of minutes.

3835. You could not give him much news ?—I could give him none that day. I had not been out.

3836. You took very little part in the election ?— But I heard a great deal, being about.

3837. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was there a rumour on the Saturday night that Mr. Vanderbyl had retired ? —There was.

3838. Mr. Nightingale told us that he called on you for the purpose of asking whether there was any truth in that rumour. Do you recollect that ?—I do not know at all what he called for. He might have asked that question ; but what question he asked I am sure I cannot tell at this distance of time.

3839. We understand from you there was no meeting at your house ?—There was no meeting at my house.

3840. (*Mr. Slade.*) Without calling it a meeting, were there any gentlemen there ?—As I say, I dare say several dropped in in the course of the day.

3841. You cannot give us the names ?—No.

3842. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Nobody came by appointment ?—No.

3843. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was yours a house where gentlemen came to meet on Sunday ?—Mine would be the last place. There are two political opponents directly opposite my window. They could see everybody who came in and out of my door. It is not possible. We should be mad to have such a thing.

3844. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was it ever represented to you, or to anybody in your presence, that money would be required at the last election ? — Never. There was no direct intimation. Of course money has been talked of in my presence.

3845. I should like to carry that a little further. Either on the Saturday or the Sunday before the election, did you hear anybody, in your presence, say money would be required to carry Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—No, certainly not. There was no direct intimation. I daresay on the Saturday as well as the Sunday money was the theme of conversation. But there was no more direct intimation on that day than any other day.

3846. Are you not aware of any intimation having been made in consequence of which that money was sent out ?—No, certainly not.

3847. Do you agree with Mr. Worship, the last witness, that the majority of the legitimate wealth and influence of Yarmouth is on the Conservative side ; or do you agree with Mr. Garson Blake, that the majority of influence is on the Liberal side ?—I believe that what Mr. Worship says is a most undoubted fact.

3848. Supposing an election to be conducted in Great Yarmouth on perfectly pure principles, do I understand you to mean that, the balance of legitimate influence being on the Conservative side,

that side would be returned?—I have no doubt of it; not a shadow of doubt of it.

3849. Putting the question of legitimate influence out of the question, and supposing four perfect strangers to come down to contest Great Yarmouth on pure principles, what do you believe would be the result?—I do not know. I would not say, if Sir Edmund Lacon was not our candidate, what would be the result.

3850. Then you do not believe that there is upon the register a majority of Conservatives with pure political convictions?—I believe on the register there is a large majority of Conservatives; but why, I am not here to say. I cannot say that. They do vote and undoubtedly support us.

3851. Apart from all influence in the matter, does political feelings run high?—Not at the present time. Not in the last few years. Not anything like compared with a few years since.

3852. Do I understand you to mean that the lower class of voters in Great Yarmouth is influenced in its vote by legitimate or illegitimate influence? — I cannot answer that question. I have taken so little an active part in the elections and canvassing that it is a question I would not undertake to answer.

3853. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) During the election, at what time did that conviction force itself on your mind, that bribery was going on?—I really forget. What day did the election take place?

3854. The polling was on Wednesday, and we are told Mr. Cooper had the money on Saturday?—I think it would be the latter end of the week I first heard of it. But you know there were rumours of an intention to buy us out of the borough, from the first moment Mr. Brogden entered the town. We learnt nothing of his abilities, or anything, only that he was going to buy us out. That was all we heard of.

3855. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you ever hear any sum mentioned that Mr. Brogden was prepared to spend?—Never. I am not in a position to say directly.

3856. I ask if you ever heard any sum?—Yes; I heard that he was prepared to spend 10,000*l.*

3857. Do you mean that was the common rumour?—It was not common rumour; it was a direct statement.

3858. A direct statement made to you by somebody else?—In this way: Mr. Cory informed that he had an overture (I do not know who he said from,—Mr. Richard Hammond, I think) for us to withdraw one candidate, and in the event of our not withdrawing him, they were prepared to spend 10,000*l.* to buy us out.

3859. Can you remember when it was Mr. Cory gave you that information?—The latter end of the week. About the middle of the week. I should think about a week before the election.

3860. After Mr. Marshman had retired?—No, certainly not. Before he had retired.

3861. Who is Mr. Hammond by whom that overture was made?—He is, I presume, the leader of the other party. I presume he is the acknowledged leader.

3862. Did Mr. Cory tell you what reply he had made to Mr. Hammond's proposal?—No; he sent for me to ask my opinion.

3863. And may I ask you what opinion you gave him?—To refuse instantly, and say nothing about it.

3864. Do you know whether, in consequence of that advice, Mr. Cory did refuse?—I have no doubt he did.

3865. Do you believe that the threat of Mr. Hammond that if a candidate were not withdrawn 10,000*l.* would be spent by Mr. Brogden, had any influence in inducing the other party to bring money into the field?—Whom do you mean by the other party?

3866. The Conservative party?—I have no doubt that had some influence, that, coupled with the continued boast we heard, that we were to be bought out of the borough.

3867. You having this knowledge, and also taking an active part in the election, I should like to ask you whether you formed any opinion on which side the bribery first commenced?—That I would not give an opinion upon.

3868. Do you know whether Mr. Hammond suggested which candidate should be withdrawn?—It was Mr. Marshman who was to be withdrawn; at least we understood that Mr. Marshman was to be the one.

3869. By that I suppose you mean it was not at all likely under the circumstances that the Conservative party would agree to withdraw Sir Edmund Lacon, and so lose his legitimate influence in the town?—Certainly, we should not think of withdrawing Sir Edmund Lacon.

3870. When you mentioned Mr. Marshman just now, I suppose you meant Mr. Goodson?—You asked me whom *they* were to withdraw, and did not ask whom *we* were to withdraw. They only asked us to withdraw one; but, not entertaining the question, we did not enter into the question of whom we should withdraw.

3871. Did you understand either was suggested?—I misunderstood your question, that they would withdraw Mr. Marshman if we would withdraw one.

3872. Was it suggested which one you should withdraw?—Not at all, not that I am aware of; but of course I understood we should withdraw Mr. Goodson if they withdrew Mr. Marshman. That is what I understood, though I do not know it was expressed.

3873. You regarded Sir Edmund Lacon as the most influential on his side, and Mr. Brogden as the most influential candidate on their side?—Exactly so.

3874. Do you know whether it was in consequence of that overture failing that Mr. Vanderbyl was then brought down?—I cannot tell what took place in the enemy's camp, of course not.

3875. When Mr. Cory came to you to take your advice under these circumstances, were you alone?—Yes, I think I was; I think so. I do not know whether he came to me, or I went to him; I cannot tell you.

3876. When Mr. Cory asked your advice, did you give it to him offhand, or did you consult with others before you gave it to him?—Offhand.

3877. Had you any authority whatever to act for Sir Edmund Lacon in the matter?—None whatever.

3878. Or for Mr. Goodson?—None whatever; none at all.

3879. You thought yourself entitled to advise that the overture should be rejected, without consulting either Sir Edmund Lacon or Mr. Goodson?—Most certainly I did.

3880. Or anybody on their behalf?—Or anybody on their behalf?

3881. May I ask you what your grounds were for having such a decided opinion upon the subject?—At the former election there were rumours that certain of us wanted to compromise the borough, and being afraid that such a rumour would get abroad I begged him to say nothing about it, and at once refuse the offer.

3882. Do you know the state of the canvass-book on the Conservative side at the time you recommended that rejection?—Yes, of course I did.

3883. Was it partially in consequence of that knowledge that you advised it should be rejected?—No doubt it was in consequence of the knowledge of our own strength. If we had had a bad canvass I should have jumped at it; but there being a capital canvass, I would not listen to it.

3884. Did you, at the time the proposition was brought before you, believe that as the canvass book then stood, Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ought to win?—I thought it was an undoubted fact that they should win.

3885. And in fact it was, so far as you knew, before any money had been corruptly spent?—Before any money had been corruptly spent, in my belief.

3886. When you were aware that money was going to be corruptly spent, did you represent to anybody that having regard to the state of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson's promises, you thought they ought

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to win as they then stood ?—I am not aware. I have no doubt I said to many persons, "We shall win, and we are sure to win." I daresay I did.

3887. And you said that before the Saturday before the election ?—Before the Saturday preceding the election. That had been my opinion from the first day of the canvass. We never were so favourably and well received throughout the town as we were on that occasion.

3888. Then, having regard to the fact that when this overture was brought to your knowledge you considered that upon the canvass book Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson had a sufficient majority of promises to secure their election, did you understand the 10,000*l* which was threatened to be spent by Mr. Brogden was to be spent in buying back a portion of those promised votes ?—I understood it was to be brought to win their election.

3889. But I understood you to say at that time the canvass-book showed a majority for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—It did.

3890. Therefore it would have been impossible for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl to win, unless votes were taken from the then promises of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and given to Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl ?—Of course the same would have taken place as it did before, when they bought Sir Edmund Lacon out. When his canvass was so good, they then came in and bought him out of the borough, and I presume they would do the same thing.

3891. I will repeat my question. Did you understand the 10,000*l*. threatened to be spent was to be spent partially in buying back promises from Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—I understood it was to be spent generally to win his election.

3892. But the election, if I understood you, could not then have been won unless votes had been taken from Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson which had been previously promised to them ?—I repeat again, Sir Edmund Lacon had a majority of the promises.

3893. And Mr. Goodson ?—And Mr. Goodson.

3894. Then it stands as a simple sum of arithmetic that votes must have been taken from those promises to Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and transferred to Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl to win ?—No doubt about it.

3895. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you see Sir Edmund Lacon during the progress of the election ?—I have no doubt I did, but I should tell you I never canvassed with him. I did not attend a single meeting, nor did I attend the nomination ; but I dare say in driving about the town I did meet him, and I should naturally get out of my gig to speak to him.

3896. Did you never communicate with him on the condition of affairs ?—Of course I asked him how he got on in his canvass.

3897. Did you communicate to him what you had heard with reference to a compromise ?—Oh dear no, certainly not.

3898. Or with reference to the prospects of bribery ?—Most certainly not.

3899. You never told him you thought he would be bought out ?—No ; certainly not.

3900. Did he ever express any apprehension to you on the subject ?—Not to me.

3901. To any one else ?—Not that I am aware of.

3902. (*Mr. Slade.*) In your opinion has the influence of the corporation much effect on the parliamentary borough ?—Not much. It has an indirect influence, no doubt, but not, I think, to any great extent. For many years, in olden times, we held the corporation and they held the members. In olden times, on my first entering politics, we held the corporation and they held the members for many many years.

3903. But at present they do not ?—I do not think a great deal. Of course it has an influence, but not to a great extent.

3904. Is it not such an influence that both parties made great efforts to get a majority ?—Not for a political influence, but it is for the well government of the town. It was for the management of the municipal affairs, which was of more importance to us really and truly than our members; to have our town well governed and properly managed.

3905. Does not the selection of members help to cause the town to be well governed ?—I think not. I think the municipal government is of much more importance to us.

3906. I understand you to say that the contests have ceased very much ?—Very much indeed.

3907. Were you opposed at your election for mayor? —No, not for mayor; oh dear, no.

3908. Have you ever stood a contest as Common Council man ?—Oh, several.

3909. Have corrupt practices ever come to your knowledge at those contests ?—Not at my own contest; but in the ward I perfectly recollect two Radicals quarrelling over the spoil, and bringing an action in the County Court for the amount of 60*l*. which they spent at the election I was concerned in. They quarrelled who was to pay, and brought an action in the County Court.

3910. How much money was spent at that election? —I think the action was brought for 50*l*. or 60*l*. They endeavored to turn out a man who was in the same ward as myself, and I was actively engaged in it. That is the only time I recollect in my ward, money being spent.

3911. Was there a system of half-crown tickets going on ?—Never to my knowledge. I never heard of such a thing until Mr. Blake mentioned it.

3912. Mr. Preston was aware of it ?—Mr. Preston represents the Gorleston and Southtown Ward, which is almost distinct from the town ; therefore, I know nothing of what goes on there. It is a different part of the town. Of course, if Mr. Preston mentioned it, it was so.

3913. I understand the Conservative influence preponderates very greatly at this moment in the town council ?—I think we have about 40 Conservatives to 8 of our opponents in the corporation ; somewhere thereabouts, I think.

3914. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you aware of the state of the canvass book just previous to the election, say previous to the Saturday, in the parish of Gorleston and Southton?—No ; I know nothing about Gorleston.

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HARRIS WILSHACK sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

3915. What is your business ?—An innkeeper and agent for Bridport lint for manufacturing fishing nets.

3916. We hear you had 100*l*. from Mr. Isaac Shuckford at the last election ?—I had.

3917. Will you tell us how you spent that ?—Yes. I gave William Smith—

3918. Of Northumberland Place ?—Yes, of Northumberland Place.

3919. How much ?—15*l*. I gave him first; and then, when I came there in the morning for him to go and vote, Mr. Skinner the miller was there. He offered him 20*l*. There was William and James Smith. They said, "If you will not give us more "than 15*l*. we cannot go your side. Mr. Skinner "has offered us 25*l*." And I heard Mr. Skinner offer them 25*l*. They stood talking over the counter when I came for my men, and I promised them 3*l*. more ; and that I gave them after the election, both of them, the two Smiths.

3920. What is the name of the other Smith ?—James Smith.

3921. You gave him 15*l*. first, and 3*l*. afterwards ? —Yes, after the election.

3922. That made 18*l*. ?—Yes. Mr. Skinner offered them 25*l*.

3923. Each of the Smiths had 18*l.* ?—Yes.

3924. Now go on.—Edmund Clark, a baker, Gaol Street.

3925. How much ?—15*l.*

3926. The next ?—Adcock.

3927. John ?—I do not know his name; 20*l.*

3928. Your next ?—William Miller, 20*l.*

3929. Where does he live ?—He lived then in Blenheim Place.

3930. William Thomas Miller ?—Yes. That is all.

3931. What did you do with the remainder ?—Well, that I believe I spent among the voters. I keep an inn. They say I have got good wine. I should have spent my own money if I could have had my way.

3932. Did you receive anything for your own trouble ?—No. I did not mind that; I should have given some more to it if I had been short.

3933. Did you receive any money from any other person ?—No.

3934. Are those the only people that you bribed ?—Those are the only people I bribed.

3935. How did Edmund Clark get the money ?—At my house.

3936. Did you give it him yourself ?—I gave it him myself. He got 14*l.* 10*s.* Half-a-sovereign I gave to William Smith for his recommendation. He said he wanted half-a-sovereign; and I said to Clark, "Smith wants a half-sovereign;" and he said, "You had better take it." I thought I must give it for his recommendation.

3937. William Smith had already received 15*l.* ?—Yes, he had his 15*l.*

3938. Or, rather, Smith had 18*l.* 10*s.* ?—Yes, he had 18*l.* 10*s.* I did not know the man. He brought him to me.

3939. Did you have any other recommendations besides Smith's ?—Yes; he recommended his neighbours, James Smith and Clarke. That is all he recommended me to.

3940. Did you give him 10*s.* for recommending James Smith ?—Of the 15*l.* Clarke received 14*l.* 10*s.*

3941. Was that the understood thing that a man was to get 10*s.* for recommending a man ?—No; he merely said he ought to have 10*s.* for Clark. He said, "I shall be much obliged to you if you can get 10*s.* He ought to give me a sovereign." And I asked him if he would give 10*s.*, and he said "Yes," and he took 14*l.* 10*s.*

3942. Are you aware of any other instance in which the voter who took the bribe gave something for commission ?—No, I am not.

3943. Can you give us the names of any other men who were bribed on the Conservative side ?—No. I did not vote at all; so I could not tell you.

3944. Did you canvass ?—No; I attended no meeting and no canvass. I could not vote at the time. I was under the doctor.

3945. Was this the first election in which you had been engaged in this manner ?—Yes, I think so.

3946. Did you disburse any money at the election of 1859 ?—Not that I know of; I did not.

3947. Not yourself ?—Not myself.

3948. Have you always been a strong Conservative ?—Once I voted for the Liberals, when I got a cold, and I have been a Conservative ever since.

3949. That did not make you change your politics ?—It did.

3950. Why ?—I was laid up with erysipelas, and they got me out of bed to get voters. I did so, and I got a severe cold, and have been ill ever since; and so I said I would never vote for the Liberals any more. I made my mind up from that time. They were rather unlucky to me.

3951. I observe you gave Adcock and Miller 20*l.* each ?—Yes.

3952. Why did you give them more than the others ?—Because they would not take any less. They asked me 20*l.*, and I gave them 20*l.*

3953. Was each vote a separate bargain ?—Yes, they were, except the two Smiths.

3954. How did you manage your bribery ? Did you go and ask a man how much he wanted ?—They came to me.

3955. Tell us how it was done. Take Adcock's case. What did he do ? Adcock came to you ?—Yes.

3956. What did he say ?—That he would take 20*l.* to vote for my side, and he would not take any less.

3957. Did you say that the general price was 15*l.* ?—I do not know about the general price.

3958. Did you say anything to him when he asked for 20*l.* ?—When they asked for 15*l.* I gave them 15*l.*

3959. Adcock I am talking of ?—Adcock wanted 20*l.*, and I gave him 20*l.*

3960. At the first ?—At least he wanted more. I said, "No, I think 15*l.* quite enough; but still, as you stay out so long, I will give you 20*l.*" He did not get his money till the day before the election.

3961. How long before the election was it you made this offer ?—Adcock on the Monday, Smith the week before.

3962. Did you pay the money there and then ?—Yes.

3963. Then had the price of votes risen when Adcock and Miller came to you ?—I do not know. I had the money to give, and I gave it. I thought the sooner I got rid of it the better it was.

3964. What day was it Adcock and Miller came to you ?—I believe Miller had his about Monday, and Adcock had his about Tuesday.

3965. And the other three ?—They had it Monday night.

3966. Did you go to Mr. Shuckford, or did Mr. Shuckford come to you ?—I cannot exactly say. I think I went to Mr. Shuckford, and Mr. Shuckford came to me as well. We have been long friends, for this last 30 years. We do business together in the fishing business. I could not tell you. As near as I can recollect, he gave me some money to mind, and I took it to mind. He often came in to buy nets.

3967. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You said you spent about 9*l.* in treating voters ?—Well, I think it cost me more. When I went out I was obliged to treat them.

3968. Give us the names of any of those you treated ?—That I cannot. Mine is a public house,

3969. You do not recollect a single name ?—I recollect I treated the voters.

3970. Those you bribed ?—Those I bribed. They came several times.

3971. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you ever been engaged in this work before ?—Previous to this election ?

3972. Yes.—Well, I recollect I got once one man to vote.

3973. Who was that ?—James Garner. I held a bill of sale over him and he owed me 40*l.* besides; that is all I recollect; and he voted for my side at the election before this.

3974. Then you distributed no money at the election before last ?—No.

3975. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do I understand you to say, that you heard a man named Skinner offer 25*l.* to the two Smiths ?—I heard it. I came into the shop; he was leaning over the counter, and he talked to the two Smiths.

3976. I wish you would gratify my curiosity a little further on that point. Who is Mr. Skinner ?—I believe he is a miller.

3977. Do you know his Christian name ?—No. I saw him canvassing with Mr. Brogden; he went about with the canvass.

3978. Is it James Skinner of York Road ?—I do not know.

3979. Do you know if it is William Barlow Skinner, North Denes ?—He is a miller somewhere in North Denes. I know he is a mill owner.

3980. Do you know if he is a voter ?—I believe

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he is. He went about canvassing with Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman.

3981. Tell me exactly what you heard him say?—I came in about half past nine in the morning, and I wanted Smith to go and vote. When I came in he stood leaning over the counter, and James Smith was there as well. I said, "You come up with me," He said, "No. We are offered more money, 25*l.*" I said, "I have given you 15*l.*; you had better come with me; I will give you 3*l.* more." And they said, "Then we are satisfied."

3982. Will you say that again, a little more slowly?—When I came to ask for my man William Smith, at the Northumberland Arms, James Smith was there, and Mr. Skinner leant over the counter. I thought he was going to take my men away. He says, "I will give you 25*l.*" And when I called the Smiths away into the private room, they said "We are offered more money on the other side." I said, "Yes, I could hear it," and I said; "I will give you 3*l.* more; are you satisfied; if not, I must give you more?" They said, "We are satisfied; so long as we have the money we will go with you."

3983. Which Smith was it?—William and James Smith.

3984. Which Smith was it whom you heard Skinner say to that he would give him 25*l.*?—I believe it was James Smith; but William Smith stood there at the same time.

3985. Was William Smith within hearing?—Yes. Mr. Skinner had a fly out in the road.

3986. Did you make any remark to Mr. Skinner on this subject?—I asked him to stand a bottle of ginger beer. I said, "They have not got any wine here; you cannot treat me with wine;" and he said he had no money. I said, "You have offered 25*l.* and you say you have no money."

3987. Do you think Mr. Skinner could see you when he offered the 25*l.*?—He could not see me.

3988. Did he afterwards turn round and see you?—When I wished him good morning, I said it was a good price.

3989. Have you any reason to think he was aware you overheard him?—Not at all.

3990. Have you ever given this information before to day?—No. I never was asked.

3991. Both William Smith and James Smith were examined before the Committee on the petition?—So I have heard.

3992. You know that?—Yes.

3993. Why did you not give this information to Mr. Reynolds?—Because I never was asked. Mr. Reynolds never asked me, and I knew very well that my employer would not ask me any questions.

3994. You knew that William and James Smith were going to be examined before the Committee of the House of Commons?—Yes, I heard that; at least, I knew it.

3995. You did not think it necessary to give any information to Mr. Reynolds, or anybody on behalf of the sitting members who were defending the petition, unless you were asked?—No.

T. Hudson.

THOMAS HUDSON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

3996. What are you?—A smack owner.

3997. Mr. Shuckford has told us that he gave you a sum of 100*l.*?—That is quite true.

3998. Do you admit receiving that sum?—Yes.

3999. When did you receive it?—I cannot say exactly; it might be two or three days before the election.

4000. Do you remember it was on the Saturday or Sunday, or what day?—No, I do not.

4001. Did you go to Mr. Shuckford, or did Mr. Shuckford come to you?—I am with him seven times a day sometimes.

4002. Upon the occasion that he gave you the 100*l.*, did you go to him, or did he come to you?—I took it in his office.

4003. Did you yourself tell him what you proposed to do with the money?—I told him I could get some votes with it.

4004. Did you give him the names of the people whom you thought you could get?—Not at that time.

4005. You told him there were some voters that you could get, and he then gave you the money?—Yes.

4006. Will you be kind enough to tell me what you did with it?—I will tell you as near as I can.

4007. May I ask you when did you make that list?—I made it yesterday. It is no particular list.

4008. I suppose, knowing that you were going to be examined here, you very properly made a list of the names so far as you could remember them?—I heard it was very likely that I should be called here.

4009. And you made that list?—Part of it yesterday, and part to-day.

4010. Now please to give me the names?—Richard Balls, 40*l.*

4011. Whom did you next go to?—J. W. Carr, I think they call him.

4012. Where does Carr live?—I think they call it Market Road.

4013. It is William Carr of Market Road?—J. W. Carr.

4014. What is he?—A fish merchant; a fish curer I should call him.

4015. Do you believe it to be this man, William Carr, house and fish house, Market Road?—Yes, I believe that is the man.

4016. What did you give him?—15*l.*

4017. Did you go to him?—Yes.

4018. Whom did you next go to?—Swann.

4019. Do you know his Christian name?—I think they call him Nat Swann.

4020. North Market Road, fish house?—Yes.

4021. What did you give Nathaniel Swann?—17*l.*

4022. Now go on with your list, if you please?—I will if you ask me further questions.

4023. Who was the next man you went to?—The next man came to me, William Beales.

4024. Saint George's Road?—I should call it Jetty Road, at the corner of the Jetty Road, opposite the Jetty.

4025. Anchor and Hope Inn?—I think that is the sign.

4026. What did you give him?—20*l.*; but that 20*l.* was not for himself; that 20*l.* was to give to a man of the name of Garwood.

4027. Do you know Robert Garwood?—Charles I think it is.

4028. Charlotte Street?—Charlotte Street.

4029. Do you know whether Beales gave it to Garwood?—I am not certain. I was not there, but I am certain I gave it to Beales.

4030. Did Beales tell you there was a man named Garwood he could get, if you gave him money?—Yes.

4031. Did you ask Beales if he had given him the 20*l.*?—Yes.

4032. And did he say that he had?—Yes.

4033. Is there any other name upon your list?—No.

4034. That makes 92*l.*?—Quite right.

4035. Did you keep 8*l.* for yourself?—I spent it in various ways during the election.

4036. Did you spend it upon yourself or others?—I spent it upon myself. Others might partake of it; that I cannot say anything about.

4037. How came you to be so extravagant with Richard Balls, as to give him 40*l.*?—I gave Balls that money, not for himself; it was for others he wanted the money for.

4038. Did he come to you, and say that he wanted

it?—He told me that he could get some voters if I gave him some money.

4039. And upon that you gave it to him?—Yes.

4040. Did he tell you who the voters were?—No.

4041. Did he tell you what he had done with the money?—He told me that he had spent it.

4042. Did you ask him how?—Yes, I asked him how he spent it; and he said he spent it among some men, voters.

4043. Did he not give you any of their names?—No.

4044. Is Balls a man in whom you have confidence?—Balls is a man I have known for many years.

4045. Do you believe if Balls told you he had spent the money in buying votes, that he would have so spent it?—Yes.

4046. Now tell me about William Carr; you gave him 15*l.* Did Carr come to you, or did you go to him?—He came to me several times.

4047. Did he ask you for the money?—Yes.

4048. And you gave it to him?—Yes.

4049. To vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

4050. How came you to give Nathaniel Swann 17*l.*?—I believe that was what he asked me at that time. 20*l.* I think he asked, and I gave him 17*l.*

4051. Do you remember what day that was?—No, I do not.

4052. Was it the same day that Mr. Carr took 15*l.*?—I could not say. It might be the day before or the day after; I could not say which.

4053. Did Swann come to you?—Yes, Swann came to me, and I went to him several times.

4054. There had been some difficulty in getting Swann?—Not a great deal. He wanted 20*l.* first, and I told him I could not give it to him, and afterwards he took 17*l.*

4055. Do you know how Swann voted?—I do not at the present moment. I think he voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Goodson. I think so. I do not think Carr did.

4056. Did Mr. Beales come to you, and tell you that he could get Garwood if you gave him the money?—Yes.

4057. Have you ever done anything of this sort at previous elections?—No.

4058. Did you ever hear that any one of those men whom you bribed took money from the other side?—I believe not. I think after Carr received the money from me, he voted one and one. I think so.

4059. Did you ever remonstrate with him afterwards?—I never spoke to him from that day to this.

4060. And you have no reason to doubt that he did vote one and one?—I heard so, but I did not even trouble myself to look.

4061. Do you know Mr. Cooper?—Yes, I know him.

4062. Did you receive any money from anybody else except Mr. Shuckford, during this election?—No, no one else.

4063. Did you offer money to any other man besides those you bribed; are you aware of any other men who were bribed?—No, I am not.

4064. Did you account to Mr. Shuckford for the way in which you had spent the money?—I did account to him for it.

4065. You did?—Yes.

4066. And did you tell him what you have told us to-day?—As near as I can tell it is correct.

4067. How came you to go to Mr. Shuckford originally?—I have been with him three or four years.

4068. How came you to go to Mr. Shuckford to get this 100*l.*?—How came I go there? I am there every day.

4069. If you will answer the question, how came you to go to Shuckford to get the 100*l.*?—I did not go expressly for that. I am there several times a day. I am employed by Mr. Shuckford.

4070. Did Mr. Shuckford first allude to the money?—He gave me the money to do the best I could with.

4071. How did you know you could get 100*l.* from Mr. Shuckford?—He gave me the money, and I said I could get a certain quantity of votes.

4072. Why did you apply to Mr. Shuckford?—Mr. Shuckford offered me the money.

4073. Did you first say that you could get the votes, or did Mr. Shuckford first say that he had got some money, and then did you say, "Oh, then I can get some votes"?—I could not exactly say at this time.

4074. Was it in Mr. Shuckford's office that you got the money?—Yes.

4075. And who was in the office at the time?—No one but he and myself.

4076. Did Mr. Shuckford tell you where he had got the money from?—No.

4077. I want this question answered: Was it Mr. Shuckford who first said "I have the money if you can get some votes;" or did you, on the other hand, first say, "I can get some votes if you can give me some money"?—I do not recollect exactly. I could not say exactly.

4078. Did you know that Mr. Shuckford had got money for the purpose of the election before you asked him for the 100*l.*?—I did not know anything about it.

4079. Then what made you ask Mr. Shuckford?—Ask for what?

4080. For the money?—He gave me the money. He told me if I could get some votes of course there was the money.

4081. You do not answer my question, whether he first suggested it to you?—I say I do not recollect at all; not now at this moment. I could not say positively whether I asked him, or he asked me; not positively without telling a story.

4082. Did you believe it was Mr. Shuckford's own money?—In fact I never thought anything at all about it, whether it was his money or anybody else's. Of course I was quite aware that Mr. Shuckford had money, but where he got it from I did not know. He is a man that has means of his own. I did not ask him where this money came from.

4083. Did you ever compare notes with other people who were engaged in buying votes?—Not the slightest.

4084. You took no means whatever to guard against the posibility of bribing a man who had already received money from somebody else to vote the same way?—I might ask him at the time if he had received money from any one else.

4085. And if he told you he had not, you believed him?—I could only believe what the man told me.

4086. You never had any meeting, do I understand you to swear, at which you discussed among yourselves how the money had been spent?—I never attended a meeting at all anywhere. I may have just gone into a room where they have been speaking, but I never stopped many minutes. I have no time to spare for that.

(*Mr. Russell.*) We have nothing more to ask you.

GEORGE HARVEY sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

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4087. What are you?—A ship's smith.

4088. We hear that you received 70*l.* from Mr. Isaac Shuckford?—I did.

4089. Did you spend that money?—Yes.

4090. Will you tell us how you spent it?—I gave to Christopher Postle, South Denes Road, I think it is.

4091. How much?—15*l.*

4092. The next?—William James Dye.

4093. How much?—18*l.*

4094. The next?—Samuel Roberts.

4095. How much?—15*l.*

4096. The next?—Daniel Beales, junior.

4097. How much?—20*l.*

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4098. The next ?—That makes 68*l.* I also gave a sovereign to a man of the name of Robert Burrell. I will tell you why I gave it to him. A friend of mine, a Mr. Lummis, I knew he was engaged largely in this matter, asked me to see to the voters in the morning and get them up early to the poll. I was going round after one of my own men, Daniel Beales, junior, and I saw Robert Burrell. I said "You will be early at the poll." He said "Yes." It was about eight in the morning, and I then gave him the sovereign to stop and get Beales to go up with him.

4099. Did you know that he had been bribed before ?—I fancied by Lummis, by what Lummis told me.

4100. Did he tell you that Lummis bribed him ?—He gave me to understand as much as that.

4101. Did Burrell say anything to you at any time about having received a bribe from Mr. Lummis ?—Not a word. I found out in the morning that they had both voted against us.

4102. Why did you give Dye 18*l.* ?—I wanted him to vote for Lacon and Goodson.

4103. Did you make a bargain with him ?—I went to see him about it. He said he had been offered 20*l.* by the other side, and I gave him 18*l.*

4104. Did he say who had promised him 20*l.* ?—No ; he did not mention any names. I did not press that upon him.

4105. Did he vote for you ?—He did.

4106. Why did you give Beales, junior, 20*l.* ?—Because he would not take anything less. It was upon the night before the election,

4107. Did he say he had been offered anything on the other side ?—No, he did not say anything about it. He told me after the election was over that he had money from the other side.

4108. Did he say how much ?—25*l.* I think he told me. I asked him the reason why he did not vote for us.

4109. Did he say who gave him that 25*l.*?—No, I did not have much to say to him. I merely asked him why he did not vote for us after having taken 20*l.* from me.

4110. Had you any other money besides this 70*l.* given to you ?—I had not.

4111. Where did Mr. Shuckford give you this money ?—At his house.

4112. Not at his office ?—No; at his own private house on the drive.

4113. Had you any communication with him before that ?—I had seen him. I had to do business with him, and I might say to him I thought I knew two or three that would vote. It was only on the Monday two days before the election.

4114. Do you recollect whether he said it to you, or you said it to him ?—I think I went to speak to him about some business, and the matter was brought up; and he might have said to me, "Do you know anybody that you can do any good with at the election ?" and I think I said that I did.

4115. Did he ask you how much money you would require ?—No ; I remembered three or four names. I think I saw him afterwards. I think I went back to him, and he gave me the 70*l.* upon the Monday before the election.

4116. Did you canvass at all yourself ?—I think once I went to show Mr. Goodson where a voter lived; that is all ; that is not canvassing. I met him in the street. He asked me to show him where somebody lived. I do not know who it was now. That was the only time I was ever with him.

4117. Was Mr. Goodson alone then ?—I think he was at that time. It was near where I lived. He said he wanted to find a person ; I think a person of the name of Ingram; and I went to show him where, and left him there.

4118. Do you remember what day that was ?—Yes. I have a pretty good reason for remembering that. That was on the Tuesday, I think.

4119. The nomination day ?—Yes. I think it was about half past 12 in the day.

4120. What reason have you for remembering it ?—Two ladies or two women said they wanted to speak to me; that is how I remember the day so well.

4121. Was that Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Stringer ?—Yes. I did go into their house with them.

4122. I daresay you have read all about that ?—Some of it is true, and some of it is not.

4123. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You said that you fancied from what Lummis told you that one man had been bribed. Did you know Lummis well ?—Yes ; quite well, for many years.

4124. Did you ever hear from Lummis what amount of money he had ?—No; not any particular amount. I believe, from what he said in conversation, I inferred that he had a good large sum.

4125. Did you ever hear what he had done with it; were any names mentioned ?—This one I mention to you that I gave the sovereign to.

4126. What part of the town were his operations ?—In my part, the south part of the town; he lived down there as well as I did.

4127. At Southtown ?—No ; the south part of the town, Nelson Ward.

4128. Did he mention to you in conversation any names ?—I think he mentioned several. I have forgotten them now. I remember particularly this one, because I happened to give him a sovereign to vote early.

4129. You cannot furnish us with any other names?—No ; I do not remember at the present time.

4130. Do you know about what amount he gave to each ?—That I do not know.

4131. You cannot give us his tariff ?—I cannot tell you at all about that. I know he had a lot of money.

4132. Do you know the number he succeeded in securing ?—No ; I cannot give you any precise information about that. I know he had some parties down that way that he did business with.

4133. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did any case of bribery on the other side come to your knowledge?—Only that case of Beales. I felt quite satisfied that he received money upon the other side. I asked him the day after the election why he did not vote.

4134. Had you ever been employed in this way before ?—No ; very slightly.

4135. Were you employed slightly in the election of 1859 ?—I think in two or three cases; that is all.

4136. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Those voters that you spoke of that you bribed, had they any political opinion at all in your belief, or were they men whom you thought would vote for you merely on account of the money you gave them ?—Well, I hardly know what answer to make to that. I do not know anything about their political opinions.

4137. You merely thought they were voters to be bought ?—I did so, and I bought them accordingly.

4138. How did you ascertain that they were people who were to be bought ?—I know them personally, all of them, quite well.

4139. Then you must have known whether they had any attachment to one side or the other ?—I think one or two had voted Conservative before. I think Roberts had at one time.

4140. You never inquired, I suppose ?—No ; I did not inquire into that.

4141. You treated them as if they were to be bought and sold ?—Yes.

4142. And nothing else ?—Yes ; and one sold his vote the other way.

4143. (*Mr. Slade.*) Will you give us a list of those you bribed in 1859 ?—I really could not remember.

4144. Not now, but try and give it us ?—I will try; very likely I may be able.

CHARLES DIVER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

4145. Are you a solicitor of this town ?—I am.

4146. Were you employed by Mr. Reynolds as a sub-agent ?—I was.

4147. For Gorleston and Southtown ?—Yes.

4148. Were you employed by Mr. Reynolds ?—Yes. Mr. Reynolds saw me one morning, and he asked me whether I would act ; and I said I would.

4149. Did you canvass the voters at Gorleston and Southtown ?—I canvassed some of them ; I may say that I was not employed until a fortnight before the election, and a great deal of canvassing had been gone through with before I had any connexion with it.

4150. Did you keep a canvass-book ?—No ; I did not keep a regular book before I proceeded to Gorleston ; I took a register of the voters in St. Andrew's Ward, and I went through the promises with Mr. Reynolds, and marked them off, and afterwards returned any further voters whom I saw.

4151. You have no memorandum from which you can tell ?—I had that which was a sufficient memorandum for me at the time. I was perfectly acquainted with how the promises stood ; but that register I destroyed with the other papers immediately after the election.

4152. Can you tell us from memory ?—I cannot tell you the number. I can tell you some individual names, I daresay.

4153. Look at Mr. Reynolds' canvass-book, and tell us at what times the promises of each was made ?—I can tell you some, not all.

4154. I will ask you generally, in the first place. Take the Saturday before the election, can you tell us how many promises in Gorleston and Southtown had been made for Lacon and Goodson previously to that ? I will assist you in this way : I think for Lacon and Goodson you polled 137 votes in Gorleston and Southtown. Can you tell me how many promises were made for Lacon and Goodson previously to the Saturday ?—I should think about that number of promises, if not rather more. I hardly returned any after the Saturday. I might perhaps a few on the Monday morning.

4155. But on the Saturday itself ?—Yes, for the Saturday itself.

4156. At what time would you have left off canvassing ?—Perhaps I ought more correctly to say I returned to Mr. Reynolds on the Monday morning the result of what I had done on the Saturday. I should not see him after returning from Gorleston on Saturday, whatever time it might be. My rule was, at about 10 I would go up to the central rooms and see Mr. Reynols, and give him the result of what I had done the preceding day ; and then we proceeded, perhaps in the middle of the day, to Gorleston.

4157. On the Saturday evening were there any considerable number of promises made on the Saturday ?—No ; very few indeed.

4158. On Friday the day before ?—I personally received no great quantity of promises. I had assumed a great many promises had been made, as I told you before, before I was engaged ; and I might perhaps, and did go and see a good many of the voters who had promised before, merely to converse with them.

4159. You were acting with Mr. Harmer ?—I think we always acted together.

4160. Do you think the majority of those promises were made early in the canvass ?—If you will divide the time of the canvass into two parts, and call the first the early, and the second part late.

4161. I call everything early that was a week before the election ?—I should think the majority.

4162. We have been told that bribery was not contemplated on either side until a week before the election, when Mr. Marshman retired and Mr. Vanderbyl appeared in the field ?—Yes.

4163. Previously to that had you got the greater number of your promises ?—I think I may say I had. In fact, I am sure I had. I had them either personally or down in my canvass book as being returned.

4164. They were returned to you as promises ?—Yes.

4165. Did all those men who had promised you vote according to their promise ?—I think the majority did. I have not compared my canvass book and promise book with the poll book. I think I may say I had destroyed my papers before the poll-book was published. Judging from memory, I think some would not.

4166. What do you think yourself, as being engaged in this matter, was the motive that induced those people to promise Sir Edmmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson so early. Do you think his interest is strong there ?—Yes, it is strong ; he has houses there as well as in other parts of the borough.

4167. Was the feeling of the electors Conservative, or is it because Sir Edmund Lacon is himself personally popular ?—I ought, perhaps, before I answer that question, to say I am not much acquainted with Gorleston. I do not live in Gorleston ; I never had anything to do with it before; a great many of the voters were unknown to me.

4168. Did you find any difficulty in obtaining their promise for Sir Edmund Lacon ?—I personally did not get many promises when I went into the ward. I acted with several influential voters in the ward, and their influence gained a good many, no doubt.

4169. Who are those people ?—Henry Teasdel was the managing man in the ward.

4170. Is he an active Conservative ?—Yes. He is a member of the corporation; 1622 on the register. Dumbleton, he was another; 1450 on the register. William Ling; 1526 on the register. I am taking them as I come to them in this. Sloman was one; I ought to say he is lately deceased; he took a very active part in the election ; he has been dead a few weeks; he was one that attended constantly. A Mr. Rooks; he was a stranger to me; he came and took a great part in it ; 1576 on the register. Spratt. I do not remember anybody else particularly at this time. Those gentlemen that I have mentioned were constant attendants. I may say perhaps others came up once or twice.

4171. Mr. Harmer ?—I am assuming that he was acting with me in every thing.

4172. Was he a resident there ?—No ; he lives in Yarmouth.

4173. Has he any particular knowledge of the place or of the voters ?—Perhaps more than I have ; he is an older man than I am.

4174. In the course of your canvass did you find applications for or the suggestion of the expectation of money ?—I judged at the early part men would not make up their minds ; they would say they had not made up their minds. I asked them more than once what their doubt was, in what respect they could not make up their minds, in order to see if I could convince them; but still they could not make up their minds, and then I fancied they were waiting for something.

4175. Did that occur in a great number of cases ?—Not a great number.

4176. Did you find afterwards that any of those promised ?—I think one or two did.

4177. Only one or two ?—Yes.

4178. Can you give us any names of those who held back, and subsequently promised, by a reference to Mr. Reynolds' canvass book ?—I remember one man particularly, a man named Thurston, living in Church Road, Gorleston, 1625 on the register. That man made up his mind the other way, because I believe he afterwards voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl. It is John Thurston.

4179. Do you think if you went through this book of Mr. Reynolds that would assist you ?—No, I do not think that would assist me.

4180. It is the canvass-book with the promises ?—I do not think that would assist me. I have been

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looking through this, and I remember the names very well. I should be sorry to say, in every instance that a man held back and could not make up his mind, that he wanted to be paid. I do not wish you to believe that in every instance.

4181. Do you think, after looking at this book in the evening, you could tell those that promised early?—I think I perhaps might.

4182. And those who promised late?—Well, I will try. I might be more able to say then than I can now.

4183. We must get at it somehow?—I shall be in a better position then; I think I can gain a little information by looking at that book.

4184. Perhaps you will take the book with you?—I do not mean I can tell at this moment.

4185. At another time I do not suppose Harmer can give us anything more than you can?—No, I think not.

4186. What were you paid for your services?—40*l.*, I think.

4187. It appears in the accounts?—Of which Mr. Harmer had a moiety.

4188. It is returned?—Yes. Mr. Reynolds paid me, and I settled with Mr. Harmer.

4189. If you will do it, I daresay Mr. Reynolds will assist you. It will certainly save us some trouble, and save perhaps some annoyance to others?—Yes, I will do it.

4190. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you become aware, very shortly before the election day, that any of these voters that had promised for Sir Edmund Lacon and Goodson became subsequently shaky?—No.

4191. The men who, you say, would not make up their minds were not among those you had entered as having promised for Lacon and Goodson?—Certainly not. I am much more likely to have returned them against us, and taken their numbers upon the assumption they were going to vote against me.

4192. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I will ask you this one question further; When you canvassed were there many of the voters that said they had promised the other side? Were you refused at once?—Well, of course I did not call on every voter; and we know, as to a good many it is of no use canvassing them at all; so that I can hardly say a great many; there were only 247 on my register altogether.

J. Cooper.

JOHN COOPER recalled; further examined by Mr. SLADE.

4193. You now know where the 3,500*l.* you had come from?—I have ascertained it since I have been sitting here.

4194. Did you receive any other money except that for the purpose of the election?—Not a farthing.

4195. Now, can you give us a list of the gentlemen whom you bribed at the last election?—Yes. Here is a further list. I have marked them in the poll book in alphabetical order. The first is John Adcock, the celebrated sweep. I may say Mr. Wilshack rather doubled upon me; he had no right to have gone near him; if I had known it he would not have had it twice over

4196. How much did you give Adcock?—10*l.*

4197. The next?—George Arnoup.

4198. How much?—Well, I do not know; 15*l.* or 20*l.* I do not know if it was one or the other. He is a shoemaker.

4199. Who next?—William Crowe, of Hall Plain.

4200. How much?—I do not recollect; I would tell you if I did. He will tell you, no doubt, when he comes here. I do not know the exact amount. I do not know what it was. It strikes me it would be a smaller sum, probably 10*l.* He was a reasonable man. He is not living in Hall Plain now.

4201. The next?—John Ditcham, junior, of Tower Road.

4202. How much?—I think it was 15*l.* I am only speaking from memory. Something of that kind.

4203. The next?—Robert Fenn, of Regent Road.

4204. How much?—20*l.* He only plumped for Lacon. I think he was paid to abstain from voting for Goodson; and paid by the other side, I think. Then Charles Forder, of St. George's Road.

4205. How much?—I think he had 15*l.*

4206. The next?—James Horth, Row No. 57.

4207. How much?—That I do not know; 15*l.* or 20*l.* Francis Jay, of King Street.

4208. How much?—I think it was 15*l.*

4209. And the next?—Robert Joyce, in the Market Place.

4210. How much?—15*l.* or 20*l.* I think that was; 15*l.* I am not certain.

4211. And the next?—John Julier, of Alfred Terrace.

4212. How much?—20*l.* He told me he had been offered 25*l.* on the other side; at least, his wife came and told me so. She negociated.

4213. Did you give it to him himself?—In the presence of his wife. I think I gave it to his wife. She came to look after him.

4214. Do you know whether he got it or not?—He got it, I have no doubt. He was present, but I think I gave it to the woman. Abel King, St. Peter's Road. He is dead.

4215. What did he receive?—I think it was 15*l.*; something of that amount; 15*l.* or 20*l.*

4216. And the next?—James Martin, Apsley Road.

4217. How much?—I think I gave Barber, the person whom you were about to call as a witness, 20*l.* to give to him.

4218. 20*l.*, through Barber?—Yes. This man is a cab-driver, and is in Barber's employ.

4219. Is he No. 836 on the register?—I have only the poll-book.

4220. I see James Martin, Great Yarmouth, for two houses in succession—Nelson and Apsley Roads?—That is the man. It is printed in the poll-book. It is not printed with two addresses. That is his former address. William Miller, of Albion Road; not William Thomas Miller, that you just had.

4221. What did he get?—I think it was 16*l.* I think I gave him 15*l.*, and we had a little trouble to get him to vote, and I think I dropped him another sovereign on the election morning; 15*l.* or 16*l.*

4222. And the next?—John Cubitt Nicholls, Wellington Place.

4223. How much?—15*l.*, I think it was; 15*l.* or 20*l.* I cannot recollect now.

4224. And the next?—Did I mention Stephen Peachment the other day?

4225. Yes.—He is dead. Then Stephen Rudram, Crown Road.

4226. How much?—15*l.* I am merely speaking from memory. It may have been 20*l.* some of them. I have endeavoured to recollect it.

4227. Not less than 15*l.*?—It would not be less than 15*l.*

4228. And the next?—James Thurlow, of Northumberland Place.

4229. How much?—I do not know whether it was 15*l.* or 20*l.* I am inclined to think it was 20*l.*, but I do not recollect. William Wade, of Alma Road.

4230. How much?—20*l.* I had arranged with Wade for 15*l.* Going across the market on the nomination morning, I saw him driven up in one of the Liberal flies to the "Angel;" and, of course, I waited for him, as I had invested a little money on him. I waited for him to come out, and then I asked him what he was up to; and he said he had been there, that his brother-in-law or some relative had been there to get some money, and, as he had promised me, he would not go from his promise; and I gave him

20*l.* Those are all I can remember at present. I think I have five or six more, but I do not like to mention the names until I am sure of it. I can furnish you with them before this inquiry closes, but I should not like to mention persons' names who possibly might turn out to be wrong.

4231. How do you expect to be able to verify the other names?—By inquiries; that is all I can do. I should not like to mention the men's names here.

4232. You think five or six more would finish the list?—I should think five or six. It certainly would not come up to two figures; that I am certain of.

4233. Did these men all vote for Lacon and Goodson?—With two exceptions, I think. Fenn plumped for Lacon; and I thought he was paid, as I mentioned before, not to vote for Goodson. I believe that was the practice in some places. They were not fighting, only for the second seat. They were not fighting against Sir Edmund Lacon at all; they were fighting to keep Mr. Goodson out.

4234. And who was the other?—Ditcham.

4235. Who did he vote for?—Plumped for Lacon.

4236. Had any of these men received money on the other side, to your knowledge?—I do not know; possibly they might. I never heard that they had.

4237. When was it you made these payments; on what day?—It would be between Saturday evening and the evening of the nomination day,—the evening of the election day, rather,—the night prior to the election. I do not think I spent a shilling, I do not recollect spending any money upon the election day; I do not think I did.

4238. Do you mean by the "election day" the polling day?—Yes.

4239. I understand you kept no memorandum of what you gave to these gentlemen?—Not the slightest. I made a memorandum at the time.

4240. Which you destroyed?—I destroyed it before the petition was presented.

4241. I observe that the gentlemen whom you employed as your sub-agents have spoken to less sums than you say you gave them; for instance, I observe Blyth only accounts for 90*l.*, whereas you say you gave him 100*l.*?—I thought I had until I heard his evidence here.

4242. Then you retract having given him 100*l.*?—I am telling you to the best of my belief at the time.

4243. Now I suppose we may take it that he received 90*l.*?—If he says so, I have no doubt that must be correct.

4244. And Mr. Buston, I observe he acknowledges to 60*l.*, and you mention 70*l.*?—I think I said 60*l.* or 70*l.*

4245. Then we may take it at 60*l.*?—I think so; I am only speaking to the best of my recollection.

4246. Mr. E. O. Johnson acknowledges to 140*l.*?—I think I said from 100*l.* to 150*l.* I was not certain about Johnson.

4247. Mr. Lane received 45*l.*?—Mr. Lane received, I suppose, 45*l.*

4248. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You said 40*l.* or 50*l.*?—Yes. It was merely a rough calculation I sat down and made before I came here.

4249. Mr. Lane acknowledges to have received 45*l.* from you, and you say you gave him between 40*l.* and 50*l.*; but Mr. Lane seems to have received money from other people besides you?—I understood from Mr. Shuckford's evidence here yesterday that he gave him a sum of money.

4250. Of which he said nothing to us?—I believe, having spoken to Mr. Lane since, that he had forgotten it.

4251. He will be here again?—I have not asked him. I think I know the person he gave it to; I think a man of the name of Hall, a flour-dealer in the Market Road. I think so; but of course he can answer for himself.

4252. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you mean he gave Hall the 20*l.* that he received from Shuckford?—I think he did; it is only hearsay.

4253. Can you give us any names, from your own knowledge or from what you have heard, of men that were bribed by the 1,500*l.* that you sent to Mr. Rivett?—I know nothing of Gorleston whatever. I must tell you that during the whole of the election, further than my own residence in Southtown, I never was in Gorleston until the noon of the election day.

4254. What was Mr. Rivett?—Mr. Rivett was a gentleman in partnership with Messrs. Shelly and Co., of Yarmouth. He was formerly an alderman of the borough; he was in the corporation; and I think some years ago he was Lloyd's agent at Gorleston.

4255. What business was his partnership?—It is a shipping agency.

4256. Did you receive any return for the money you sent?—Not anything; and I should rather wish to say, as well as I recollected after I had given my evidence here on the former occasion, that I had myself given Mr. Rivett 240*l.* or 250*l.* He came to my shop, I think the Monday or Tuesday prior to the election, and told me he wanted 250*l.* more, and I gave him either 240*l.* or 250*l.* He came up in his gig from Gorleston, and that was included in the 1,500*l.* That was the amount he had altogether.

4257. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Besides what you sent by other people?—No. Mr. Rivett had altogether 1,500*l.* I think I said I sent it by Mr. Bunn, but I should have said I gave him 240*l.* or 250*l.* myself.

4258. (*Mr. Slade.*) Of that 1,500*l.*?—Yes.

4259. Then, in fact, he only had 1,500*l.* in all?—He only had 1,500*l.* in all. That is the exact amount.

4260. None of that money has been returned to you?—I never had any of it back.

4261. In your opinion, was it all spent in bribing the voters at Gorleston?—No. I should think very likely Mr. Rivett was mixed up a great deal with shipping business, with pilots, and what not. He was in Yarmouth every morning, and I think it is very possible he might have done a little in the south part of the town amongst that class of people.

4262. Can you give us any names of people whom you believe to have been bribed by Mr. Rivett?—I never interfered with Mr. Rivett in the slightest, any more than he did with me. He was entirely on his own account.

4263. Without interfering, certain names might come to your knowledge?—I should tell you I do not think I know 20 people in Gorleston altogether.

4264. Take the people who live about the shipping quarter of Yarmouth?—I do not know who the persons are. I never asked him the slightest question about it. I left it entirely to him. He could not have seen many of them here. I do not say he would, but he would very possibly have seen a dozen or so of persons. He was living at the pier head, and he knew all the men that came into Yarmouth.

4265. Is that your only reason for supposing he spent money in Yarmouth?—My only reason; and I think he has done so at former elections.

4266. Do you know of any person who was employed by Mr. Rivett for that purpose?—No, I do not. Mr. Rivett, do doubt, had persons in Gorleston assisting him, besides those that have been here.

4267. Can you give any names?—I do not know anyone, I can assure you. Yesterday, after Mr. Bunn had left the box, I asked him if he could give me any notion of anyone who might be employed amongst the fishing people in Gorleston to assist Mr. Rivett. It is of no consequence to me. I wish to give you all the assistance I can.

4268. You only gave us the names of people whom you bribed yourself, and to whom you gave money. We want to have a few of the people you suspect to have been bribed besides those?—I have given you the names of all I can, and I have mentioned the men who had the money from me to distribute among other voters, and they have given you the names. I cannot do more than that.

4269. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You have told us that you think Mr. Rivett might possibly have spent

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some of this money among the shipping agents in Yarmouth ?—Yes.

4270. And your ground for saying so is, that you think he has done so before. Do you know the names of anybody in Yarmouth to whom, on any former occasion, Mr. Rivett has done so ?—No. I can give you my reason. Recollect that on the previous occasion, when Mr. Rivett had some money for Gorleston,—I forget the amount, but I thought it then a large sum,—it was given to me by Mr. Green to give to Mr. Rivett, and I recollect Mr. Green making a remark, and saying. "He does some of the seamen here in Yarmouth." That is my ground for saying it.

4271. You never became acquainted with the names of any parties in Yarmouth with whom Mr. Rivett dealt ?—No ; I was on no terms of intimacy with Mr. Rivett.

4272. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Mr. Rivett ask you for the money ?—Mr. Rivett came to me on the Saturday first. The fact is, he became alarmed about the election there. I should tell you the previous week it had been said the Liberals were going to win the seat by Gorleston and Southtown; that Gorleston and Southtown would give them a majority. That was the currrent report in the town at all the meetings. It cannot be denied by either side. And when Mr. Rivett came to me, I asked him about the amount ; he said, "About 1,000*l.*" I had a little conversation, and he said "We shall want 1,500*l.*;" and I then sent it down to him. He came walking into my shop. If he had come in his gig I should have given him the money the Saturday evening.

4273. What notion had you at that time that he made use of that money ?—For the same reason I gave the other day; that I did not believe the party would allow the baronet to be bought out by these men.

4274. To whom did you apply for the money ?—I did not apply to anybody for the money. The money was sent here by the gentlemen you have had here.

4275. Did you say, when the first parcel was brought, that you would want more ?—When Mr. Aldred brought the first he asked what time I should be in the way on the Sunday, and I arranged to meet him in the afternoon after dinner.

4276. But as to what would be required ?—I do not remember mentioning any sum.

4277. Not a word mentioned ?—No ; I do not remember mentioning any sum. I did not know the amount he brought until after he had left and I counted it.

4278. You promised Mr. Rivett on the Saturday ?—Mr. Rivett came up to my shop the Saturday afternoon, and told me what was going on at Gorleston.

4279. And then you arranged to give them 1,500*l.*?—No, I did not. I talked to him about the probable amount, and he said "If they do not spend any money the election is gone." I think words to that effect, or something of that kind. Then I asked him about Gorleston, of course, and what he thought of it. And I gave him exactly what he wished in the time, by several instalments. I should say, as a proof, I would refer you to the previous poll of 1859. You will find there that the Conservative majority was about 10 in Gorleston and Southtown, and this time it is 60. I take it from the highest to the lowest, and I make it 60.

4280. Taking this rise of from 10 to 60 in the majority, what did that prove ?—It proved to me that there was a larger sum of money spent by our party in Gorleston than on the previous election.

4281. Gorleston being a very bribable place ?—It is ; and I should wish to make a remark with reference to a statement in Mr. Diver's examination, as to the canvass. The fact is, the canvass is all right, provided the other side do not bring the money into work. But the canvass is not worth that (*snapping his fingers*) when money is brought in.

4282. Promises, you think, go for nothing without they are backed up ?—Of course there are many respectable men that would promise, and keep to their promise; but in many instances men will promise; and I should say in this election in particular it was currently reported there would be no contest, and it was expected a week prior to the election the Liberal candidate would have retired; and no doubt men, to make friends of people on one side when they could not offend the other, would go and promise. That is the case ; and any gentleman who has canvassed any constituency would know it to be the fact.

4283. Would not that be the case in Yarmouth as well ?—Oh yes, decidedly; in any borough. I should say, at any rate, with all canvasses you may allow a very fairish per-centage off. You have seen only the persons that have had money. Many of them have taken the money, and voted the other way; and many more get off if they think it is only half a promise. Influences are brought to bear upon them in many ways, and they change their minds. And I should suppose there are very few candidates go to the poll without a majority on both sides. I should think so, very frequently.

4284. You will be good enough to complete this list as far as you are able ?—I will do so, and I have no doubt that I shall be able to complete the whole of it.

4285. Also I should be much obliged to you if you will, as far as you can, recollect and give us a list of the voters whom you bribed at the election in 1859 ?—That I will do to the best of my memory. It is a long time ago, but I will do so as far as I can. There are one or two things I had better explain now. I saw a man here yesterday, of the name of Lark, who is anxious to explain a matter. I mentioned his name, and I believe the facts are these. Lark in the year 1857 had a brother who overheard a conversation between Mr. Livingston and a man, about taking some money on Watkin and McCullagh's election. He came and informed me of it. I thought most probably I should want him as a witness in London. He was not wanted; but I believe he always thought he had a claim for 5*l.* for services, not rendered of course. And after I gave him the money last election, he reminded me of the 5*l.*, and said "Unless you give me 20*l.* I will not vote." I knew if he got it that he would stick to it, so I would not give him more, and he kept the money. I believe he is coming up here to say he considered I owed him the money. And with respect to another, named Hacon, he was fined by the railway company for receiving combustible articles, or something of that kind. He was fined 8*l.*, and I always understood at the election it was a grievance of his, and of course I gave him 10*l.* to put it right. He said he would not vote unless the compensation was paid him, so I paid him instead of the company. That is the fact, and he never voted.

4286. Was anything said about his vote at that time ?—Yes; he said he would not vote without having the money.

4287. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You did not bribe him yourself ?—No; it was Archer. I did not see him, but I believe that was his grievance.

4288. Do you wish to have your son called ?—He is here himself. I have no wish to call him. He knows nothing about it.

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4289. Can you add any names to the list you gave in yesterday ?—No. I have not looked over it. I do not think I can remember any more. I have not given it my consideration again, but I do not think there are any more.

4290. Do you know a man named Edward Bonney ?—Yes.

4291. Did you give him anything ?—No.

4292. Did you offer him anything ?—No.

4293. Did you speak to him at the election time about the election ?—No.

4294. Do you know Thomas Durant ?—Yes.

4295. Did you give Thomas Durant anything ?—Yes.

4296. What did you give him ?—15*l.* I forgot him yesterday.

4297. Do you recollect any other person ?—No, I do not recollect anybody else. I will look at the list, I did not give it any further consideration at all. If there are any more I will send them in, but I do not recollect there were any more. If you will give me the poll book I will look it through. (*The book was handed to the witness, who examined it.*) There is one.

4298. Who is that ?—Joseph Bonney.

4299. What did he get ?—15*l.* I do not see any more.

4300. Was this money that you received from Mr. Rivett ?—Yes.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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Mr. Charles Cory recalled ; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

4301. Mr. Aldred the mayor told us he had heard from you, shortly before the election, that an offer of compromise had come from the other side, a proposal to withdraw a candidate on each side ?—Yes, it was.

4302. Do you recollect when you told Mr. Aldred that, what day it was ?—I cannot remember the day It was a week or ten days before the election, I should think.

4303. Was it during the time Mr. Marshman was a candidate ?—Yes, it was.

4304. Perhaps you are able to state whether it was in the week before the election or not ?—I cannot be positive about that. I think it was about eight or ten days before the election.

4305. Mr. Aldred told you from whom the proposal was made ?—I mentioned it to Mr. Aldred first.

4306. Who made it to you ?—My impression about it is this, Mr. Chamberlin, on behalf of some gentlemen on the other side, spoke to Mr. Youell about it, and Mr. Youell asked me if I would see him ; and I saw Mr. Chamberlin on the subject. He said he thought it would be very desirable if a compromise could be effected. I said I thought it was not possible under the circumstances of the case ; therewas a difficulty about it, but I would mention it to two or three gentlemen.

4307. Did Mr. Chamberlin tell you from whom that came ?—I think he said from Mr. Hammond.

4308. Is Mr. Hammond a very influential member of the Liberal party ?—Yes. He is looked upon as the head, I think, of that party.

4309. Then you communicated, in consequence, with Mr. Aldred ?—Yes.

4310. And any other members of the party ?—I think I did, two or three others ; not many.

4311. Did you afterwards see Mr. Chamberlin, and tell him the result ?—I did.

4312. Which was to decline the proposal ?—Yes.

4313. Was anything said by Mr. Chamberlin as to money on that occasion ?—My impression is, that he said that Mr. Hammond had mentioned that Mr. Brogden had 10,000*l.*, but it was more I think a joke than anything else, and he said "Of course you know that is all nonsense," and I said, "Of course it is ;" something of that sort, nothing more than that.

4314. Did you take it as a threat ?—No, I did not take it as a threat, I took it as a matter of talk more than anything else. I did not believe it possible. I did not believe it at all, and therefore I did not take it seriously.

4315. You say he said he thought it was a very desirable thing that a compromise should be made ; did he give you any reasons for that ?—My impression is, he said it would save a large expenditure of money.

4316. Did he say anything about the state of the canvass ?—No, he did not.

4317. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did he say it would save a large expenditure of money on both sides ?—I do not think he said that. I thought it was inferred. I cannot say the exact words now.

4318. You understood him to mean that ?—I should think so. I should infer it would mean that.

4319. Did you understand him to mean that when he said Mr. Brogden had 10,000*l.* to spend in bribery, that he would force Sir Edmund Lacon to spend that sum in bribery ?—No, I did not understand that, certainly not. I did not believe it. I did not conceive it was so. I did not believe it at all.

4320. You did not believe it because of the largeness of the sum ?—I did not think Mr. Brogden had any chance whatever. I thought they would not spend the money, because I did not think they had any chance.

4321. What I want to know is whether you believed that Mr. Brogden intended to spend money ?—I did not at that time.

4322. You knew Mr. Brogden was a candidate ?—Yes, I did.

4323. Did you believe on the contrary that he did not intend to spend money ?—I did not think he would go to the poll at all. I did not think either of them would go to the poll.

4324. Then, if you thought this observation that Mr. Chamberlin made to Mr. Youell, and Mr. Youell made to you, was a joke, why did you go and communicate it to the head of the party ?—I did not say the offer was a joke. I did not understand that. I believe the offer was *bonâ fide*. I think the talk about the money was a joke, and I think Mr. Fitzgerald understood me so.

4325. If you thought the offer of the money was a joke, why did you mention it ?—I only mentioned it as a matter that was mentioned to me in common conversation, nothing more.

4326. Had you not consultations afterwards, to know whether it would be advisable to compromise or not ?—I asked them their opinion about it, three or four gentlemen, and they all said the same, I think. They had the same impression as myself that neither of the others would go to the poll.

4327. But you treated the compromise as *bonâ fide* ?—As far as the offer went I did.

4328. Whom did you speak to about it besides Mr. Aldred ?—I think I mentioned it to Mr. Reynolds ; I fancy so ; I cannot speak positively, and to others. I think Mr. Worship I probably mentioned it to.

4329. Which Mr. Worship ?—Mr. William Worship. I am not certain, but I think I might have mentioned it to Mr. Nightingale. I do not know whether I did or not. I cannot be positive of the gentlemen I mentioned it to.

4330. What did they think about the 10,000*l.* ?—I do not think they thought it was a fact at all at that time. I should not think the party generally would believe it in any way.

4331. And should you not think that was the fact,

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that Mr. Brogden was going to spend 10,000*l.*?—Not at that time. I do not think it was. I could not conceive he would do such a thing. I did not believe it at all.

4332. You knew that Mr. Brogden would have to spend money if he came into the borough?—No doubt about it.

4333. And a large sum of money?—Yes.

4334. And knowing he would have to spend a large sum of money, did you not treat that mention of the 10,000*l.* as being true?—No; my impression was that he would not stand at all.

4335. That is not an answer to my question?—I did not treat it as true at that time.

4336. Still you thought he would have to spend a large sum of money?—Yes.

4337. Is it because it was so large that you thought so?—No; I thought that he could not have any chance against Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson. They had been down a long time beforehand. Many of the other party had declined to promise to vote for them, and the whole thing appeared to me to be a clear matter that they would come in without opposition.

4338. Supposing Mr. Brogden went to the poll, would he not have had to spend a large sum of money?—Yes, if he intended to get in at all he would.

4339. And supposing he went to the poll, intending to get in, do you think 10,000*l.* was more than it was advisable for him to spend?—No.

4340. Did you mention this to Mr. Nightingale?—I cannot be positive. I think perhaps I might. I will not be positive at this time whether I mentioned it to him. I mentioned it to very few indeed.

4341. Did Mr. Nightingale in your opinion know this offer had been made?—I do not know. I cannot say that he did.

4342. Was it known generally amongst the heads of the party?—No, it was not.

4343. It was known to Mr. Aldred, Mr. Reynolds, and to Mr. William Worship?—Yes.

4344. Can you say whether it was known to Mr. Nightingale?—I cannot be positive about that.

4345. Mr. Nightingale was a very likely gentleman to have been told of it I expect?—Yes, he was.

4346. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you familiar with the state of the canvass book of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson at the time this proposed compromise was brought before you?—I went and asked about it. I was tolerably familiar, but from time to time I heard how it stood.

4347. From your knowledge of the state of their canvass book, could you form any opinion yourself as to the advisability of accepting or rejecting the compromise?—Yes.

4348. What opinion did you form?—That it was quite impossible, quite out of the question. I believed we had such a large majority on the canvass book that they could not touch us at all; that we should be returned fairly and honourably.

4349. You believed at the time the canvass book showed such a large majority that it made it absurd for you to accept of that compromise?—Yes; and they would not have made the offer if they had thought otherwise themselves.

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Mr. Charles Henry Chamberlin sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

4350. What are you?—I am a solicitor practising in this town.

4351. About 10 days before the election do you recollect going to Mr. Cory?—Some short time before the election; I cannot remember the precise day, or even whether it was 10 days or not, but some little time before.

4352. Did you go to Mr. Cory with an offer of a proposal to withdraw a candidate?—I think you might fairly so term it certainly.

4353. Was it your own idea, or were you requested to do so by anybody else?—I was not requested to go to Mr. Cory, but the matter had been mentioned to me by Mr. Richard Hammond.

4354. We have heard he is a very influential member of the Liberal party?—Very; and will you allow me to tell you exactly how it was. The fact was simply this: Mr. Hammond is a client and personal friend of mine, and has been for a long time past. I have individually, to Mr. Hammond's knowledge, been exceedingly anxious to see the representation of this borough compromised several years ago. I had a strong feeling, and among the earliest of the gentlemen to whom I mentioned that in conversation was Mr. Hammond. Mr. Hammond was originally very averse to any idea of a compromise. Ultimately Mr. Hammond became, I think I am justified in saying, desirous that that should be effected, but the great majority of the Liberal party were exceedingly averse to it, and I know that I incurred great displeasure from many leaders of that party in consequence, as it were, of having originated the idea.

4355. Do you mean at this election or formerly?—Some years ago; but gradually gentlemen belonging to the Liberal party who had been very averse to the compromise came round, until at length, some time before the last election I believe, there were several influential members of the Liberal party anxious so see the election compromised, while others remained, as they do to this moment, very averse to it. I may as well tell you now that I, personally, took no part in the last election; for although I am a Liberal in politics, still Sir Edmund Lacon and myself are on great terms; I have great personal regard for Sir Edmund Lacon, and, for the first time, before the last election, I made up my mind that I should give one vote for Sir Edmund Lacon; and although Sir Edmund Lacon or Mr. Goodson never canvassed me at all, I saw Sir Edmund Lacon on the quay and I volunteered my support to him. A little time before the election, Mr. Hammond spoke to me in reference to what had so often passed between him and me as to a compromise, and he certainly told me he had no doubt whatever, if I could induce one candidate on the Conservatine interest to be withdrawn, that he was quite sure he could induce one of the Liberal candidates to withdraw; and, knowing Mr. Hammond as I did, I was perfectly certain he never would put me in a position to make such a suggestion unless he was in a position to carry it out; and, in consequence of that, I remember seeing Mr. Edward Youell, who is also a friend of mine and a partner of Sir Edmund Lacon's, but he declined to have anything to do with it; he would not discuss the matter. I said, "I should, after what "has passed, like to see one of your friends, and I think "I could not do better than see Mr. Charles Cory;" and Mr. Youell thought, to the best of my belief, if I wanted to make any suggestion of that kind I could not do better than see Mr. Cory about it, and that is why I went. Mr. Hammond did not desire me to do that, only in that general way that I have spoken to. Upon that I went to Mr. Cory, and Mr. Cory said he did not think for a moment the suggestion would be entertained, because he and his friends felt quite certain that Sir Edmund Lacon was beyond all doubt, and he believed they could return both candidates. I said, "It is a thing I have had in view many years; "I am desirous to see this arrangement carried out, "because I believe if we could once see the borough "represented by a gentleman on each side, it might "conduce to the peace of the town and put a stop to "improprieties;" and it was at my request Mr. Cory said he would see some of his friends; I asked him to do so. Shortly afterwards I saw Mr. Cory again, when he gave me a decided refusal. I reported the matter to Mr. Hammond, and there the matter ended. I took no interest in the last election beyond this: Mr. Livingstone introduced Mr. Brogden to me against the hall just here, and I told Mr. Brogden I had every reason to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon, but I should also

be desirous to give my second vote to the Liberal candidate that would stand the best chance of success ; so that I had no personal feeling in the matter beyond what I have told you.

4356. Mr. Cory has told us that something was said about a large sum of money being spent in the event of no compromise being made ?—I believe Mr. Cory is entirely in error in thinking anything was said about 10,000*l.*, because I am perfectly certain Mr. Hammond said nothing of that kind to me, and unless he had I should not have stated it to Mr. Cory ; but I do believe that this arose with Mr. Cory. As a matter of personal opinion, and as one of the reasons I thought the compromise would be desirable, I did express my opinion that it was exceedingly likely, from what passed on former occasions, that a large sum of money would be spent, and it was in my view desirable to save that expenditure. That was an entirely personal opinion of my own. I could not have said anything about 10,000*l.* because Mr. Hammond did not say anything to me.

4357. If any mention was made of money, it was in reference to your general knowledge ?—In reference to my general opinion.

4358. And not to anything beyond ?—Yes.

4359. I suppose you have known the borough a good many years ?—23 or 24, not more.

4360. Have you formerly mixed in elections ?—I have taken a more active interest certainly.

4361. What is your opinion with regard to bribery in this borough ?—I have no doubt it has prevailed extensively.

4362. On one or on both sides ?—On both sides.

4363. Do you recollect the election of 1857 ?—Yes, quite well.

4364. McCullagh and Watkin ?—Yes, I voted for McCullagh and Watkin.

4365. And the members were unseated I think ?—They were.

4366. Have you any knowledge of the bribery on that occasion ?—Of course I have an opinion ; I have no doubt in the world about it. I remember on the day of the election Sir Edmund Lacon, speaking to me in the presence of two or three Liberal gentlemen, against the "Angel," which, if I remember, was the head-quarters of the Tory party. He put it to me, "Do not you believe this election has been bought ?" and I said, "I will tell you candidly I think it has," but I should not have said so if I had had anything to do with the election.

4367. Still you were perfectly convinced the election had been bought ?—I had not the smallest doubt about it.

4368. Had you any idea then that bribery had been resorted to by the Conservative party ?—My strong impression was that they had spent a small sum of money, but they came too late into the field with their money, and therefore were defeated. I think it was a *coup de main*, they were taken by surprise. I remember perfectly well the Liberal candidates headed the poll at the commencement, and my impression was that the Conservatives, or some of their parties, spent something, but I do not think they spent much.

4369. They had not time ?—They had not time. That is only a matter of belief, of course.

4370. Is it your opinion that a pure election has taken place at Yarmouth ?—I think so. I remember the election in which Sir Charles Napier and Mr. McCullagh were candidates, and I have good reason to believe that that election on the part of the Liberals was quite pure, and I believe it was quite pure on the part of the Conservatives up to a certain part of the day, and then they went in and bought the election out of Mr. McCullagh's hands. Mr. McCullagh would have been returned for certainty but for the Conservatives buying it.

4371. The candidates were Sir Edmund Lacon, Mr. Rumbold, Mr. McCullagh, and Sir Charles Napier ?—Yes.

4372. Mr. McCullagh and Sir Charles Napier were the Liberal candidates ?—They were.

4373. Was not Mr. Rumbold also a Liberal ?—Mr. Rumbold was a Liberal, but there had been a split in the Liberal camp, and he coalesced with Sir Edmund Lacon, and had all the Conservative support, or the great bulk of it. Sir Charles Napier up to 1 o'clock had no chance, nor Sir Edmund Lacon, but, in my opinion, the Conservatives went into the market late in the day and bought the election out of Mr. McCullagh's hands. I have every reason to believe Mr. McCullagh would not spend a penny.

4374. Then, according to your opinion, bribery turned the election in favour of Mr. Rumbold ?—Yes. I think Mr. McCullagh was within 20 or 23. I have not looked at the book, but I do not know that I have any right to state this. I know, immediately after the election, the Conservatives believed some money had been spent on Mr. McCullagh's side, and their expressed reason was, that several men had polled early in the day for McCullagh who were never known to poll before without money. On the other hand, Mr. McCullagh was a popular candidate, and speaks well on political subjects, but I believe they polled without a farthing, and we know money was spent on that occasion, and if McCullagh had consented to spend two or three hundred pounds I think his election would have been secure.

4375. That is to say, he would have been returned in the place of Mr. Rumbold ?—Yes.

4376. In the election of 1857 Mr. McCullagh was returned ?—McCullagh and Watkin.

4377. We know there was bribery on his behalf at that election ?—I do not know, but I believe it.

4378. The Committee of the House of Commons became of that opinion ?—They unseated him, of course, which he thought a very great hardship I remember at the time.

4379. Do you know how Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor came to stand in the year 1857 after Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin were unseated ?—They came down in consequence of the election being declared void, as the Liberal candidates.

4380. Were they recommended ?—I do not know at all. I always understood that Mr. Watkin, who was a relative of Sir John Mellor's, introduced him to the borough, but I have no knowledge on the subject at all.

4381. And Mr. Young ?—Mr. Young came down here with a gentleman named Humphreys, the present coroner for Middlesex, and was introduced to me, and I acted for him in one or two matters. He did not give me a retaining fee, but he gave me a fee for my professional services in that election.

4382. Are you aware of any agreement between Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor, or either of them, with Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin ?—I am not aware of any.

4383. Are you aware of what has been said here ?—I often heard it reported in the borough that Mr. Young had paid a sum of money, but I am on intimate terms with Mr. Young, and I never heard him say a word about it.

4384. But you heard it reported in the borough that a sum of money was paid by Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor ?—The report was, that a sum of money had been paid by Mr. Young for some expenses Mr. McCullagh had incurred ; but it was a general rumour. I have no knowledge on the subject, but only that that rumour existed as some of the witnesses have described ; but I never heard Mr. Mellor paid a penny, and I do not believe he did.

4385. Mr. McCullagh, I suppose, was supposed to have obtained a footing here by being elected at the previous election ?—Yes, I think so, and he had decidedly. I have no hesitation in saying, as my positive opinion, that if a pure election had been fought, Mr. McCullagh, beyond all doubt, would have been returned. I think so certainly ; and I think if it had not been for Sir Edmund Lacon's personal influence, Mr. Watkin also would. I do not believe with the other gentlemen as to the result of a pure election. My own opinion is, if a pure election was contested

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here, it would result in the return of Sir Edmund Lacon and a Liberal.

4386. Is that view formed on a view of the whole constituency, or do you cast out of your mind those you have been told of who will always take bribes? —A view of the whole constituency, subject to no money being spent. I believe this borough is in the position of a place which has two great parties nearly balanced, and it is a fact, with the great parties nearly balanced, that there is a margin of persons who are always ready to take bribes; and it is that, and that only, that causes the bribery that has undoubtedly prevailed here, in my opinion.

4387. Do you know anything about the class of voters that take bribes?—Very little indeed.

4388. Do you know anything about the parish of Gorleston and Southtown?—I know the places, and I know that there is a deal of material there to be bribed.

4389. We were told by one of the witnesses, there were a vast number of electors who have no political principles at all, and only vote for money?—There are a great many, but not anything like a majority, or approaching to it.

4390. I suppose you place them altogether out of your view when you talk of the balance of parties? —No, I do not; I take the election simply, if there is no money spent there would be nobody bought.

4391. To which political party would you assign them, if they have no political principles?—I think the majority would vote in favour of the Liberals, which majority is counter balanced by Sir Edmund Lacon's influence. There are a great many of the Liberals like myself, would vote for Sir Edmund Lacon from personal feeling to him, and others do the same I know.

4392. (*Mr. Slade.*) This interview you had with Mr. Cory on this subject, or Mr. Youell, whichever it was, was immediately before the retirement of Mr. Marshman?—Mr. Cory has said it was about ten days before the election; he is very likely to be correct. I think it was some days before, but I cannot in any way fix the time. I think it was before Mr. Marshman's retirement certainly.

4393. Can you say how long before?—Some four or five days, I think.

4394. It was after both sides had been canvassing very extensively?—Certainly.

4395. Are you at all aware what the promises were on either side?—I have not the slightest knowledge. The gentlemen on each side said they stood uncommonly well, which we expect, but I had no knowledge of that.

4396. Did either side claim a majority of promises? —My impression is, that both claimed a large majority of promises.

4397. In your opinion, was it a very difficult canvass?—I never formed any opinion on that subject at all. I had nothing to do with it. Of course I could not, as I made up my mind to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon, take any part in it.

4398. I only ask what you heard at the time?—I should think that neither party had, at that time, any sufficient result to be justified in forming a positive opinion as to the result; I should immagine not. I daresay they had a great many promises, but they must know a good many of them would not be very reliable.

4399. Was not the offer refused by Mr. Cory, on the ground that he had a majority?—The first interview I had with Mr. Cory he pooh-poohed the whole matter. He said, they were sure of Sir Edmund Lacon's return, and they believed in Mr. Goodson's return; and he wanted to give a positive negative without consulting anybody; and I pointed out my view, which rendered a compromise very desirable, and it was at my request that he agreed to see some of his friends.

4400. You came as Mr. Hammond's ambassador?— If you term it so, no doubt it was at Mr. Hammond's request I mentioned the matter.

4401. Did Mr. Hammond give you full instructions what to say?—I have told you almost word for word what passed between Mr. Hammond and myself. I commenced the conversation by referring to my frequently expressed hopes that a compromise might be arranged for Yarmouth, and he said, "If you make a suggestion, and if one of the Conservatives should withdraw, I am sure one of the Liberals would withdraw also," and, as I said, I am so certain Mr. Hammond would not have said that unless he was in a position to carry it out, that I had no hesitation in making the communication to the other side.

4402. Mr. Cory has told us, and Mr. Aldred has told us also, that Mr. Cory told him, that you said that Mr. Brogden was prepared to spend 10,000*l.*, do you deny it?—I am aware that Mr. Cory has said something of the kind; I did not know that Mr. Aldred had. I am equally certain that Mr. Cory is mistaken about that, because I am sure Mr. Hammond never said a word of the kind to me.

4403. What did you say to Mr. Cory?—He did not say so to me, and I could not say so to Mr. Cory. I might give him my personal belief that if the election was contested it would result in spending a large sum of money, personally, from my own experience in the matter; but Mr. Cory is mistaken in saying I said Mr. Brogden would spend 10,000*l.* I could not have said so, because I had no communication with Mr. Brogden or his friends, except what I told you, and the personal interview when Mr. Livingston introduced Mr. Brogden to me.

4404. Do you suppose Mr. Cory dreamed that?— I think Mr. Cory is mistaken in my opinion and views expressed as to the probability of money being spent. Of course I would not swear I might not have used the expression, "Supposing the thing comes to a contest and 10,000*l.* is spent," and that Mr. Cory has confused the one with the other, and thought I said Mr. Brogden would spend it.

4405. Was prepared to spend it?—I am not sure I did not say so.

4406. There have been two gentlemen here who said so?—I am sure of this, that Mr. Cory is incapable of stating that which he believes to be untrue; but I am equally sure that he is mistaken if he made that statement.

4407. Was not it held out as a threat by you?— Certainly not; it was only in furtherance of that anxious desire I had entertained to see an arrangement come to, which I believed would be a very good thing for the peace of the town.

4408. Did Mr. Cory say anything about expenses at all at that interview?—I do not remember he did. I remember perfectly, urging as one of the reasons a compromise was so desirable, the putting an end to the practice of spending money in an illegitimate manner; but Mr. Cory was all along quite conceited, if I may say so, and was putting it in so strong a manner, that you would have thought the election was over when I went to him.

4409. Did he talk about the bribery with you?— Not a word, except in the general terms I have mentioned. I am sure I used it as an argument, the existence of bribery at former elections; but Mr. Cory said, "Sir Edmund Lacon's seat is as certain as possible, "and I believe Mr. Goodson's is too." I had to urge him, and said, "Let me ask you for the sake of the future," as I was desirous to have a compromise which might last for the future; my belief being, if once compromised, the good result would be so manifest that it would last; and I said, "Do not put me off without consulting your friends;" and it was at my request he agreed to do so.

4410. Did you say Mr. Brogden, in your opinion, was prepared to spend money?—I am as certain as I can be of anything that I did not say so, because I had no knowledge of Mr. Brogden. My impression is, I had not been introduced to Mr. Brogden at that moment; but beyond that introduction when Mr. Livingstone introduced me to him just against the quay I never spoke to Mr. Brogden until the other day in

the lobby of the House of Commons, when we were there on a Local Act of Parliament.

4411. Did you at that time think Mr. Brogden was going to stand here on pure principles?—I would not say that certainly. I had formed no opinion on the subject whatever.

4412. Had you not?—No, I think not.

4413. You think not?—I may say certainly I had not. I had taken no part in the matter, and it was not till Mr. Hammond mentioned it to me that I took the part I did.

4414. Did you not know Mr. Brogden was coming down to spend money?—Certainly not.

4415. Did you think he was coming to contest the borough on pure principles?—I had not thought about it.

4416. You thought the contrary?—I thought nothing of it at all.

4417. You formed no opinion?—No.

4418. Why did you take the trouble to go and effect a compromise?—I had been trying this thing for years, and Mr. Hammond quoted this over and over again as a reason for my taking some trouble about it.

4419. You did not know Mr. Brogden personally; did you know he was reputed to be a man of large fortune?—Yes, he was certainly, that I knew, that he bore that reputation; I remember hearing that perfectly well.

4420. Do not you know it requires a man of large fortune to stand here against Sir Edmund Lacon?—To win both seats, I think it would. My own opinion is, without bribery on either side Sir Edmund Lacon would be quite safe; I have not a doubt about it.

4421. And knowing that, still you say that you are perfectly certain that you did not mention to Mr. Cory that Mr. Brogden was prepared to spend 10,000*l.*?—I am quite sure I did not.

4422. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. McCullagh, I believe, was known to be a man of no large property?—I have always so understood; when I say "always," for many years past; when he first came down he was not, but afterwards I understood he was a man of large fortune.

4423. You say he was very popular?—Very popular indeed.

4424. Is that due to his power of speaking in public?—Mr. McCullagh is a very able man, and undoubtedly made a great impression. He never could have polled the votes he did against Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Rumbold unless he stood well in the borough.

4425. He is a man of ability?—Certainly, as a man of great ability and great integrity, and very highly esteemed. I know he was; I personally knew that.

4426. Had Mr. Brogden any of these advantages?—I had not heard him speak at all, but he bore the reputation of being an able man. I should certainly say not so able a man as Mr. McCullagh.

4427. Mr. McCullagh had been a public man before he came here?—To some extent he had. I think he sat for some Scotch or Irish borough before he came here; I think for Dundalk.

4428. Had Mr. Brogden ever been in Parliament before?—I do not know at all.

4429. Was he at all known in Yarmouth before he came down?—I should say not, in my opinion; I do not think he was.

4430. (*Mr. Russell.*) You have told us that you were exceedingly anxious to see the representation of the borough compromised?—I have told you so.

4431. Am I right in inferring that you formed that desire partly because you regarded the state of parties in the borough to be evenly balanced, and partly because you regarded it as the best means of arresting the progress of bribery in the borough?—You are quite right in thinking so. I had a third reason, that I thought it would conduce to Sir Edmund Lacon's personal comfort very much to avoid contests in this way, and I have often expressed it, over and over again.

4432. You have said the legitimate influence and popularity of Sir Edmund Lacon you considered sufficient to secure his return?—I said the legitimate influence of Sir Edmund Lacon. I do not consider Sir Edmund Lacon a popular man here in that sense of the term at all.

4433. Do you believe his legitimate influence is sufficient to return him if an election is conducted on pure principals?—That is my opinion, and when I use the word "popular," I mean Sir Edward Lacon is exceedingly popular among the better classes, but not among the populace.

4434. That being your opinion, do not you think Sir Edmund Lacon would have it in his power to throw the protection of that influence over his colleague to a certain extent?—To a certain extent, but not to a sufficient extent to carry a second seat.

4435. From the time you made this offer of compromise to Mr. Cory, I understood you to say he was perfectly convinced, in his own mind, that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson were safe?—I did not say that at all.

4436. I think your term was, he was quite conceited?—I said he expressed himself as being quite convinced, but whether he was fully convinced is quite a different matter. I should think he was not.

4437. Do you think Mr. Cory would express himself convinced if he was not so?—I think he would in electioneering matters.

4438. As an electioneering dodge?—Yes, as tactics, and I should, if I was in his place.

4439. You did not regard Mr. Cory's rejection of the proposition as being in consequence of his anticipation that they would certainly carry Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—That is exactly what I did regard. That was the second interview; he was quite confident then.

4440. Do you remember the date of the second interview?—I do not, but within a day or two of the first; it was shortly after the first.

4441. Before there was any allegation of money having been corruptly spent in the town?—I think so.

JOHN BARBER sworn; examined by MR. RUSSELL.

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4442. Did you see Mr. Shuckford shortly before the election?—Upon the election morning.

4443. Mr. Shuckford has told us he gave you a sum of money on that morning?—He gave me 20*l.*

4444. Was that all he gave you?—That was all he gave me then, or any other time.

4445. Did you receive any other money from anybody else?—Yes, I received 35*l.* from Mr. Cooper, 20*l.* and 15*l.*

4446. You received no further sum?—No. Do you mean to distribute?

4447. Yes.—No.

4448. Or for yourself?—For refreshment along with the cabmen and runners and the like, 8*l.* or 9*l.*

4449. You received 8*l.* or 9*l.*?—9*l.*

4450. Who from?—Mr. Reynolds, for refreshments; there were a good many of us.

4451. Did Mr. Reynolds tell you what he gave you the 9*l.* for?—I asked him for it for refreshment, and he gave it for that very same thing.

4452. Do you remember when it was you asked Mr. Reynolds for that 9*l.*?—I am sure I do not. I do not know whether it was a week or a fortnight after that I went to Mr. Reynolds for it, a week or 10 days after the election; it might be more or it might be less. I am sure I cannot say now.

4453. Was this to re-imburse you for money you had spent?—Yes, for what I had spent in eating and drinking along with people; a glass of brandy and water here and there; a sovereign does not go far, you know.

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4454. It was money you had spent in treating others ?—Among ourselves, you know.

4455. Voters ?—No, I might have treated a voter or two. I cannot say that I did, but when you go into a public house, and you see a great many people, they say "What are you going to stand ?"

4456. Did Mr. Reynolds give you the money at once ?—He gave me a cheque for it on Gurney's bank.

4457. Had you any authority to treat these men who were treated before the election ?—No, not particular. They were driving at the time.

4458. What were they; in what capacity were they employed ?—Cabmen as well as myself; different runners and messengers; a glass of brandy and water or a pint of beer, something of that sort.

4459. Some of them were cabmen and some of them messengers ?—Yes.

4460. Messengers employed in the election ?—What we call our own party. I do not know, as I said before. They said, "What are you going to stand ? Are you going to stand anything ?""

4461. Did Mr. Reynolds pay you the money without making any objection ?—He thought it was too much.

4462. Did Mr. Reynolds give you all you asked, or had you asked a larger sum at first ?—10*l.*, and he said, "Make it 8*l.*," and I said, "No, make it 9*l.*, split the difference," and he made it 9*l.*

4463. Was all this treating done at one time, or at different times ?—The night before and the election day, and the night before that, and the election night. We were about pretty well all night from one place to another.

4464. What did you do with the 20*l.* you got from Mr. Shuckford ?—Gave it to Charles Barham, a fellow-servant.

4465. Charles Barham of Neptune Place ?—Of Neptune Terrace, or Neptune Place.

4466. Did you tell him it was to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—I told him there was a certain thing for him, and he would be up in good time. That was all I said.

4467. Up in good time ?—I said "That is for you, "you will go up in good time."

4468. You led him to understand for whom he was to vote ?—He understood what it was for, no doubt.

4469. What did you do with the 35*l.* you received from Mr. Cooper ?—I gave 20*l.* to James Martin, of Flushing Terrace, I think.

4470. What did you do with the remaining 15*l.* ?—Gave it to Mr. West, the coach-builder.

4471. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What is his christian name?—J. I think.

4472. (*Mr. Russell.*) Of Market Road ?—Of Market Road.

4473. Did you tell Martin the 20*l.* was for his vote ?—Yes, besides he asked me if I would do it, and go up quietly with him, and I did so; the same with the others.

4474. Did you tell Mr. West the 20*l.* was for his vote ?—His was 15*l.*

4475. Did you tell him it was for his vote ?—Yes.

4476. Are you sure that that was all the money you received at the last election ?—Every shilling.

4477. If anybody has said that you received a larger sum than that, it is not true ?—No, I will face anyone. I have come here to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

4478. Did you receive nothing for yourself ?—Yes, I told you that, 9*l.* for services and refreshments.

4479. A great deal of that went in refreshments supplied to other people ?—It did sir, of course, but I was satisfied.

4480. Have you got a vote ?—No.

4481. Had you received money to give in this way in the election of 1859 ?—No.

4482. Not a farthing ?—Only 5*s.* a day for driving. I never received a farthing of election money before.

4483. Had you never received any money to give in this way at previous elections ?—No.

4484. If anybody has said you have, is it untrue ? —Yes, I will meet anybody on that.

4485. You are a cabman ?—Yes, I have got a cab my own now. At the time of the election I was foreman at the Angel stables, a good many years, this 20 years.

4486. Did you ask any man for his vote except those you have named ?—I might have done, I do not recollect.

4487. Who is your master ?—I am driving for myself now.

4488. Who was your master at the time of the election ?—Mr. Haggis.

4489. Did Mr. Haggis know this ?—Of my having the money ?

4490. Yes ?—I do not know, I am sure, I never acquainted him with anything of that kind. I was foreman there.

4491. You never acquainted him with it ?—There was no reason.

4492. There was no reason to make Mr. Haggis acquainted with it ?—No, he was my master, I had no occasion to do it. I was driving about the whole day both in this and the municipal elections.

4493. Mr. Haggis never spoke to you on the subject?—He chaffed a little in the yard about it.

4494. Chaffed you about spending the money ?—No, he said "You will go to Newgate," or something of that kind, laughing about it. He was a very jocular man. He was a man that did not interfere with us much about such things as them.

4495. I suppose Mr. Haggis thought you would go to Newgate because you were spending this money in buying votes ?—I do not know that. It was merely a joke what he said.

4496. Had you done anything else Mr. Haggis knew of that made him think you would go to Newgate ?—I hope not.

R. Balls.

RICHARD BALLS sworn and examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

4497. What are you ?—A fish merchant.

4498. Do you know a man named Thomas Hudson ? —Yes.

4499. Did you receive a sum of money from Thomas Hudson shortly before the election ?—Yes.

4500. How much ?—40*l.*

4501. When was that ?—I think it was the Monday before the election I received it.

4502. What did you do with it ?—I gave it to two men.

4503. 20*l.* a piece ?—I gave one 20*l.*

4504-5. Who did you give the 20*l.* to ?—John Thirkettle. He lives in Apollo Walk.

4506. Who was the other man ?—Jacko Taxley I call him. He lives in North End. John his name is. I gave him 15*l.*

4507. What did you do with the other 5*l.*—Kept it for refreshments.

4508. For yourself ?—Yes during that time of the election, and for some friends.

4509. Have you got a vote ?—Yes.

4510. Did you get nothing for your own vote ?—No, I did not want anything.

4511. Did you ask any men besides these two for their votes ?—No.

4512. And received no other sum ?—No.

4513. Have you ever done anything of this sort before ?—No.

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Mr. WILLIAM STIRLING LACON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

4514. Are you a resident of Yarmouth ?—No I am not.

4515. You live where ?—In London.

4516. What is your profession or business ?—I have no profession.

4517. You are a relative of Sir Edmund Lacon ?— Yes, I am a relative of Sir Edmund Lacon ?—

4518. Were you here at the last election ?—I was.

4519. Were you here long before the election ?— I should think a fortnight. Ten days certainly.

4521. And you took an interest on Sir Edmund Lacon's behalf?—I took an interest on Sir Edmund Lacon's behalf.

4522. I presume you are not a voter yourself?—I am not a voter.

4523. Did you attend the canvass with Sir Edmund? No, I never was on the canvass.

4524. Do you know anything about the state of the canvass book at the different times?—I had an opportunity of investigating the state of the canvass book at all times.

4525. Did you do so?—I did so.

4526. Did you live with Sir Edmund Lacon, or in the town of Yarmouth?—I lived in the town of Yarmouth until the day after the election, when I went out to Ormesby with Sir Edmund, where I remained many months.

4527. Your name has been mentioned a good many times. Have you any information to give the Commissioners with regard to the bribery of which we have heard?—Indeed I have none.

4528. None whatever?—None whatever. No further than the committee room being open to the public, people used to come in and talk in my presence. That is all I have heard, but I have no personal knowledge myself of anything that went on at the last election.

4528*a*. Were you aware, from what you saw or heard about the town, that bribery was going on after the election?—On Saturday, from reports that came to me, I was almost convinced of it, but not till the Saturday. I believe it was a pure election up to the Saturday.

4529. You think no money had been spent up to the Saturday?—I think no money had been spent up to the Saturday night till after I met Mr. Vanderbyl. I met him the Saturday morning and the reports came in to me after that.

4529*a*. On the Saturday you felt convinced money was being spent?—Yes.

4530. On both sides or only one?—The reports that came from the Conservatives into the Conservative room, if there was any bribery going on, would not be about bribery. I said the reports came in, and of probably exaggerated statements of things that were going on on the other side.

4531. Did you hear any reports early in the morning of Saturday?—No, not until towards the afternoon.

4532. And as to the Monday and the Tuesday, were those reports going on?—The same thing went on until the time of the election—flying reports. I had no personal knowledge of anything.

4533. Did any report reach you then as to bribery on the other side?—The same parties coming in. The rooms were open to the public, there was no secrecy at the room. There was no private room at the committee-room, as stated at the House of Commons. It was open to the public, and as I lived a great number of years out of Yarmouth, it was open to anybody to come in, and I heard the conversations of different people, and I do not even know the names of the persons that made the observations.

4534. On the Tuesday night did you feel satisfied that money was being spent on both sides?—On both sides I did not, but I can state I knew the Saturday afternoon that it had been no longer a pure election. I believe up to the time Mr. Marshman retired it was a pure election.

4535. I want to know when you heard anything of bribery on your own side. I mean from general rumour. What was your belief on the Saturday night?—As I tell you, as I was sitting at the rooms, people were not likely to come and make reports of any bribery that was going on on their own side, but they were likely to come and make exaggerated reports. I made a note of everything. My being at those rooms was to receive everybody civilly, to receive every information and take it in for as much as it was worth, and in fact to make everybody who came there believe that the election depended upon his individual exertion.

4536. You made a note of everything?—Asked who those persons were, and wrote it on a piece of paper, but it was torn up immediately afterwards.

4537. Did you apprehend from these rumours of bribery that Sir Edmund Lacon was likely to lose his election?—I never had the slightest doubt from the moment I set my foot in the town that Sir Edmund Lacon was as secure as could be.

4538. I ask whether on the Tuesday after the bribery commenced did you ever entertain any apprehension of Sir Edmund Lacon's losing the election?—I did not.

4539. Was that because you supposed that Sir Edmund Lacon's influence was sufficient to withstand any amount of bribery on the other side?—No, I did not think so.

4540. Was it because you thought that bribery on the other side would be met by bribery on your side?—Most assuredly. I believed that the parties on our side of the question would not allow themselves to be bought out of the field.

4541. Did you see Sir Edmund Lacon during the Monday or the Tuesday?—Yes, constantly. He constantly came into the room.

4542. Did you ever communicate the opinion you have expressed to us to Sir Edmund Lacon?—Certainly not.

4543. You carefully abstained?—I never communicated anything to anybody, and I should not have done it now unless the Commissioners had asked me.

4544. Was the matter ever discussed in the committee room?—The question of the bribery?

4545. Yes, the question of beating the bribery on the other side?—No, it was not in my presence. I have no knowledge of it.

4546. You never alluded to it?—No, I think not.

4547, I suppose there were a very few people in the room that did not have the same opinion you had, although they did not express it?—I fancy it was the general opinion.

4548. (*Mr. Russell.*) Can you tell us what was the state of the canvass-book at the central committee room when Mr. Marshman retired?—No, I cannot tell you at any particular time. It was always a very considerable majority, sufficient to satisfy my mind that the election was safe, from the way the canvass went on increasing from day to day.

4549. At what period did you come to the conclusion that Sir Edmund Lacon was safe?—From the very first. The canvass had been commenced three weeks I think when I arrived in Yarmouth, and from the way the canvass stood when I first arrived, and the way it went on progressively increasing, I was convinced Sir Edmund Lacon's seat was safe from the first.

4550. Did you form an equally sanguine opinion of Mr. Goodson's chance?—I did.

4551. Sir Edmund Lacon told us, and I daresay you had the same information, that there were a certain number of shaky voters on his canvass?—I did not know that, only from general rumour. I did not know it at all.

4552. I suppose there were entries in your canvass-book of voters that were not entered as promised either way, because they were shaky?—I think there was a list of doubtful voters, but I did not know why they were doubtful. They were simply men who would not promise.

4553. Did you on the last three days of the election, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, find in the canvass-book some of the doubtful voters entered as having promised Sir Edmund Lacon?—I did not.

4554. I suppose you constantly referred to the canvass-book?—Constantly. If anybody wanted information, and came in, I referred to the canvass-book, and gave it directly.

4555. Should you have taken particular notice of the doubtful voters?—No, because I had been so long out of the town, and I did not know one man from another.

4556. Was it reported to you in the last three days

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of the election that voters who had promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson had receded from their promise?—No report of that kind was made. We went steadily on to the poll.

4557. There were no votes or entries made in the canvass-book during the last three days that men had become doubtful who had been previously entered as pledged?—No.

4558. (*By Mr. Slade.*) Were you here in the election of 1859?—I was.

4559. What part did you take then?—The same.

4560. What do you call yourself in the part you took?—Mr. Reynolds, who was the legal agent, thought I was assisting him. But I considered I was chairman at those rooms. I was chairman of the committe, but I had no committee in fact.

4561. What gentlemen had you that were working with you?—Mr. Reynolds. It was open to anybody in the town to come in. I presided there as a friend and relative of Sir Edmund Lacon.

4562. And as his confidential friend?—In what way confidential friend?

4563. As regards the election matters, to look after his interest?—Certainly, to look after his interest.

4564. You are aware from the report of the committee of 1859 that bribery was committed at that election?—Yes, I think so.

4565. You are also aware that Mr. John Cooper was engaged in the bribery at that time?—Yes, I think I heard so.

4566. In your opinion, was that tolerably well known to the members of your party?—I do not think. the report was that bribery extensively prevailed at that election.

4567. I did not say so. But you are aware persons were reported as having accepted bribes?—I think they were.

4568. And you knew Mr. Cooper had been engaged in giving bribes at that election?—I did not know it, I knew he had at the last time, but I did not think the former.

4569. You have read the report. The first resolution of the committee is "That the sum of 15*l.* was "paid to Charles Botwright by Mr. Cooper to come "and vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?"—Is that in 1859?

4570. Yes?—Then I have no doubt I read that report, but I have no knowledge of it.

4571. My question is whether you did know that Mr. Cooper had been engaged in bribery at that election?—I did not any further than from reading that report. I had nothing to do with it, as I told the previous honourable gentleman. I had no personal knowledge of anything of the kind.

4572. Did you know generally that Mr. Cooper was engaged in bribery at that election, without having any personal knowledge of it?—I perhaps may have heard it, but I hardly know Mr. Cooper by name. I might have heard it, and probably I read that report, but I really know very little of the parties in Yarmouth now. I have been absent from Yarmouth so many years. Mr. Cooper's name is perfectly familiar to me, because I was in the committee-room of the House of Commons during the whole of the last meeting, and heard the confusion where they were attempting to identify Mr. Cooper with his son as having been at the committee-room, and probably I may have heard the evidence on the former occasion.

4573. It was not at the last election, the committee that sat the other day about this last election, that gave you to know that Mr. Cooper was engaged in bribery for the first time?—No, you have just called my attention to it, that it is in the report of the former election. Mr. Cooper's name is quite familiar to me in connexion with these proceedings.

4574. Is it familiar to you as being the well known bribery agent in this borough?—No, any further than from reading. I probably got more information from that report of the House of Commons than I got from anybody else. I had no means of knowing than from reading that report.

4575. You never heard it from any person?—I cannot say, I am sure. Probably I have.

4576. May I ask you, did it astonish you very much to hear that Mr. Nightingale advanced the money for this election?—It did.

4577. Was it the fact of his advancing that astonished you, or the largeness of the sum?—Probably the largeness of the sum, for I had no conception that anything I have since heard of went on at the last election. I thought it was something very trifling indeed.

4578. I understand you to say you were not astonished to hear Mr. Nightingale had advanced some money?—I believed that the Conservative party, who I knew to be very strong in Yarmouth, would never allow Manchester gold to come and buy them away, especially with the large majority they had on their canvass-book.

4579. And Mr. Nightingale was a man who you were not surprised at hearing had advanced the money?—Any one of the Conservative party. I did not know who it would come from, but I knew it would come from somebody.

4580. Had you never at any time or in any manner heard that Mr. Nightingale had advanced money at the previous election?—Never.

Mr. H. Tahourdin.

Mr. Harry Tahourdin sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

4581. What are you?—I am a solicitor.

4582. Are you the son of the gentleman who is Mr. Brogden's man of business?—Yes, I am, and his partner.

4583. Are you aware Mr. Brogden has been summoned to appear before us to-day?—No, I understood that Mr. Brogden had been written to by your secretary, and he had written stating that he would be here any day after to-day upon receiving two days' notice. I understood he had arranged that with your secretary.

4584. Who did you understand that from?—I understood that by a letter from my father.

4585. Where is Mr. Brogden now?—I do not know. I think he is in London, but I am not certain about that.

4586. When did you hear from him last?—I have not heard from Mr. Brogden at all since I have been here. I have had one or two letters from my father.

4587. Did you learn from your father's letters that Mr. Brogden is now in London?—No, I did not learn that. I only inferred that, because I understood there was to be a meeting, at which Mr. Brogden most likely would be present, to-day. He would not be there before to-day.

4588. Our secretary informs that he wrote an answer to Mr. Brogden's letter, to say that his attendance would be required here to-day before us?—I have not heard anything since then. I did not know what day it was your secretary wrote. I do not know where he wrote it to, probably Mr. Brogden, who travels about a good deal, may not have received it yet. Mr. Brogden, I think, was going up to London from the moors, and I think if the letter was sent this week it would probably take two or three days before he would get it. Mr. Brogden has no wish to avoid coming here; the only question is what day he will come.

4589. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) The Commissioners think it of importance to have the examination at their own time?—I will communicate what you say.

WILLIAM LIVINGSTON sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

4590. You wish to make some statement?—May I be allowed to ask a question?

4591. No?—Nor make any observation?

4592. Yes, you may do that?—Before this Commission was opened I was credibly informed about the tactics that the Tories intended to take against the Liberal party through the information they had received from John Eagleton, who had gone over from one party to the other, that they were going to bring forward all and every information they could to damage the character of the Liberal party; and, hearing that, I made the reply, I did not care three straws about what they did; they might bring all the evidence and information they might please against us; I was regardless of it. I may as well tell you, although I am an extreme politician I come here fearless of any man, it is no matter who he is, whether Whig, Tory, or Radical; and I can fill up a great many of the gaps that I find are wanting from what I have heard. I will let you know, not only from hearsay, but I will give you positive facts, those that you want to fill up the gaps in this inquiry. I may let you know that for the last 20 years back I can give you information which those gentlemen whom you have had before you here have been very much afraid to enter into. I will go through election after election up to the present time, and if Sir Edmund Lacon is here I will tell him a little bit of what he very carefully and studiously kept back.

4593. I thought you were going to make a statement, you are making a speech; give us all the information you can?—I will do so.

4594. That is quite sufficient.—I am perfectly ready and willing to do it.

4595. If you please we will commence with the election of last year?—Yes.

4596. In the first place be kind enough to tell us what you are?—A draper.

4597. Do you reside in this borough?—I do.

4598. For how many years have you resided here?—30 or 40 years.

4599. Have you always taken an active part in politics?—Always, but more particularly within the last 20 years.

4600. On which side?—The Liberal side.

4601. What office do you consider yourself to have held for the party at the last election?—I could hardly tell you what office to term it; in fact I knew almost everything that was going on, from beginning to end.

4602. What did you do?—My principal duty was in canvassing.

4603. Did your canvass extend over the whole borough, or was it confined to one ward in particular?—The whole borough, and every man in it.

4604. Including Gorleston?—Not so much as to that; we did not see them all there but we did all we could.

4605. Will you give me the names of the gentlemen who assisted you in the canvass?—I will. Richard Hammond, John Clowes, John Owles, Philip Pullyn, James Scott, Frederick Palmer, D. A. Gourlay, John Mainprice, G. W. Moore, H. Barber, A. D. Stone, S. J. Fill, George Washington Clowes, James Rivett, James Lawn, Wm. F. Fisher, Joseph Fleming Neave, Garson Blake, Lovewell Blake, W. J. Brand, John Whiting, Edward Smith, Henry King, J. W. Tingay, J. Malden, Thomas Wm. Collier, Michael Mitchell, Wm. Gardiner, Henry Goodwin, Henry Blyth, Fred. Davey, John Wm. de Caux, Thomas Downing, D. R. Fowler, John Arundel Norman, W. S. Page, Richard Reeder, Wm. Barlow Skinner, Geo. Farrow, Richard Tunbridge, Azariah Waters. That is all; there may be one or two more I have omitted.

4606. Do I understand these men always attended you on the canvass?—Not always; if I was going to summons them for any particular meeting or to get their assistance to go out to canvass they were the parties I would summon.

4607. They would be identified with you?—Yes.

4608. Are you going to describe to us the tactics of your party?—Anything you like.

4609. Take, if you please, the time when it was first known that there was going to be an election?—Yes.

4610. What was the first operations of your party?—Perhaps I may have to go back a good bit to get to the beginning of it.

4611. Not 20 years?—No, I will not go back so far as that, I will go back for about two years; to let you into the whole of it I require to go back about that time.

4612. Then let us have it as short as you can?—I will do so. I will take 12 months before the election. At that time it was generally supposed there would be a dissolution soon take place, and at that time the country was beginning to look round for candidates, and I, taking a particulur interest in the welfare of the Liberal party, began to think about it. The consequence was I heard Mr. McCullagh, who was a candidate previous to this, was going to make a descent upon us, and from the intimacy existing between Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh, I knew very well we could not get them both to stand. The consequence was, being alone, with the assistance of Mr. J. F. Neave, I called a public meeting of the whole constituency, Whigs, Tories, and Radicals, and we had it in the Corn Hall, and we agreed to a resolution requesting Mr. Watkin at the time to offer himself as a candidate at the next election.

4613. When was that meeting, in what month?—I should say it was early; it was in the spring, in January or February.

4614. February, 1865?—The year before the election.

4615. That would be 1864?—It would be 1864. We not only carried that resolution but we carried a second one, requesting Mr. Watkin to look round to get a candidate agreeable to himself and one that would be acceptable to the Liberal constituency of the borough. After that I got the resolution numerously signed by the Liberal constituency in the borough, and I forwarded the same to Mr. Watkin. Then there was a lull in the political world, and then nothing of course took place in the shape of a dissolution till the year following, and in the interim Mr. Watkin got elected for Stockport. His connexion was cut with the borough as far as he was individually concerned. At the time in 1864, when it was time to look about for candidates, I of course wrote for Mr. Watkin to fulfil the resolution that was come to at the Corn Hall, not only the first part of it but the second, and to see if he could not look about and get a candidate that would be agreeable to the constituency. He did so, and the consequence was the introduction of Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman. After I got them fairly launched into the world I had done with it. Then I believe the principal part of the communication took place by telegram with Mr. John Clowes.

4616. How did Mr. Watkin introduce those two gentlemen; did he come down with them?—Yes.

4617. And presented them to the electors?—Yes, of course there was a good deal of correspondence took place in the interim.

4618. He came down personally?—He came down personally and introduced them. I am not very sure whether he came with them or not. I rather think he did not. I am not quite certain about that, but he came in a day or two afterwards. My impression is he came down with them; to be sure he did, because we had a meeting at the "Angel." That is quite right.

4619. Do you recollect at all what month that was?—I should say it was the month of May.

4620. Was that May 1865?—No.

4621. 1864?—Yes, the year before the election.

4622. Then at that time Mr. Marshman and Mr. Brogden were known to be coming forward in the Liberal interest?—Yes.

4623. Could you go on now? You might make

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a skip to the time when they came down for the canvass ?—When you like.

4624. We have got them introduced—now be good enough to tell us what was done, when you had the news of the dissolution of Parliament last time ?—Perhaps the next step that it would be advisable to take was the fact of my showing Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman what I considered to be the result of the register.

4625. When did you show this ?—Before ever they commenced their canvass.

4626. What was the result of it ?—The result was very satisfactory to them.

4627. In favour of Marshman and Brogden ?—In favour of Marshman and Brogden. I will not gloss over the thing. I will tell you what are the positive facts.

4628. Can you give us the number of promises ?—I have not gone that length yet.

4629. It was the registration ?—Yes, the registration.

4630. And that was in favour of your party ?—That was in favour of my party, according to my showing and my estimation.

4631. Did you attend the registration yourself ?—I did and have done for the last few years for the want of anybody else.

4632. Will you go on with your story if you please ? You showed them the registration was in their favour ?—The next was, I believe, we commenced canvassing immediately or the next morning rather, after that—the day in fact after they came down. I recollect perfectly well taking them round to what I considered some of the old stagers.

4633. Can you fix the day when he came down at all ?—No, I could not do that ; it was in the month of May, but I cannot fix the day.

4634. Was there an address issued ?—Yes, there was a joint address.

4635. Before you commenced your canvass ?—Yes, they were almost simultaneous, because we commenced our canvass almost immediately, by just calling upon a few of the party.

4636. Now you are going to tell us upon whom you called ?—I do not think we called upon a dozen or two that day ; we wanted the thing to be regularly known among the constitutency that they were down. We had their speeches the night before, and the political programme was before the constitutency. I did not do much the first day, but I recollect perfectly well, as far as Mr. Marshman went, we did not get a very good reception for one of them at all events the first day.

4637. Now go on if you please ?—There was one particular friend of ours. He told them plainly to their face that he was afraid they had so much to contend against that they would have no chance, and of course they wanted to make a little inquiry and see what his particular views were based upon. He said, " You have five B's to contend against." I began to open my eyes. I had never heard anything about the B's before ; and he explained the meaning of the five B's, which was this—you have the Bank, you have the Brewery, you have Big Bess, and you have the Brothels to contend against.

4638. That is only four ?—I forgot the other ; Bribery, that is it.

4639. Who was the gentleman who said this ?—I believe it was a gentleman of the name of Green—at least I do not believe it—I know it.

4640. Was he the gentleman we have heard of ?—Yes.

4641. May I ask you who the man is ?—It is the Reverend Mr. Green, a Dissenting minister.

4642. What did he mean by Big Bess ?—He meant the church.

4643. Were those supposed to be all ranged on the side of Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Yes, every one of them.

4644. How did you set to work to counteract those five B's ?—I never said a word to anybody.

4645. With your own party what did you do ?—I do not think I have mentioned it down to this moment.

4646. You know this influence was very strong against your party, what did you bring to bear against it ?—Nothing at all. As for big Bess, it is all nonsense.

4647. Never mind that now, be good enough to answer my question ; I ask you, did you, in your mind, have any idea how you were to counteract those influences ?—Certainly not ; it did not weigh three straws in my mind whatever was said.

4648. Now go on with your story ?—After that we commenced the general canvass on the day following, and we went on day by day until we nearly completed it. Of course so far as our progress went, we went on very satisfactorily, to my mind. You have heard a great deal about Mr. Marshman. I can tell you the whole pedigree as to that.

4649. We do not want that ; tell us what you did ?—We went on and did all we could to get voters down legitimately in our canvass list day by day.

4650. How late did you canvass ; to what time ?—Up to the election.

4651. Up to the polling day ?—Certainly.

4652. Were there many meetings held of your party ?—Yes, a few.

4653. Where were they chiefly held ?—We had no hole and corner meetings. Sometimes they were upon the quay, and sometimes at another place ; they were public meetings.

4654. Give us the names of the public houses where you held meetings ?—We had no meetings at public houses. Ours were all open public meetings. We had no hole and corner meetings.

4655. Did you have any meetings at the " Angel ? "—We had a committee room there and we met there daily.

4656. Who attended that committee room ?—Any parties that came out and in. They were open to any person to come in.

4657. I see the mention of a gentleman of the name of Edwards ?—Thomas Edwards, he kept our daily register. He kept it for the use of Mr. Marshman and Mr. Brogden, I kept one for myself independently of them.

4658. Did Mr. Brogden attend at the " Angel "?—Yes, he stopped there, and so did Mr. Marshman.

4659. Did a gentleman of the name of Salmon come down with Mr. Brogden ?—He was there. I do not know if he came down with them. Mr. Salmon is Mr. Brogden's private secretary.

4660. Was he at these meetings at the "Angel"?—No, he was not.

4661. Never ?—I never recollect seeing him at one of the meetings. In fact I know he was not, because I had very little acquaintance with Mr. Salmon till after the election. After the election my connexion with him was very great.

4662. Why was that ?—Because I had agreed with Mr. Salmon to get up the whole of the evidence for the petition, and I did so. I and Mr. Salmon undertook it first, that was how our acquaintance became more strongly united than it had been before. He came down sometime before the Christmas. At that time I thought everything was given up, but he came down and we had a conversation together, and we agreed to get the case up ourselves, but he went home about Christmas time. He was taken rather ill, and afterwards he thought it most advisable to allow it to be in the hands of some of the local men here. Whether he had not time to do it I do not know, but he did not come down any further. The information I got I took to Mr. Costerton, and all the way through I assisted Mr. Costerton in getting up the general evidence. That is why I can fill up a great many of the gaps that are wanting.

4663. Will you tell us something that happened on your own side ?—Anything you please.

4664. Was there any money spent upon your side ?—Certainly there was, most unquestionably.

4665. Now let us come to that.—I will keep nothing back from you. Will you let me qualify that answer ?

4666. Just answer my question. How much do you suppose was spent ?—That I do not know.

4667. Cannot you give me something ?—I have no idea, not the slightest idea. I know there were lots spent, and there was no occasion to spend a penny there, but we were completely goaded into it.

4668. Who had the spending of that money on your side ?—A person of the name of Jones.

4669. Is he in this town ?—No, I have not seen him since. You will hear all about him.

4670. Where did you make Jones's acquaintance ?—At the "Angel."

4671. Who introduced him to you ?—Mr. Edwards.

4672. Who was Mr. Edwards ?—Mr. Edwards was a man who came down to assist us in conducting the election. He was down here, I should say, a fortnight before the election.

4673. We have heard of him from Mr. Clowes ; he took the management of the election out of your hands ?—He did.

4674. And carried it on in his own manner ?—Yes.

4675. And his manner of carrying it on was bringing down Jones ?—Yes.

4676. What makes you say Jones spent the money ?—Because I know it.

4677. Did you see him do it ?—No ; I am only going to tell you what came under my own knowledge and observation during the time I was getting the evidence for the petition.

4678. Where did Jones spend the money ?—He spent the money everywhere ; he was here, there, and everywhere. First of all I believe he went over to Gorleston, and also to the Army and Navy.

4679. Cattermoles ?—Yes. The next place he went to was Wright, Church-plain, and the next place to James Thomson's.

4680. Had he a staff of men acting under him ?—That I cannot tell you.

4681. Did you understand he paid all the voters himself ?—No, I do not think he did.

4682. Tell us, if you please, who it was who assisted him ?—I think Thomas Edwards assisted him more than anybody else.

4683. Is Thomas Edwards in the town ?—Yes, I think Thomas Edwards and Downing assisted him a little.

4684. And George Moore ?—I will not be positive about that.

4685. Azariah Waters ?—That I will not say.

4686. Do you believe he did ?—Yes.

4687. And William Sillis ?—No.

4688. Neither of them ?—Neither of them.

4689. Richard Steel ?—No, I believe not.

4690. Either of the Neaves ?—I could not say ; I do not believe they did.

4691. Skinner ?—No, I do not believe Skinner did. I heard that evidence yesterday ; I do not believe a word of it.

4692. And Fill ?—He was very active, and I will not say whether he did or not.

4693. Thomson ?—No, I do not belive he did.

4694. Was he active ?—Yes ; he was acting with me nearly through all the canvass.

4695. Can you from the list you have given us tell us, if you please, the men who in your opinion were employed in spending money in bribery ?—I believe Jones spent the most of it himself, that I do ; he may have got assistance from others, that I will not say.

4696. Do you know where he got the money from ?—That I do not know.

4697. Have you any idea ?—I could not say positively where he got it from.

4698. Give us your notion ?—My notion is that it was not his money ; that I believe, just the same as I do about Mr. Nightingale. I believe Jones was the intermediate man, the same as Mr. Nightingale was—Jones between the one party and Nightingale between the other. That information I got without his telling me ; there was very little new to me.

4699. Shall we have Jones here before us ?—I do not know.

4700. Do you know where he is ?—That I certainly do not.

4701. You have had a great deal to do with him since the election ?—No, I have never seen him since the election ; I never saw him before, nor have I since.

4702. Did you take an interest in knowing who Jones was ?—Certainly not.

4703. What sort of a man was he ?—A very nice looking fellow indeed.

4704. Will you just describe him ?—About his height and stature and all that sort of thing ?

4705. How old was he, first ?—About 45, and about 5 feet 6 or 7.

4706. Did he wear spectacles ?—No, he did not ; I may tell you he was just such another looking man as yourself. If I was to pick out from the whole of this room I could not find another resemblance.

4707. It was not me ?—No, it is merely describing the man ; I hope you will think nothing of it.

4708. Now let us go to a little more business. Tell us how the bribery was carried on, as you know ; tell us, if you please, all about the meetings you had, who was there, and about the tickets ?—I have heard it here stated that the Liberal party had commenced the bribery first. That is as big a falsehood as any in the world, because Vanderbyl came down upon the Saturday and on the Sunday was the very first time I got information that the Tories had begun bribing. Westoby was the very first man upon the Sunday ; upon the Monday there was nothing done except as far as canvassing went and all that sort of thing. Reports came to us the whole day long that they were bribing away our men, and if we did not do something the election was gone.

4709. The bribery began on the Saturday ?—The bribery began on the Saturday.

4710. Upon the Conservative side ?—Upon the Conservative side.

4711. You were driven to bribe upon the Monday ?—Upon the Monday evening it commenced.

4712. Jones began his operations upon the Monday ?—About Monday evening after 8 o'clock.

4713. Where did he take up his position ?—He went over to Southtown.

4714. With a bag full of gold, I suppose ?—I do not know what he had got there when he went, first of all. Of course I expect he took plenty of gold with him.

4715. Who went with him ?—Nobody that I know of.

4716. He went alone ?—Yes, to the best of my knowledge.

4717. And that was on the Monday evening ?—That was in the Monday evening.

4718. Then upon the Tuesday ?—He was at two places upon the Monday evening besides Gorleston. I believe he was in all these places about here. I believe he was at Wright's and Cattermole's, but I will not be sure.

4719. Were you at any of those places yourself ?—Certainly not.

4720. What were you doing all that time ?—I was at the "Angel" all the time. I was completely pestered with people coming to me and telling me about bribery.

4721. Did Jones dole out any money at the Angel ? I believe he did, not on Monday night, but on Tuesday night.

4722. Was that in your presence ?—No.

4723. You never saw him bribe anybody ?—Not a single shilling.

4724. From what you heard, how was it carried on ?—The voters were sent to him and he paid them.

4725. Did they bring tickets with them ?—Yes, they did.

4726. What were those tickets ? Were they half visiting cards, with a seal upon them ?—No, he was not to tell me anything about it. I made this arrangement with Jones, that I should have nothing whatever to do with it.

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4727. They brought tickets with them, with the number of the register upon the ticket?—The number of the register would be upon the ticket.

4728. And a seal?—No, there was no seal.

4729. If a man gave him the ticket he got money in exchange?—Yes, I believe that to be the case.

4730. Was there a curtain there?—I do not know anything about what was there.

4731. Did you hear there was a curtain?—No, I never heard what was there.

4732. Was Jones sitting there with a pile of gold before him?—He may or may not have been. I cannot say.

4733. Did not Jones tell you so?—Certainly not. Of course I expect he had gold with him, but whether he was sitting with a pile of gold before him I never heard.

4734. How much money do you suppose Jones spent?—I do not know, but from what I have heard since, he must have spent a deal of money, and very foolishly too.

4735. What was the price of voters?—Ranging from 15*l.* to 20*l.*

4736. Did they ever exceed 20*l.*?—Not that I am aware of.

4737. This went on you say on Monday night?—On Monday night.

4738. And the whole of Tuesday?—And the whole of Tuesday.

4739. There was bribery at Cattermole's, was there not?—Yes. That is one of the places you have got.

4740. Was Jones the only man who distributed the money?—I do not know if Edwards did anything or not. I am not very sure. I will not speak positively about that.

4741. You do not know which man took each house?—Oh dear, no.

4742. You see Jones had the "Angel," had he not?—Yes, he was staying at the "Angel." I think Mr. Edwards was stopping along with Mr. Steel. I think so.

4743. Where is Steel?—His dwelling is in Howard Street. Steel was the managing clerk till Mr. Edwards came. Then of course they jointly took the management of it. I had nothing to do with the management as far as writing went, or anything of that sort. I was merely going about canvassing.

4744. Steel's is a private house, and not a public-house?—No, a private house.

4745. What was the house in Gorleston, where this went on?—I do not know.

4746. Did you send any voter to receive money?—Not one.

4747. Can you give me the names of the men who received money on your side?—I have a whole list of them down here.

4748. Let us have it?—It is what I have picked up since from information that I got. I am not going to tell you they all got money; it is only what I have heard. Perhaps I am going rather too fast. I meant to tell you about the wards we had the town divided into at the election.

4749. That is very important, if you please?—The town was divided into wards, and we had committees in each ward to manage the election as far as we could. To begin with Nelson ward first, H. H. Barber, Samuel John Fill, and Alison D. Stone.

4750. Were there three for each ward?—Sometimes three and sometimes four. We picked out those who knew the ward best. St. Andrew's ward, James Scott, Frederick Palmer, and Miles Juler. Regent ward, James Lawn, George Farrer, and myself. The Market ward, Daniel Reed Fowler, John Mainprice, Richard Reeder, and Henry King. The North ward, John Fleming Neave, William Barlow Skinner, and Thomas Edwards. That is about the list.

4751. You left out St. Andrew's ward?—I have not got it. Yes, it is the second I gave. I think it was Brand took it there. Before we go any further may I bring this under your observation, or you may think I am keeping something back. I told you I had nothing to do with anything at the election, neither before the election nor after the election, that no money went through my hands directly or indirectly, but afterwards I paid a little money, which I will give you, if you please, in case you might think I am keeping this back.

4752. Do you mean you paid money for voting?—No, not for voting, but what I considered they were entitled to.

4753. For services?—For services.

4754. Were they colourable services?—No, I think not.

4755. You think they were entitled to it?—I do.

4756. Those payments were not returned to the returning officer?—They were not certainly, but the parties rendered me services, not at the election, but prior to the election. I considered they were entitled to something, and I recommended the case to Mr. Salmon, and got the money from him and paid them.

4757. We shall judge whether they were proper payments or not, but in your judgment it was for services rendered?—You can put any construction you please upon it. The first payment I made to a man of the name of William Newman.

4758. Is it a long list?—It is only four names. This gentleman, let me tell you, is always ready and willing to render me any services, whether he is paid for it or not, whether it is election time or any other, he will always do it. I considered that he was entitled to some remuneration, and I represented the case to Mr. Salmon, and I got 7*l.* for him. He is not a voter let me tell you.

4759. Are the others voters?—Two of them are.

4760. Give us the two voters?—I will give you the whole.

4761. Very well, we will not interrupt you?—And perhaps it will clear the thing out of my way. Miles Juler I gave 3*l.* in the same sort of way and Charles Botwright. We first of all engaged different rooms in each ward for the committees. We engaged the public-house of Mr. Savory, and I paid him according to agreement 16*l.* or 18*l.* before the election for the use of his room. The day before the election, or perhaps on the Monday, I was told that the man was made all right, and was going to vote against us. The consequence was there were different parties, portions of the enemy's camp, coming up into our committee room. It was a complete nuisance, and at my own risk I asked Mr. Botwright to give us the use of his shop, which is in one of the principal streets, for two days before the election, not making any arrangement, but after the election was over I thought he was entitled to the money.

4761*a*. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How much?—15*l.* The last I paid is 10*l.* to Thomas Rising, which I have got his receipt for. He is one of the pilots. He was obliged to keep his boat and his men here at the election, and I paid him myself on my own responsibility. Those are all the men I had directly or indirectly before or after the election or at the election given any money to.

4762. Is he a voter?—Yes, he stopped on purpose to vote. Will you allow me to say it has been represented to me you might feel annoyed at the remark I made. I must apologise. I assure you I meant nothing. I was going to give you a list of the names I got down.

4763. Before you go to that you were going to tell us something as to the manner in which the wards were managed, or was it merely the names?—Merely the names, that is all.

4764. I will ask you one question upon that; did Mr. Edwards arrange the system of the wards, or was it the usual tactics of the borough?—It was usual amongst our party.

4765. What new tactics did Mr. Edwards introduce?—Nothing very advantageous, not in my opinion; there was a great deal of writing to do, the same as you manage a country election; cutting the place up into streets and lanes and that sort of thing,

which we knew all about here; there was a great deal of unnecessary work.

4766. Much cry and little wool?—Yes.

4767. Can you tell at all at what time Mr. Edwards came down?—Yes, about a fortnight before the election I should say.

4768. Who brought him down?—That I do not know.

4769. Did Mr. Edwards bring down Mr. Jones?—No; Jones did not come down till about three days before the election.

4770. Do you know whether Mr. Edwards sent for him?—That I do not.

4771. When you say three days before the election, what day was that?—I should say it was on the Thursday or Friday.

4772. Did you see Jones in Yarmouth on the Thursday or Friday?—I might have seen him on Thursday or Friday; I was very little indoors; I was out the whole time canvassing; I had all to do morning, noon, or night.

4773. What makes you fix on Thursday and Friday as the day on which Jones came?—By seeing him; I think Mr. Edwards introduced him to me on the Thursday or the Friday.

4774. What did Mr. Edwards say on introducing Mr. Jones?—He introduced him as a friend of his.

4775. Did he say that Jones was likely to be a useful man at the election?—He came down to assist him.

4776. Now I think I will ask you to give me the names of those gentlemen who have accepted bribes?—I do not give them as receiving bribes, only from the knowledge that came to us in getting up the case afterwards.

4777. Do you take them alphabetically?—No, I take them just as they come; I have not got them alphabetically.

4778. Perhaps you will go through them distinctly?—I will. The first is Abraham Ames; the information that we got was that he was offered 15*l.* by the Liberals, and I think had he been offered that he is one of that sort of men that would not throw away 15*l.* which he might have had to vote for them.

4779. (*Mr. Fitzgerald*). On your side?—Yes; I only give you this as information I have got.

4780. (*Mr. Slade*). We understand that?—The next is John Adcock.

4781. That is the sweep?—That is the sweep; I believe that man got paid four different times, three times by the Tories and once by the Whigs, and he was very near getting it a fourth time from them; and that man would sooner vote for the devil than vote for the Tories; that is why the money was fooled away.

4782. Can you give us any idea of what he got?—Yes; I believe he had 75*l.* altogether, three times from the Tories and once from the Liberals.

4783. Who bribed him on the Liberal side?—I do not know.

4784. Did Wright?—I did not hear who had bribed him on either side, that was the information I got; we tried very much to get him upon the election petition, but we could not catch him.

4785. Who did he vote for?—He voted for the Liberals; he would not have voted for the Tories on any account if they had given him 10 bribes. The next is Samuel Baughton, he was an operator, he is on the list.

4786. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) In Gorleston?—In Yarmouth.

4787. (*Mr. Slade.*) 154 Marine Terrace?—Yes.

4788. Can you tell us what he is?—No; he was one of the operators. The next is William Sillis, jun., he was bribed by the Liberals and he was attempted by the Tories. I believe you have got that evidence before the House. He got 15*l.* The next is Charles John Ablitt.

4789. An operator?—Yes, he was an operator. He was examined before the Committee of the House of Commons, and I have got a little additional evidence to give you as to him, because I believe that man went in there and swore to the biggest lie ever spoken by man. From the information I got, he volunteered the statement to Mr. Costerton, which was this, that he had been working for the Tories and at the time they got up the bubble scheme of the Royal Hotel Company here, with Lacon and Goodson's name attached to it, he was promised he should be the manager of it. They could not go on with the money affairs, and they got this young man and gave him the go-bye. The consequence of that was he felt himself hardly dealt by, and he came and volunteered a statement to Mr. Costerton, which was, that he went and called John Cooper out of the "Crown and Anchor" to get money to bribe Hulley with. Hulley's evidence was taken before the committee, and he went and swore to that which was untrue. I have additional evidence in this sort of way that Hulley has acknowledged himself to a person of the name of King, that he did not speak the truth, and he asked him what he would do if he was called before this Commission of Inquiry, and King told him to go and speak the truth. That man Ablitt called me out of the House of Commons committee-room and told me, "What I "told Mr. Costerton will do you no good, or if I am "called in to make the statement it will be the ruin of "me." I said then, "Do not call him," to Mr. Costerton, I said, "Ablitt, you ought to have taken this into consideration before I called out Mr. Costerton;" but before he came he went into the room and made the statement, and the only way in which he could excuse himself for making such a statement was, that he was on his oath then and he was not at the time he gave Mr. Costerton the information.

4790. Now the next?—William Palmer; that was one of Ablitt's men, but I believe James Graver Ellis managed him.

4791. How much?—I think it was 15*l.* he got.

4792. Now the next?—The next is William Hulley, whom I have now been speaking of.

4793. The next?—The next is James G. Ellis. We got a little information that he was attempting it on with Sillis jun. and Palmer as well.

4794. How much did Hulley get?—15*l.*

4795. From whom?—From Ablitt.

4796. James Graver Ellis?—James Graver Ellis is in connexion with Palmer and Sillis.

4797. Was he offered money by Sillis?—Yes, he was offered money by Sillis.

4798. Is he on the list?—No, he is not on, because he is one of the Mayor's officers.

4799. Now the next?—The next is Henry Savory. That is the gentleman that we hired the room of and gave him a certain sum of money before the election.

4800. He is the man that got 16*l.*?—I will not say exactly 16*l.* or 18*l.* You had the evidence that he had been bribed by Watson I think with 20*l.*

4801. Did he get any money before the election?—On our side, do you mean? because it was for the use of his room that we gave him the money. I rather think it was after the election; the agreement was made with him by John Clowes, the legal agent.

4802. Before the election?—Before the election.

4803. He was only paid once?—He was paid by us for the use of his room, and he was bribed by the Tories.

4804. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) From whom did he get the 15*l.* on your side?—John Clowes.

4805. (*Mr. Slade.*) It is returned?—It is returned, we thought we had the man all right by being a good customer to him.

4806. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You considered that a bribe?—No.

4807. (*Mr. Slade.*) You thought he was a friend?—We did not look at it in the shape of a bribe, but in gratitude we thought the man ought to vote for us.

4808. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) It comes to the same thing?—It was for the use of his room; we could not do without it, although we had public meetings.

4809. The Commissioners will draw their own in-

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ference as to what it was?—I am no lawyer, you know, but that is the construction I put upon it.

4810. (*Mr. Slade.*) The room was used very considerably?—Yes, we had one, two, or three public meetings on the Hall Quay here, and we used it as a balcony.

4811. He had some leads in front of his house?—Yes.

4812. And the addresses were made from these leads?—Yes.

4813. It was a convenient place?—Just here on the Quay.

4814. Now go on.—The next is James Ruthen.

4815. What did he have?—He had 20*l.* from Mr. Watson; you have had that evidence before.

4816. What did he get on your side?—He got nothing on our side.

4817. We do not want the names we have already unless you can give us the names of those who were also bribed on your side, or names that we have not heard as having been bribed on the other side?—The next is George Watson, John Cooper, and John Eagleton; you have had them. William Hutchins and Matthew Westoby you have had, but I can throw a little additional light on that. I think, from what I heard and could learn, that Dr. Aldred had a little bit of a finger there, as well as the 15*l.* bribe.

4818. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who was he said to be bribed by on the other side?—Matthew Westoby. E. O. Johnson was the man; you have got that.

4819. He received 15*l.* from E. O. Johnson?—Yes, and I heard that Dr. Aldred was doing all he could do there.

4820. (*Mr. Slade.*) The Mayor?—The Mayor.

4821. Do you mean us to understand that the Mayor tried to bribe him?—Yes, something in the shape of a bill standing against him for medical attendance.

4822. That the doctor would not call upon him for his bill?—Yes.

4823. Did Westoby tell you that himself?—Oh no. I could get nothing out of him at all, because he positively denied the information we got, he swore to it through thick and thin. The next is James Harrison. I do not think you have had that name before, and the next George Hawkins; we could not find out who operated there.

4824. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were they bribed on the Liberal side?—No.

4825. Supposed to be bribed on the Conservative side?—There are two Harrisons there. I hope you will not take the wrong one.

4826. Is it James Harrison?—Yes.

4827. You say you believe they were bribed?—Yes. Then Robert Etheridge, he was bribed by Hutchins.

4828. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did he take money on your side?—No.

4829. Do you know that?—I never heard that he did, it has never come to my knowledge.

4830. (*Mr. Slade.*) He said he had 10*l.* offered him by Mr. Eagleton, and 15*l.* paid by the stranger?—That was Hutchins.

4831. Not Jones?—No, I believe it was Hutchins. He did not know the man.

4832. Now the next?—The next is Charles Ives Garwood.

4833. We have had him?—I have a little additional to tell you about that. I believe that he was bribed twice by the Tories, and once by the Liberals. I believe that man got 60*l.* for his vote.

4834. Do you know what he got from the Liberals?—I heard that he got 20*l.* from the Liberals.

4835. Who was that from?—I think it was from Tom Edwards.

4836. Did you hear whom he received bribes from of the Tories?—You have got the evidence, it is out. I have not done with that. I must tell you, perhaps, about five or six days before the election, this same gentleman came along with a person of the name of William Beales, and called at my house when I was in one morning, and William Beales asked me what we were going to do. I, of course, expected he was alluding to the election, and I said, "We are going in to win in a canter;" he says, "Do you mean that," and I said "Yes, I do, as there is nothing to prevent it." He said, "I tell you what, if you are going to do so, I can give you some very important information and assistance;" I said, "Come upstairs and let us have it." I took him upstairs, and this same Garwood came along with him. "Now," he said, "I have near a score of voters which I can have." "Then," I said, "if you can let us have them, it will be a great acquisition to us, but," said I, "of course I know "what you have been mixed up before with; what do "you expect for them?" "Why," says he, "I can get them for 400*l.*"

4837. What is Beales Christian name?—William. "Well," said I, "will you be kind enough to give me the names?" and I took my register down, and I said, "Give me the names of the score." He said, "I cannot recollect them." I said, "Is this man one of them." He said, "Yes." "Then," I said, "if "you put them down on a piece of paper, and will "tell me what they are, I will talk to you about it, "but as for talking about 400*l.*, you must be crazy." He said, "The others are going to do it, and if you do "not come out you are sure to lose the election; the "others have made up their minds to do it." "Well," said I, "give me the names of this score." He said, "I cannot recollect them all. I will tell you what I "will do, I will get them and give them to you. I "know every man on the register as a father knows "his child." He said, "I will come up in the after-"noon and let you have them." "Very well," says I, but I was very suspicious of the gentleman at the time, knowing his antecedents, and I never saw him from that day till after the election. I found he was very busy among the Tories, doing all he could among them, and I never saw him from that time till after the election.

4838. On what day did this happen?—It was a week before the election. The next is William Lodge. I do not think you have had that name before.

4839. We have had William Lodge before?—Very well.

4840. Was Lodge on your side?—Not that I know of.

4841. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) He got 15*l.* from Buston?—Then there is Thomas William Moss. I do not think you have had him; St. Peter's Road.

4842. What about him?—I forget now the information we got; but he was bribed by the Tories. The next is John Cubit Nichols; you have had him; Cooper managed him. The next is Robert Nockles; he was a partizan and operator, I believe.

4843. (*Mr. Slade.*) For whom?—The Tories.

4844. Blackfriars Road?—Yes, that is the man.

4845. The next?—The next is Stephen Peachment; he is since dead.

4846. (*Mr Fitzgerald.*) We have had him?—You have had him.

4847. (*Mr Slade.*) He was offered on your side by Moore?—I heard so before; but I did not get that information. The next is Alfred Pettingill, you have had him; and Edmund Clark, you have had him. The next is Robert William Young; you have had his evidence. The information is, it was managed by the wives of the two, Young's wife and Hutchins'. The next is Isaac Shuckford. You have had William Beales, whom I have just been talking about, and Robert Bullimore, junior; I do not think you have had him yet. That is the place where the great operations took place at the North End Retreat, on the Sunday, not the Monday night, and the Tuesday night.

4848. Is he the landlord there?—Yes, he is the landlord.

4849. Can you tell us anything more about Robert Bullimore?—No; but he can tell you a great deal.

4850. The next?—Edward Stagg; he was an operator.

4851. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you believe he was bribed by anybody ?—I do. I believe that he had to do with a person of the name of Walsh, a hatter, and Henry King. The next is Robert Dumbleton, that is, Southtown ; Dumbleton we have had, he made Robert John Simmons all right in the way of something in the shape of rent.

4852. On which side ?—On behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon and Goodson.

4853. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you mean Edward Simmons ?—No ; Robert John Simmons. The next is Henry Robert Harmer ; that is in the Yarmouth list ; he was an operator then in Gorleston ; he was the chief man in command, and I believe Mr. Diver was under him. Whether Mr. Diver superseded him I do not know ; but he used to be the chief man there, doing all the needful. I do not think you have had him before.

4854. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Diver was acting under Mr. Reynolds, the legal agent ?—Then he superseded Harmer. He said he got 40*l.* for his trouble. I do not believe he got two voters, or did anything else.

4855. You think Mr. Harmer did the bribery ?—I should say very likely. I do not know.

4856. Is Mr. Harmer alive now ?—Yes.

4857. (*Mr. Slade.*) The next ?—The next is Charles Victor Bunn. The next John Hammond and George Green. You have had them. The next is Christmas Watson ; that is a Gorleston man. I do not think his name has come out before you.

4858. What about him ?—All that we could get from him was that he was perfectly satisfied with what he had got ; but we could not make out what the sum was. The next is James Harbord ; you have had him. The next is Robert Symonds, the one in connexion with Dumbleton. The next is William Worship. We heard he was guarantee for half the illegal expenses of Mr. Goodson.

4859. Half the illegal expenses ?—Illegal and legal too.

4860. Who is William Worship ?—You have had him. The next is William Bickers ; he was bribed by the Liberals.

4861. He was before the committee ?—Yes, and Robert Nobbs, he was too ; and John Nobbs, he was too ; and James Grimes, he was ; and James Smith, of Church Plain, he was too. These men were bribed by the Liberals—do not mistake me.

4862. Nobbs was bribed on both sides ?—Yes.

4863. 15*l.* from Blyth ?—Yes.

4864. And 15*l.* from the stranger ?—Yes.

4865. Is that Jones ?—Jones (*the dentist*) got his money from Mr. Eagleton.

4866. He (Nobbs) got 15*l.* from the stranger ?—Did he ?

4867. Yes. (*Robert Nobbs, evidence before Committee of House of Commons* 1866, *quoted.*) "Will "you swear that you received no money whatever "before you gave your vote on the other side ?—I "will.—On your side ?—Well, I did receive some.—"What did you receive ?—15*l.*—From whom did you "receive it ?—I do not know.—Was it a Yarmouth "man or a stranger ?—I cannot tell you ; I think it "was a stranger."—That is right then.

4868. Who would that be ?—Jones.

4869. Where would that be that he received that ?—I think at the "Angel," I think so. Then James Smith of Church Plain, you have that ; and James Smith of Northumberland Place, you have that ; and Daniel Gravener, you have that, and William Smith, you have that ; and George Roope, of Barrows Walk, you have not had him.

4870. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What of him ?—We could make nothing of him although we were satisfied he had been bribed, and we tried to get him up to Mr. Costerton's to give his evidence before the committee, and he said, "There is something more in this "noddle than what you think for, and if Mr. Costerton "wants me, he must come down for me." We could make nothing of him. Then William Blyth, you have had him, and John Buston, you have had him. Jabez Eastick, I do not think you have had him. That man we heard had 25*l.* for his vote.

4871. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who from ?—From the others.

4872. Anything on your side ?—No, and I could give you the history of that, but it would be rather too long to go into it. Then Richard Balls, you have heard his tale, but I do not think he has told you all of it. You have had him up this morning.

4873. (*Mr. Russell.*) Let us have the rest of it ?—I believe that a good many others he has not given you the names of. There is Isaac Spencer for one, that I know he had to do with.

4874. (*Mr. Slade.*) Anybody else you heard Balls operated upon ?—No. He made an offer to Johnson. We have got that information, but the Liberals bribed him, John Johnson, in the Market Place. Benjamin Bessey, I do not think you have had that name before you. He was a large operator.

4875. What did John Johnson get from the Liberals ?—I think it was 15*l.* Benjamin Bessey, he was an operator on their side, but I could not get at the parties he was engaged with ; and William Carr, I believe he was bribed on both sides.

4876. What did he get from the Liberals ?—I believe it was 15*l.* He voted one and one. He was a man who was rather consistent.

4877. Do you know who gave it him ?—No. Then Benjamin Bayfield, I do not think that name has been before you.

4878. I do not see any Benjamin Bayfield ?—Then it is Edmund Bayfield—I have made a mistake ; that is the man. He is in partnership with the next man I shall come to, James Middleton ; they are both the same, they were hired by the same parties.

4879. What did they get ?—I could not hear. I do not know. I will not say.

4880. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) But from which side ?—From the Tories. I believe they would have voted for us only we were too late in the field ; that is about the history of it. Francis Watson, I do not think that name has been before you.

4881. (*Mr. Slade.*) How much ?—We heard that that man was done either by Blyth or Buston after they came out of church on Sunday night. Then Henry Soanes. That man was bribed on both sides. He got 20*l.* from each I believe.

4882. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Whom did he get it from on your side ?—I do not know whether it was Jones gave it him, or whether it was Edwards ; I will not be positive ; I will not say ; but one of the two. Then Samuel Patrick ; that was E. O. Johnson ; we have had that before. Then E. O. Johnson, you have had him ; and George Harvey, you have had him ; and Edward Moreton, you have had him ; and George Tyrrell, I do not think you have had him. There is another nest you want to break into yet.

4883. What about him ?—We heard that he was done by Beales.

4884. For the Conservatives ? — Yes. George Muskett ; I do not think you have had him before.

4885. (*Mr. Slade.*) What of him ?—The information I cannot give you. I forget what we got out about him, but he was bribed by the Tories. John Walsh, he was bribed by the Liberals with 15*l.*, but he got a greater inducement from the Tories and he voted for the Tories.

4886. Who gave him the 15*l.* on your side ?—I do not know. I suppose that was Jones. Then Wilshack, you have got him, but I do not believe you have got half his information.

4887. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you any reason for saying we have not got half Wilshack's evidence ?—Yes, from information I have picked up from time to time.

4888. Can you give me the name of anybody you suspect he bribed ?—No. I cannot do that. I will not give you anything unless I have some knowledge of it. Then Hodds, we heard he had been bribed by the others ; and William Blake, of St. Nicholas Road, we heard the same of him, but could get no information

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about him. Then there is Charles James Boult and John Bowell, we heard the same, but I cannot give you any information about them.

4889. (*Mr. Slade.*) Boult is a Gorleston man?—No, he is a Yarmouth man. Then Thomas Coleman; you have got all that information; and Stephen Culham, he is dead and gone; and Samuel Drake, you have had his.

4890. Did Boult and Bowell both receive bribes from the Tories?—Yes. Now we come to Frederick Stevenson Hammond, you have not had him before, he is living now at Halford in Lincolnshire.

4891. Did he vote last time?—He voted last time. But I must tell you the information I got from him. He was made right by Joseph Hudspith, the confidential clerk of Mr. Reynolds that knew nothing.

4892. He is a voter?—Yes.

4893. Did you hear what he got?—No, but he was very much dissatisfied, and I would feign have got Mr. Costerton to go down and get the man up, but he did not do it; he did not get the man up; he ought to have got him; but from the information I got I know Hudspith was a very active man in that neighbourhood; but there is a large nest of them in that neighbourhood, but we could only get to the outside of it. The next is Robert Fenn, of Regent Road; you have had him. He got 15*l.* from the Tories, but I believe Mr. Robert D. Barber made some promises as well.

4894. Pecuniary promises?—In the shape of giving him a turn when he could do it. He is one of the guardians of the poor; he has ways and means that he can do it. The next is James Carter of St. George's Road. You have not had that man before you. We heard that he was bribed by the Tories, but we could never make anything of him; and John Davis of Theatre Plain, we heard the same of him, but could get no further; and John Watts of Symonds Square, I do not think you have had him before you.

4895. Bribed by the Tories?—Yes; and George Godbolt of King Street the same; you have not heard of him; and that finishes my list as far as I know.

4896. Are you acquainted with Mr. Lummis?—No, I only know him by sight; I have met him occasionally at the "Duke's Head" and smoked a pipe with him there.

4897. Were any of those men operated upon by him to your knowledge?—Not one, not a single one. All the information we picked out, and I was at it three or four months, morning, noon, and night, and not a single one came under my observation of Mr. Lummis being engaged in.

4898. In your opinion was Mr. Lummis not engaged in these bribing transactions?—I believe he was, because Mr. Lummis was more with the Liberals. I always took him to be a strong Liberal until then, but from reasons I heard, he kept himself in the back-ground, and we could not expect him to act for us although he would vote; but I think there is something of a connexion existing between Sir Edmund Lacon and him, which made him vote for him.

4899. Was Lummis known to you as a briber?—No; it is from the information I picked up.

4900. Was Mr. Rivett known to you?—No. Nothing came to my knowledge; but I must tell you that I had not much to do with Gorleston, not in picking up information.

4901. Is this the only list that you have?—The only one; at least I have got my poll-book marked with hundreds I could give you, that I believe have been bought; but there has nothing more come to my knowledge.

4902. Is your canvass-book in existence now?—Certainly it is. Here it is (*producing it*); I want to conceal nothing, and I do not care who the man is.

4903. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) We will have it?—Yes, you shall have it. (*The witness handed in the book.*) Let me tell you, that was my own private canvass-book, kept for my own information; it had nothing to do with the canvass, only when I came in day by day, knowing the men so well, I marked them off.

4904. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you ever at any time in your possession a list of men on your own side, with the prices attached to each of them?—Never. I will tell you what I had though; I had every man that I supposed was open to it. I left them open, and as far as Sir Edmund Lacon's telling you about his canvass, it is all bosh about his 820 promises. I can go in and tell you every single man there, who would have promised for him, and I can tell you every single man that promised for us; and those that would not promise neither to the one side or the other, they amounted to something like 400 or 500.

4905. Holding back for money?—Yes.

4906. Had you a list of men with their prices attached to them?—Certainly not.

4907. Never?—Oh, no.

4908. Not in your possession?—Certainly not.

4909. Did you know the prices of the men?—No, not then. Of course I knew all those men; that 400 or 500 were open to go either one side or the other; but if there had been nothing in the way to induce them why three out of every four would have voted for the Liberals.

4910. Was there no list that you ever saw, with the price attached to the names?—None whatever.

4911. Did you canvass very much in the Regent ward, where you lived?—Every single ward in the town, every man. I was with them morning, noon, and night, from first to last, and knew everything.

4912. I should like to ask you the names of a few men in your ward, as to whether they were bribed to your knowledge?—They are not put out in wards they are put alphabetically on a list.

4913. Henry Charles Allcock?—Not to my knowledge.

4914. Do you believe he was?—I would not say. I believe there was some inducement there.

4915. I take it you think he was?—No, I would not go that length. It would be going rather too far, and stretching a point.

4916. I do not want to tie you down, but tell me, do you think he was bribed one way or the other?—If you ask me if I think he was why I do.

4917. On the Liberal side?—Oh, no.

4918. On the Tory side?—On the Tory side.

4919. Robert Bacon, of Howard Street, do you know him?—Yes, perfectly well.

4920. Do you think he was bribed?—Yes, I do; I think he was.

4921. Who by?—That I cannot tell you.

4922. What makes you think he was bribed?—Because of the knowledge I have of the man.

4923. Who by?—I believe he was bribed by the Liberals. I keep nothing back.

4924. Thomas Robert Barber?—Where is he of?

4925. Market Place?—No, I do not believe he was.

4926. Is he in your ward?—He is.

4927. You think he was not bribed?—No, I do not think he was. I do not believe that he was. He lives in Regent Street now; not the Market Place.

4928. Henry Barnes, junior?—Where does he live?

4929. Nelson Road and Albion Road?—I would not give an opinion about that. I think he is in the police force. I will not hazard an opinion.

4930. Do you know his son?—No, I have no knowledge of him.

4931. Shearman Bayfield, of Row No. 63?—Yes, I believe he was bribed.

4932. By which side?—By the Liberals.

4933. I think he had been bribed in the year 1859, had he not?—Yes.

4934. Samuel Paget Bracey, Crown Road?—No, I have no knowledge of him.

4935. Have you any belief?—No.

4936. Edward Brady, of Row No. 60?—I have no knowledge of him, but he is a very likely customer.

4937. Jeffrey Brown, the Crown Road?—I have no knowledge of him.

4938. I forgot to ask you, but Brady, I presume, was bribed by the Liberals?—If he was, he is a

Liberal, and would not vote for the Tories, but if anything goes he would be likely to have something.

4939. John Crowe, Albion Road ?—No knowledge of him.

4940. Henry Curtis, of Howard Street ?—Him I have no knowledge of. I should say it is not likely.

4941. William Darnell, Nelson Road?—No, I have no knowledge of him.

4942. John Davis, of Crown Road ?—No.

4943. Joseph Foulsham was an active partizan ?—Yes, I believe he was.

4944. Was he bribed, do you know ?—Yes, I believe he was by the Liberals.

4945. Henry George, of Geneva Terrace ?—I know nothing of him.

4946. Henry Gooch, of the Apsley Road ?—I know nothing of him.

4947. William Holmes, Row No. 70 ?—I should say he is a very likely customer.

4948. By the Liberals ?—I think he was done by both.

4949. Samuel Kelf, Marlborough Square ? — I should say not ; at least not to my knowledge.

4950. John Marshall, of Bath Hill Terrace ?—No, I know nothing of him.

4951. Charles Rackham, back of Crown Place ?—I do not know anything of him.

4952. Joseph Secret, Regent Road ?—I do not know of my own knowledge.

4953. Shearman ?—You mentioned that name, I think. Do you mean Joshua Shearman ?—Is that the one you mean ?

4954. Yes ?—Yes, I believe he was.

4955. By whom ?—I do not know.

4956. By the Liberals ?—Yes, by the Liberals.

4956*a*. Skinner ?—What Skinner are you alluding to ?

4957. Either of the Skinners ?—There is James Skinner, of the York Road, and William Barlow Skinner, and John Skinner, of Blackfriars Road. No, none of them.

4958. William Wright, of Marine Parade ?—No, I should say not.

4959. Edward Wright, of Providence Place ?—I do not know anything of his case.

4960. Richard Wright, of Albion Road ?—Nor of his.

4961. Matthew Curson ?—You have had him before you examined.

4962. You did not give him anything ?—No, I did not give him anything.

4963. Did you bribe him yourself ?—No ; he might have been bribed by our party.

4964. You did not bribe him yourself ?—I never bribed a single man.

4965. Did not Mr. Hammond propose Mr. Brogden at the nomination ?—I believe he did.

4966. Were you present ?—No, but I believe he did. I am almost certain he did, because we went to get Mr. John Wilson Shelley to propose one of the members, and he refused.

4967. Who seconded him, do you know?—I think Mr. Scott.

4968. One of the petitioners ? — Yes ; and Mr. Garson Blake and John Owles were the other two.

4969. Is it true it was said at the time he was proposed, or at any time when he was being introduced to his friends, that he was a good workman, and had brought his tools with him ?—Part of it was true, but the latter portion of it is quite untrue. As to a good workman, there is not a better in England, but as to his tools with him I believe not a single word of that came out of any individual's lips.

4970. Was it said he was a good workman ?—I do not know that it was mentioned about his being a good workman, but I say he is a good workman.

4971. I want to know if it was said ?—No, I do not believe it ; but he certainly is. If they had said so they would have said quite right.

4972. What is he a good workman in ; in what way ?—From morning to night he was never off his feet.

4973. A good workman in the canvass ?—That is what I mean.

4974. He did bring his tools with him, did he not ?—What sort of tools ?

4975. His money ?—Not that I know of.

4976. You know there was a good deal of money going ?—Certainly there was ; there is no doubt about that.

4977. And I suppose there is no doubt that he brought it ?—That I cannot say. I should have a great doubt about it.

4978. Should you ?—Indeed I should.

4979. Who should you think brought it ?—If I were going to hazard an opinion I should say not him, because there were several parties there as well as himself, friends of his.

4980. Whom do you allude to ?—Several friends of his own, who were down staying with him during the canvass ; his own brother, for instance. If I were going to hazard an opinion, I would tell you my candid opinion.

4981. Then do ?—It would be more likely to be his brother than himself. I tell you why. I had several interviews with his brother on the Monday, and he came and told me a deal about their being bought, and he said, " Why do you not go in ? I would never allow my brother to be beaten ;" and at last he would say, " I would pay the money myself first." I cannot say positively, but from the inference I should draw it was more likely the one than the other. I should be very sorry to swear to either.

4982. Was Mr. Brogden in the room when he said that ?—No. It was a private interview we had. I had several on Monday.

4983. And nobody present but you and the brother ?—Not one.

4984. What is Mr. Brogden's brother's Christian name ?—I do not know.

4985. Do you know what he is by profession ?—He is largely engaged, the same as Mr. Brogden himself, in the iron trade ; I believe so. I had of course at the time he was here several interviews along with him, but I have never seen him but once since, and that was up at the House of Commons.

4986. His brother was down here with him ?—Yes.

4987. What were his other friends names ?—I do not know.

4988. How many were there ?—There were five or six of them down. I paid very little attention to them, because we had plenty to do to look after our own work, but his brother I did, because I saw him at the election and after the election.

4989. When Mr. Brogden's brother advised you to go in and bribe, did he say where he could get the money ?—Certainly not.

4990. Did he say he would produce it ?—Certainly not.

4991. Did he expect you to find the money ?—No, certainly not.

4992. Did you understand that he was going to provide the money himself ?—He gave me to understand that, certainly.

4993. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who did ?—Mr. Brogden's brother.

4994. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was anything said about bribery before Mr. Marshman retired ?—Not by Mr. Brogden. There was by Mr. Marshman himself.

4995. What did he say ?—I must go back to about the middle of the election.

4996. Do so.—You must not think me too long in telling you the tale.

4997. Tell it us shortly.—Mr. Marshman told me one night he wanted to have an interview along with myself, and wanted me to go and smoke a cigar down on the beach with him, and I did. He said, " I have " got your letter which you wrote to Mr. Watkin in " my pocket, and I find by the contents of that letter " that everything that you have said within that

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"letter is perfectly true. Now," said he, "I want "to put a question to you which I hope you will not "divulge to anyone." "Well," said I, "if you do I "will give you a straightforward answer, and will "pledge my word." Said he, "Is it your opinion "that this election can be won without bribery?" Said I, "Certainly not; if the Tories go in to bribe, "it is a moral impossibility, but if they go in with "purity of election we will beat them at six to five. "You found everything I have said up to the pre- "sent true, and I leave the other inferences for you "to draw youself; but if they are going on to bribe, "if we were going to show two to one, it is no use "saying we could." Well, he told me then that he did not care three halfpence about the expense, but if there was going to be any bribery he should not have anything to do with it. He did not fear the expense, but he would not on any account do that. He said he was very sorry for the electors and for himself, and more particularly for Mr. Brogden, because he said, "I am persuaded that Sir Edmund Lacon will "never be beaten, and they will go on and bribe, "and I should not like to be drawn into that on any "account whatever."

4998. Did he communicate that to Mr. Marshman?—No, certainly not; not a single individual knew it but myself, and I never mentioned it to a soul.

4999. How many days after that did Mr. Marshman retire?—He kept on for about 10 days.

5000. And did he retire in consequence of what you told him?—In consequence of what he saw himself. There were about 400 or 500 open to influences to be brought to bear against them, and if the thing was gone into he saw the election must be lost.

5001. He found that out by the canvass?—Oh yes, the thing would speak for itself as plain as the nose on your face.

5002. When did Sir Edmund Lacon's party begin to bribe?—On the Saturday night, but I did not hear of it until the Sunday.

5003. When did you first apprehend that the Conservatives were beginning to bribe?—Well, I was not sure of that until the eleventh hour.

5004. Not till the Saturday?—No, they stood so bad that they had no chance unless they went in for it in a wholesale manner.

5005. Had it suggested itself to the minds of your party that they would be driven to bribe before that?—No, it had not.

5006. You thought you would win the election?—Certainly.

5007. And you knew Sir Edmund Lacon was not a man to give in, and therefore you thought he would bribe?—No, they did not go that length. I thought he would have to spend such a body of money that he would look two or three times before he would entertain it.

5008. He would have to spend it?—I was not sure of that, because Sir Edmund Lacon cared as much about his money as anybody else.

5009. I will talk of the party not Sir Edward Lacon, because he may have his own feelings about it?—There is none of the party so fond of shelling out for him. They may talk what they like about the party, but the deuce a man will put his hand in his pocket for it.

5010. Had you any idea before it came out the other day that Mr. Nightingale found the money?—Certainly I had. I believed he was the medium from which the whole of the money flowed.

5011. When did you first suspect that?—After the election, in the course of picking up our information.

5012. Had you any idea of Mr. Nightingale having spent the 1,000*l.* in the year 1859?—No, but I knew there was a great deal of money spent then.

5013. But you did not suspect Mr. Nightingale?—No, I thought Shuckford was the means of communication at that time.

5014. You thought it came direct from Sir Edmund?—I did. No mistake about it.

5015. Knowing Sir Edmund had spent a very large sum of money in 1859, were you not apprehensive he would spend an equally large sum in 1865?—No, because I knew very well we stood better then than we did in 1859, and he would have to do a great deal more of it.

5016. Did you suppose that the Conservative party would knock under on the canvass?—Yes, I did positively.

5017. Not go to the poll?—Not Mr. Goodson, at any rate.

5018. Sir Edmund Lacon, you thought would?—Sir Edmund Lacon, I thought might, but if it had come to that we would have been glad to have made a compromise with them, and take one and one, to save all this expense.

5019. Then I take it you anticipated Sir Edmund Lacon would spend money?—If he went to the poll he must have spent money, or else be beaten.

5020. Therefore you thought he would go to the poll, and you thought he would spend money?—If he made up his mind to win the election he must have done so.

5021. Did the gentlemen whom you canvassed for their votes ever ask if you thought there was going to be a poll?—Oh no, because we had made up our minds to it from the first.

5022. They all expected there would be a poll?—Oh yes.

5023. Did you give them to understand in any instance, that if there was any money going they would have some?—Not one.

5024. A great many of them had been bribed before?—Oh yes.

5025. Was it never suggested to you, in any single instance, that they wanted money for their votes?—I knew all that lot that was left open, what they did want.

5026. You knew they wanted money?—Yes, and there was a majority to turn the election either way.

5027. And you knew they wanted money?—Most of them. They were not at all bashful in saying so, some of them.

5028. That is what I want to know?—Not at all bashful in saying what they did want. I should say Sir Edmund Lacon must have a very short memory if he did not recollect something of that sort himself.

5029. When they said they wanted money, did you give them to understand they should have it?—Certainly not, but, on the contrary, if I had said anything to them I would say the possibility is, "we could do very well without them this time."

5030. They said they wanted money?—Yes, plenty of them made no secret of it.

5031. Did you always tell them they should not have it?—I did not always stop to enter into any conversation with them about it.

5032. When they said that to you what did you do; put them down in your book?—Yes, put them down as "would not promise," and "left open."

5033. Did you ever put down those who asked for money as having promised?—No, never one. I never put down a single man with any anticipation or idea that he would vote for us. I put down only those that gave us direct promises.

5034. Were you the chief canvasser on your side?—I should say so.

5035. Who was the man you should say was next to you?—Thomas Edwards. He kept a canvass-book.

5036. What Thomas Edwards is that; is that the gentleman who lives in the town?—Yes.

5037. What is he. A shopkeeper?—Yes, a tailor. Mr. Edwards and I were out all day, and as soon as I came home I marked off the day's work, and put down every man that would not promise that we had seen, every man that had promised, and every man that had promised against us.

5038. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How did you know that they had promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—By information from themselves.

5039. They told you at the time you canvassed that they had promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

5040. You attend to the registration ?—Yes.

5041. And this book you have you make your observations in ?—Yes.

5042. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is this the one you used for your canvass ?—Yes.

5043. Can you furnish the Commissioners with a list, such as we obtained from Mr. Bunn, of parties in Gorleston belonging to your party who would not, under any circumstances, take a bribe ?—I could do that.

5044. Will you do so ?—Yes.

5045. I see there are some 87 votes polled for the Liberals in Gorleston ?—Yes.

5046. Will you furnish us with a list of those ?—I can furnish you with a list so far as I can tell you every person who promised us.

5047. It is the less invidious way of doing it, to furnish a list of those who you know would not take bribes ?—It is rather a difficult thing to do that. I can furnish you with every man who promised us directly.

5048.—We have been furnished on the other side with a list of those who, in the opinion of the agent who furnished it, would under no circumstances take a bribe on their side ?—I do not know so much about Gorleston.

5049. Could you get me such a list ?—No, I could not undertake to do it; but I will undertake to give you the names of every man who promised us, I think, in Gorleston; you will find there is something like 78 promises.

5050. Am I to understand all those against whom the word "if" is placed in this book were the distinct positive promises ?—Yes, on the one side, if the voter voted for Lacon and Goodson, and on the other side if for Brogden and Marshman.

5051. In all cases it is distinct ?—Yes; you will find there something like distinct promises. I am not going to exaggerate or tell any fabulous tales that no one would believe; but the *bonâ fide* promises we got were, in Gorleston and Yarmouth, 540. The men who would not give a direct answer, who we knew positively would vote for us, and it is almost like an insult to ask further, were about 40. That made something like 580 direct promises.

5052. At what date was that ?—At the end of the canvass.

5053. When did you consider the canvass ended ?—On Saturday.

5054. At that time you had 580 promises ?—Yes.

5055. That includes the 40 you had no doubt of ?—That there is not the slightest doubt of.

5056. There are 1,600 voters ?—Yes, there are.

5057. And did you consider 580 promises warranted you in expecting to win the election ?—Most decidedly, if there was nothing to influence them the other way, "because there are 400 or 500 to come and go by," and I say there three out of four of those men would vote for us if left alone.

5058. We have heard the other side that they had upwards of 800 ?—It is all nonsense. I would not believe a word of it.

5059. (*Mr Russell.*) Is this register the only canvass book you used ?—The only one.

5060. You went round with this to the voters ?—No, I did not take that; I have them all in my head nearly, and when I came home I marked the register off every day's work. For instance, if I had been over to Gorleston, I knew every man: as I would come to him I would mark him off, as I saw them. I would not see some of them.

5061. Do I understand you to say that you retained all the promises or refusals in your head, and when you went home at night you entered them in this register ?—Every one.

5062. But you have no private memorandum book in which you made any entry ?—Not a bit; not the least.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 23rd August 1866.

Mr. Richard Hammond sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

5063. What are you ?—A gentleman.

5064. Have you ever been in business ?—Yes.

5065. As what ?—Several. I have been in the wholesale grocery department; I have been a shipowner, which I am now; I have been a fish merchant, and I have been a general merchant. I have left all those, and taken the name, I suppose, being a magistrate, of a gentleman.

5066. You, I think, proposed Mr. Brogden at the last election ?—I did.

5067. And was an active supporter of his ?—Not active.

5068. Did you take any other part in the election besides proposing Mr. Brogden ?—Very trifling.

5069. Can you tell me what you did ?—Yes; I occasionally saw Mr. Brogden and he asked me several times my opinion respecting the election. He came down recommended by a friend of mine, Mr. Watkin, and I should not have taken any part in the election at all had it not been to oblige Mr. Watkin, for I had had so long a life of electioneering matters that I had made up my mind to give it all up, and have nothing more to do with it, but I did take some little part. In the first place, I told him I could not canvass or ask for a vote for him, and I did not ask for a vote, nor did I canvass.

5070. Then you took up Mr. Brogden at the instance of Mr. Watkin ?—Mr. Watkin wrote me a letter or I saw him, I do not know which, and asked me, as a personal favour, whether I would use my influence and oblige Mr. Brogden, which I did in some measure.

5071. On what ground did he recommend Mr. Brogden to your notice ?—Only as a friend, I suppose. I did not hear him say anything.

5072. Did he say Mr. Brogden would be a fit man to represent this borough in Parliament ?—He said he was a clever man, and I found he was a fit man, and a man fit to represent an important borough like this.

5073. Did he mention any other attribute that he had besides being clever ?—A very honourable man, he said, and a man having very large transactions in business.

5074. Did he say anything about his being a man of large fortune ?—No, I do not recollect his saying that.

5075. Did you understand that from hearing he was a man of business ?—I understood here, we generally make those inquiries, that he was a very extensive manufacturer of iron, or something of that sort. I do not know exactly what business he was: we had very little conversation with him, but it was an understood thing that he was a man of considerable importance.

5076. Did you have conversations from time to time with Mr. Brogden about the division of the party in this borough ?—Yes, I had.

5077. Did Mr. Brogden come down here with the idea of dividing the interest ?—Mr. Brogden came here thinking, according to what other members had

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been here, that he would stand a good chance of winning the election, and he asked me what I thought of it? I told him that his best way was (I could not go with him myself) to make a personal canvass, but to keep his canvass-book by himself, and he would then see whether he had a fair chance. If he had a fair chance I should recommend him to contest the borough; if he had not a fair chance I should recommend him to go home again.

5078. Did Mr. Brogden anticipate winning both the seats?—That I never heard him say.

5079. Did he ever talk to you on that subject?—I do not know that he did; he may have done, but I do not recollect his asking that question.

5080. Did you make an overture to Mr. Cory to withdraw one candidate?—I did not; I never saw Mr. Cory.

5081. Through Mr. Chamberlin?—Yes, I did; not to Mr. Cory, through Mr. Chamberlin. I made an overture to Mr. Chamberlin respecting it, but I never saw Mr. Cory; and, so far as I have seen the evidence of Mr. Aldred, I have not spoken to him for this twelvemonth, and I am sure what he said was perfectly untrue; I say it with emphasis, because it was a perfect untruth. It was on a par with his examination, for he said a distant relation of his took the money to Mr. Cooper. Now, it was his own nephew that took the money, and I never recollect to have heard that a man's own nephew is a distant relation; and I understood young Mr. Aldred was an apprentice in this town, and served seven years of his apprenticeship here, and, if he did so, Mr. Cooper must have known him.

5082. Then the overture was made to Mr. Chamberlin?—No, through Mr. Chamberlin. Mr. Chamberlin had talked to me several times about the desirability of it, and I got so tired of seeing so much money spent and so much bribery, on both sides, I believe; personally, I knew nothing of it, but I have every reason to believe that both sides have very frequently bribed to a very considerable extent, and I was quite desirous, if I could, as a mediator between the two, to approach Sir Edmund Lacon for him to have one of his party retire; I did it only with a very good motive, and no other. Mr. Chamberlin was my private solicitor, and I knew he was a personal friend of Sir Edmund Lacon, and I also knew he was not going to vote for our party, but for Sir Edmund Lacon, and I thought he was the most fit gentleman to approach Sir Edmund Lacon, and I believe he saw his partner; he could not see Sir Edmund Lacon, he was out of the way, and from that I suppose Mr. Cory was introduced, and they took the opinion of some other parties, I understand, and gave a final answer the day after that they could not negociate it. From what I understood from Mr. Chamberlin the overture came too late.

5083. Then if Mr. Chamberlin told Mr. Cory that he had authority from you to make the overture he exceeded your instructions to him?—I do not know anything about Mr. Cory.

5084. I mean Mr. Chamberlin?—Mr. Chamberlin had no authority from me to state anything that I said that Mr. Brogden would spend (as I see, very foolishly, in the papers) 10,000*l.* It is a ridiculous mare's nest, as Mr. Aldred chose to call one of his statements; it was one of his mare's nests.

5085. I do not allude to what Mr. Chamberlin said about spending the 10,000*l.*, but I want to know whether you sent Mr. Chamberlin to any other person on the other side to make an offer to withdraw one candidate?—No, I sent him to Sir Edmund Lacon.

5086. Do you know if he went to him?—I do not think he saw him. I believe he went to the bank, but I think he could not happen with Sir Edmund Lacon, but he happened with his partner, as he told me.

5087. Mr. Chamberlin has told us that he went to Mr. Cory. Did he in so doing exceed his authority from you?—I never mentioned Mr. Cory. He did not exceed his authority that I knew, but I did not mention him. I knew nothing about Mr. Cory.

5088. Did you send him, in so many words, to Sir Edmund Lacon with that proposal?—Yes; I thought he was the only person to make his mind up whether he would or not. I thought he was the most proper gentleman to send to, and Mr. Chamberlin, as I before told you, had conversations about this several times; indeed, I had seen Sir Edmund Lacon a few years since on the same subject myself, and I thought from the tenor of his conversation that he was inimical to it, therefore I took the liberty of sending to him again.

5089. Was Mr. Brogden aware of this proposal of yours?—I told Mr. Brogden I should propose to do so. I told him it was my opinion. I do not know whether he assented to it or not.

5090. When did you tell him that?—Some days before the election.

5091. Did you ever tell Mr. Brogden you had made this proposal to Sir Edmund Lacon?—I did. I had made it through a friend and told him, and it was not accepted.

5092. What day did you tell Mr. Brogden?—I do not know the day I am sure. I cannot recollect the day.

5093. Was it a week before the election?—Perhaps it might be.

5094. Was it at the latter end of the week before the election?—I really cannot tax my memory with that.

5095. Can you tell me whether it was before or after Mr. Marshman had retired that you told Mr. Brogden this?—I have an impression it was before.

5096. Are you aware why Mr. Marshman retired?—I am not aware of it. It was something that transpired during his canvass I understood, but not to my knowledge. I never canvassed with him.

5097. Why did you understand he retired?—I understood he thought a great many people would not promise, and he did not like the appearance of the thing.

5098. What was the appearance that he disliked?—People holding back, a great many of them. I told them there must have been on both sides very close on to 400 people who would not promise either way; therefore, how it is possible to have a good canvass, I cannot think.

5099. Were you aware of the state of the promises on the Liberal side?—I knew pretty well what they were; they were pretty well as our people made them. I looked at the poll daily, and knew pretty well, as I made them, that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden were as nearly alike as possible; but then Sir Edmund Lacon made his canvass a very great deal more according to the report. If he made it as he says, that he polled within 20 of the number of his promises, I do not see how it is possible that he could make his calculation based on anything like principle, because, according to Mr. Nightingale's version of it, he spent 4,000*l.* in bribery, and if he did that, I make the calculation at 15*l.* a vote; 260 or 270 votes they must have bought, therefore, taking 20 extra, there would be near 300 votes that he could not account for.

5100. When voters refused to promise how were they put down?—Doubtful; that is the way it stood. I put them down when I canvassed. I did not canvass this time. I took no active part in it.

5101. Were they put down as doubtful in the canvass book that you saw?—They were put down some of them "Will not promise," others "Not seen," and a variety of ways. Then I looked over the list, and took only what I *bonâ fide* knew or considered were really good promises; people who did not want money.

5102. You say all those you put down as "doubtfull" wanted money?—Yes, all those that were seen.

5103. Did you attend any of the committee rooms?—Occasionally. I attended one room, seeing Mr. Brogden in the front room of the "Angel," several

times, perhaps in the course of the whole election a dozen times.

5104. Were you at the committee room of the "Angel" the two days before the poll?—That I cannot say; I might be.

5105. You attended the committee rooms up to the time of the election?—Occasionally; very little.

5106. Did you see Mr. Brogden there?—Sometimes.

5107. Did you see Mr. Vanderbyl?—Yes; I have seen Mr. Vanderbyl there, but very seldom.

5108. Did you see Mr. Salmon there?—No, I do not know Mr. Salmon.

5109. Did you see Mr. Edwards there, the one who came from London?—No, I did not. There was a clerk there of the name of Edwards I saw and used to go out canvassing. I do not know anything about the Mr. Edwards from London.

5110. Thomas Edwards, the tailor?—Yes, he is a tailor.

5111. You saw him there?—I did.

5112. This was an open committee room at the "Angel?"—I do not know that they called it a committee room. Any of our friends in our interest went up there if they wanted to see Mr. Brogden or any other gentleman.

5113. Did you see many voters coming in and out of the room?—Yes, I have seen voters. I have seen Mr. Livingstone there and several gentlemen who were voters.

5114. Did you ever see any voters there who were in put down the canvass book "doubtful"?—Never.

5115. Did you ever see any man in that room whom you knew required a bribe to vote?—No; nor was there anyone ever in that room when I was present. I do not expect any man of that description would have been permitted in that room.

5116. Do you know a Mr. Downing?—Yes.

5117. Did Mr. Downing attend that committee room at the "Angel?"—I have seen him at the "Angel" occasionally. I do not know whether in that room, but I have seen him there.

5118. How many rooms used you to go into?—I have never gone into above two. I have gone into that large room, and I have sometimes been in a private room with Mr. Brogden, if he wanted to speak to me privately, in his own private room. Those are the only two rooms I recollect being in.

5119. It was in the large room you have seen Mr. Downing?—I do not recollect seeing him there. I have seen him about the passages as I went up, and in the market-place. I do not think he often attended that room, not when I was there at any rate, but I knew him very well.

5120. Was he ever in that room with you and Mr. Brogden at the "Angel?"—Do you mean alone?

5121. I do not mean alone?—He might be in that large room without my observing him. I never recollect his being there. He never was in that private room with me and Mr. Brogden.

5122. I am talking now of the Monday and Tuesday before the election?—I am speaking generally.

5123. I want to tie you down to a day?—I do not know that I saw him till the Monday or Tuesday. I might, but I do not recollect it. He was generally out canvassing, as I understood.

5124. Did you ever see Mr. Adcock, the sweep, in that room?—Never. I have seen a report that I did see him, but it is a very great falsehood.

5125. I will read to you what Mr. Lushington Preston says: "My room was exactly opposite the "'Angel,' and I saw such a stream of people being "carried in by parties, and Mr. Downing carrying "people in, that I sent for my lorgnettes, and I saw "in that room Mr. Brogden, with Mr. Richard Ham-"mond." That is you?—Yes.

5126. "And I saw a great number of men carried "about. There is one, a Mr. Adcock, a sweep, and I "saw them after they were introduced to Mr. Brogden." Did you ever see that?—Never.

5127. Is that true?—No, it is not; it is perfectly untrue. I should think if Mr. Preston saw that, he must have had one of those new fashioned glasses that see double. I am sure it is a perfect untruth.

5128. "I went out of my room and fell in with Adcock, and I fell in with several others, and I knew they were bribed?"—I can give you my word of honour as a gentleman, that I never saw one single individual bribed, nor did I ever see one single shilling pass.

5129. Was a man ever bribed to your knowledge?—Never. I never bribed a man in my life, or intimidated a man.

5130. To your knowledge?—I never did bribe.

5131. I ask, was a man ever bribed to your knowledge?—Never; and I believe both Whigs and Tories will give me credit for veracity and for high honour.

5132. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) With reference to this compromise that has been talked of, did you consult Mr. Brogden before you sent Mr. Chamberlin to Sir Edmund Lacon?—I asked Mr. Brogden if I could effect a compromise, whether he would make it right with Mr. Marshman to retire.

5133. Did you send to him?—Yes; and he said he thought he could.

5134. Did you speak to Mr. Marshman on the subject?—No, I did not. Mr. Marshman was never introduced to me as a friend. If it had been Mr. Marshman, or any other man, I should not have had anything to do with it at all. I told the honourable Commissioners I had declined to take any part.

5135. It was Mr. Brogden that authorized you to make the proposal?—Mr. Brogden left it to me. Mr. Brogden said If I thought it was best he would take my advice.

5136. There never was any idea of Mr. Brogden retiring, was there?—Certainly not.

5137. Mr. Brogden intended to go to the poll at all hazards?—He did not tell me as much. I should not have advised him if he had not had a chance.

5138. Did he ever suggest to you at any time that his chance was bad?—He thought his chance looked as well as Sir Edmund Lacon's, according to our version of the poll.

5139. How did you judge of Sir Edmund Lacon's chance?—Getting the persons who would not promise either side. He saw the whole of them. I did not, but our friends did.

5140. Is your influence and interest principally in Gorleston?—No; I have no influence in Gorleston. I know a great many people in Gorleston, and I know they were very much changed this election; and I anticipate, but it is only anticipation, that it was Mr. Nightingale's money that did that.

5141. Is it not in Gorleston that the principal number of voters live that hang back?—Yes. They all hang back pretty well.

5142. Is it not so?—It is.

5143. How could you tell, or Mr. Brogden either, what promises had been made to Sir Edmund Lacon?—Only by canvassing their votes. They would tell you, "We shall not promise either party," and we put them down so.

5144. And you believe that?—Certainly. I have known that in canvassing these 40 years.

5145. Would you be surprised to hear that a good many of those people who told you they had not promised Sir Edmund Lacon had promised him?—There might be some few, but very few I should think.

5146. From what do you speak?—I cannot speak only as I saw the canvass book.

5147. Is that a mere opinion of yours?—It is my opinion.

5148. Is it founded on any previous knowledge?—I firmly believe from what I saw of the state of the canvass, that Sir Edmund Lacon's canvass was either very badly kept, or he had not anything like the promises that they say.

5149. Were you in the secrets of Sir Edmund Lacon?—No.

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5150. I want to know how you could tell a voter had not promised Sir Edmund Lacon ?—By their telling. Our canvass people say they did not go to one person, but they went to everyone ; they went to Sir Edmund Lacon's friends as well as our own.

5151. Supposing it appears on their canvass-books that these voters that you say were not promised to you, and who you say told you had not promised Sir Edmund Lacon, supposing it appears on their book that a good many of these people had promised ?—Then they have a false book.

5152. Are you prepared to say their book is false because you do not know the contrary ?—No.

5153. Then give me some reason for supposing their book is false ?—The only reason as I told you before, Sir Edmund Lacon said he had a very fine canvass, to the amount of 700 or 800. I think he stated that he polled within 20, and yet I found that Mr. Nightingale had found 4,000*l.*

5154. Never mind Mr. Nightingale's 4,000*l.*; that is all a general inference ?—That is why I come to the conclusion.

5155. And that is the only reason ?—That is the only reason. I can only judge from that.

5156. Do not you think they might have paid money to keep their friends sound, as well as to bribe them, from the other side ?—Yes.

5157. Then what inference do you draw ?—My only reason is, the great discrepancy between Sir Edmund Lacon's evidence about his canvass, and then having such a canvass as that, I should not have thought he wanted to have bought above 50 people, and they must have bought 300.

5158. Sir Edmund Lacon told us he did not buy anyone ?—Well, his friends.

5159. (*Mr. Russell.*) Can you tell me what number of promises Mr. Brogden had at the time he recommended the compromise to Mr. Chamberlin ?—I think he had about 500, or a few more, direct promises that I made out. I daresay other parties would have made a considerable deal more, but I always take the worst side of the question.

5160. Do you consider 500 promises, or a few more, enough to make Mr. Brogden's election pretty sure ?—Yes, if he got an equal quantity of those that had not promised it would.

5161. How do you think he was to obtain an equal number of those who had not promised ?—If I answer you the question as an honest man, I should think he would not obtain them unless they had got money ; that is my belief.

5162. I understand you to say that you had not the authority of Mr. Marshman to make this offer ?—No.

5163. You proposed to sacrifice his interest without his knowledge, and without his consent ?—I had understood that he would readily consent to it to get out of it.

5164. Had you understood that from him ?—No.

5165. From anybody on his behalf ?—I think Mr. Brogden told me he would retire himself if I wished it ; but he thought Mr. Marshman would be more likely to retire.

5166. Then, so far as you had any authority, it was the authority of Mr. Brogden ?—Yes ; I had Mr. Brogden's authority.

5167. Do I understand you to say that you were not aware of the large sums of money being spent in corruption immediately before the election on behalf of Mr. Brogden ?—I am not. I never saw a shilling pass, nor was I ever cognizant of its passing.

5168. Yet you admit Mr. Brogden could not have obtained his share of the unpledged voters unless he had paid for them ?—Unless money had been spent.

5169. Do you find that the number of Mr. Brogden's promises had increased during the last two days ?—He had polled more voters than I had given him credit for.

5170. Then did you not then jump to your own legitimate conclusion, and naturally imagine that those votes had been bought ?—Yes ; I tell you candidly that my opinion is, that they must have bought some which I do not know.

5171. Did you hear anything about a stranger coming down with money ?—No.

5172. Did you ever hear of Mr. Jones ?—No.

5173. Did you ever hear of a man of the name of Edwards, who came down to conduct the election ?—No. I told the chairman before, I do not know that there was such a person.

5174. You never heard of him ?—No ; except Edwards, the tailor.

5175. Who managed the election for Mr. Brogden during the last seven or eight days ?—I should think Mr. Livingston. I should only judge so. I should think Mr. Livingston was the great man in the election.

5176. Do you know that Mr. Clowes has told us that Mr. Edwards came down, and had a scheme of his own to take the management of the election out of his hands ?—I was not aware of it.

5177. You heard of it for the first time when Mr. Clowes gave the evidence ?—Just so.

5178. You will forgive me for pressing you ?—Any question I am quite ready to answer.

5179. You see you know what did not take place at an interview between Mr. Aldred and Mr. Cory at which you were not present, and you know what Mr. Lushington Preston did not see ?—Because they affected me ; that is how I know that.

5180. Yet you were perfectly ignorant how the money that you admit was spent on behalf of Mr. Brogden came into the town, or by whose hands, or anything about it ?—I assure you on my honour I know no more about it than any of these gentlemen present.

5181. Have you no means, or had you no means of knowing that money was spent corruptly on Mr. Brogden's behalf, during the latter days of the election ?—I did not know it.

5182. And you swear that ?—I do swear it solemnly.

5183. Do you know a man named Alfred Goffin ?—I know there is such a person in Yarmouth.

5184. Do you know him by sight ?—I do not know that I should know him if I met him. I know there is such a person.

5185. Are you quite certain that you did not see Alfred Goffin receive money at the "Angel" in the presence of yourself, Mr. Pullen, and Mr. Mainprice ?—I will swear that I did not.

5186. You never saw any man receive any money ?—I did not. I have said so repeatedly.

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5187. I did not quite understand what you said yesterday about the time at which Mr. Watkin came. I understand you to say there was a public meeting in February 1864 ?—No. I say that I called a public meeting in February 1864.

5188. That is what I mean. You called a public meeting in February 1864 ?—Yes.

5189. And the resolutions that you told us of were passed then ?—Yes.

5190. The idea of a dissolution occurred about May 1864 ?—Yes.

5191. Then it was that you wrote to Mr. Watkin ?—Stop a minute. The dissolution in 1864, this would be 1863 that I called the public meeting ; it was a twelvemonth before the election.

5192. The election was had in 1865 ?—Then it is perfectly right.

5193. What I want to know is, did you write to Mr. Watkin about May 1864, to recommend a candidate—It would be twelvemonths after I had the meeting that I wrote to Mr. Watkin.

5194. That would not be until February 1865 ?—No.

5195. When was Mr. Watkin returned for Stockport ?—In the interim.

5196. It was not until after his return for Stockport that you wrote to ask him to recommend a candidate ?—No. I sent him up the resolution that was come to, and I sent him up the requisition that was signed a few weeks after, perhaps three or four weeks.

5197. Did he find a candidate immediately for you? —Not immediately.

5198. Within a month or two ?—Yes. It would not take a month to look after one.

5199. Then it was in 1865 that Mr. Watkin and Mr. Brogden came down for the first time ?—Yes.

5200. You have been acquainted with elections here for a great number of years you told us ?—Yes; more particularly since 1852.

5201. Do you recollect the election of 1852 ?— Perfectly well.

5202. Did you act on Mr. McCullagh and Sir Charles Napier's side ?—I did.

5203. And we have heard it is admitted that there was no bribery by the Liberals on that occasion ?— Not a single shilling, because I was particularly intimate along with Sir Charles, and I put the thing in a very confidential manner, to know whether he would do it.

5204. Do you suppose there was bribery committed on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Rumbold ? —I am perfectly satisfied there was, because at the election, when Mr. McCullagh was about turning the scale, about 1 o'clock, we found out that bribery had commenced, and after that we got bills printed informing every man that voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Rumbold ; that their votes would be thrown away, because the proofs had come to our knowledge that bribery had been commenced, and every man that voted for them was served with one of those.

5205. In the election of 1857, when Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin stood, was there bribery on the Liberal side then ?—There was on both sides.

5206. Will you say there was bribery on the side of the Conservatives on that occasion ?—I am perfectly satisfied of it from what came to my own knowledge at the time.

5207. Did you know many cases of bribery ?—I do not recollect them now, because it is a long time ago, but I am perfectly satisfied there was bribery on both sides.

5208. Do you agree in the opinion that has been expressed on the other side, that the Conservatives were taken by surprise and did not bribe soon enough ?—They were taken by surprise. We had got two very popular candidates there, and the other two were just as unpopular.

5209. Then you began bribing sooner than the Tories ?—We had not to do very much. There had been a great deal of stress, too much, laid upon Mr. Watkin about the oyster-barrels of sovereigns. It is as big a piece of nonsense as possibly can be. I never knew until last night what the amount of that election cost Mr. Watkin, and then I knew it for the first time.

5210. What did you hear ?—I heard the whole expenditure he was at was 800*l*., so with all the barrels that turned into a very small amount.

5211. Can you tell us anything of the election of 1857, how Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor came here ; I see you volunteered to do so?—Yes, I can do so. I can tell you a good deal about that. When Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young came down here, Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh came with them, and the town was in that excited sort of state that if Sir Edmund Lacon, I believe, had made his appearance, the town would have half eaten him alive.

5212. Let me ask you why he was so unpopular ? —Because every person believed that those two men had done an act of injustice by turning them out for the small amount of bribery that was proved against them.

5213. Then Sir Edmund Lacon was right in saying he was made unpopular because he petitioned ?—He never was popular ; he never was and never will be as long as he lives.

5214. At all events his petition did not increase whatever popularity he had ?—Yes, and I heard the evidence, I forget whether by Sir Edmund Lacon or not, stating the reason they could not find a candidate to go along with him. It was currently reported here at the very same time, and not only the individual you have got down came down as one candidate, but I think Sir James Hogg came, and was introduced to Sir Edmund Lacon at the bank. He stopped there a quarter of an hour, and when he saw what he had to do, he put on his hat and drove off to the "Angel," and did not stop a quarter of an hour altogether.

5215. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you see him ?—No ; this is from report, and it was believed to be positively correct. We all believed at the same time that Sir Edmund Lacon, as being the head of the party, was the ostensible banker for them as a party, and a nest egg had been accumulating from year to year on account of the bribery and the corruption that had been in the town council ; and here was a man mentioned who would not have anything to do with them, and took himself off.

5216. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Go on about the election of 1857, the second election, when Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young were here ?—The consequence was he could not get any person to stand with him, and they were carried of course triumphantly.

5217. I want you to tell us something about your own side of the matter. You are very fond of telling me what occurred on the other side ?—We had nothing to contend against then, not the slightest, but so far as the report goes about Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young paying a sum of money to Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh, I now do not believe a single word of it, because I was up in the House of Commons when they were turned out, and we had a meeting of all the friends of the Liberal party that were up there, and I know exactly what was done both by Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh, and we all came to this agreement, that Mr. McCullagh should have the naming of one candidate on his part, and Mr. Watkin should have the naming of another on his part.

5218. At that time ?—After they were unseated, the very night after they were unseated, to bring down merely, not to thrust down the throats of the electors, but to bring down for their approval. Mr. Watkin immediately named Mr. Mellor on his part, and Mr. McCullagh at the same time named somebody else.

5219. Not Mr. Young ?—Not Mr. Young, because I came away and left that night to come down here. I did not know to the contrary ; the name of Mr. Young never appeared to me.

5220. Whom did he name ?—I forget now who the name was, but not Mr. Young. When I came down here I was told that Mr. Young had been named by Mr. McCullagh, because it was rumoured that Mr. McCullagh could not make terms with this party that he had named first.

5221. You heard that ?—Yes, I heard that ; and when I came down I was surprised to find that the name had been changed when Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young came down here. Of course, after the election this thing got rumoured about, about Mr. Young having paid Mr. McCullagh a certain sum for the seat, and there were a great many of us that were supporters of the Liberal party felt annoyance at it, and when the next election came, before we would accept Mr. Young as a candidate along with Mr. Mellor, we were determined to have that cleared up, and we called a meeting. I think it was held at Mr. John Owles's, and then we catechised Mr. Young in a very sharp way, I can tell you, and we got from him positively, he assured us on the word of a gentleman, that there was not a word of truth in it.

5222. What was the precise charge against Mr. Young that he denied ?—The precise charge was

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this: Mr. McCullagh had been down here for several years; he was a very popular man, a man much respected, and he had made a footing and got a hold on the inhabitants of the town, particularly the Liberal portion of the constituency; he had made his way, and it was supposed that he had made a bargain along with Mr. Young for the interest of the money, for the money he had spent in cultivating his connexion.

5223. That he repaid the money?—Yes.

5224. Was that specifically put to Mr. Young?—It was.

5225. And he denied it?—Yes, I put it myself.

5226. Was any sum mentioned?—No; I never heard a sum mentioned. I never heard what sum was mentioned.

5227. It was the expense he had been put to in the previous contest?—We did not look at it in that sort of light, we looked at it as being bought and turned over.

5228. I want to know what it was understood Mr. McCullagh had asked for?—I cannot say.

5229. Not the amount, but was it the expenses he was put to in the previous election?—I cannot go into that, oh, dear no. I will only say what came under my own knowledge; but we were perfectly satisfied, and we were determined to be satisfied of the correctness of it, because, had we found that was the case, I assure you, as far as I was concerned, I would have seen Mr. Young far enough before ever I would have supported him, and as for the other portion about Mr. Mellor, there is not a word of truth, not a single iota.

5230. Mr. Mellor was a relation of Mr. Watkin?—Only a distant relation, a relation of his wife's.

5231. A relation by marriage?—Yes.

5232. We now come to the election of 1859, you are aware that there was bribery on that occasion?—Yes.

5233. On both sides?—On both sides.

5234. You have told us, that in 1865 you showed your registration book to Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman, as evidence of the state of parties here?—Yes, exactly.

5235. Between the election of 1865 and 1859, had there been any great alteration made in the register?—A very great alteration indeed, as much as one half, there was one half of the constituency completely altered its character; and how any gentleman can come up and tell you that tale, that they had made up their minds that Sir Edmund Lacon was secure by looking over the register for one day is wholly beyond my comprehension, when here are a body of men, amounting to 800, completely changed, whom they knew nothing about.

5236. Do you mean there were 800 new names on the register?—I do from the one end of the register to the other; it was an alteration of nearly one half of the constituency.

5237. How did you judge of those 800 new names, that a large proportion belonged to you so as to make the change?—I do not go the length of apportioning them, but I could not go in and tell Mr. Marshman or Mr. Brogden, or you, or anybody else, what the 800 would do, because they had not been tried. I say, more is the astonishment, and more wonderful it is that any gentleman would take upon himself to say what they would do without being put to it.

5238. You have expressed an opinion upon it yourself?—So far as it went, but I could not give an opinion upon the whole of the constituency, far from it. I could go in and tell what had been done both for and against, but as to saying what the 800 men would do, no man in the world could do that, not the whole of it.

5239. Your opinion was the Liberal party had gained on the register?—Yes, the majority of the fresh constituency.

5240. Was that from your knowledge of the parties themselves who had been put on the register at that time?—Yes.

5241. Did others of the party come to the same conclusion that you did on that matter?—There were very few of the parties had anything to do with it but myself.

5242. Who knew anything about it?—Very few.

5243. Did Mr. Eagleton know anything about it?—Yes, he knew a great deal about it.

5244. Are you aware that Mr. Eagleton has expressed an opinion quite contrary to yours upon the register?—Yes; but Mr. Eagleton would not come before me and make such an assertion as that, I do not believe it.

5245. He expressed the opinion, as I understood at the time, in a letter that has been read?—He did, but at that time John Eagleton and I up to a twelvemonth before the election, were like brothers almost.

5246. I will read you Mr. Eagleton's letter. (*The letter written by Mr. Eagleton was read to the witness.*)—That is Mr. Eagleton's opinion. That was after he turned round and sold us.

5247. I understood Mr. Eagleton to say that that letter was written in 1864?—I believe that was the time when he was applied to.

5248. And Mr. Eagleton has told us that he became a Conservative in 1865?—Before that, he turned over in 1863.

5249. He told us he received an insult in 1865 from a member of your party?—I believe it was from myself.

5250. Then you can tell us what it was?—Yes, perfectly.

5251. When was the insult that he complained of?—Twelve months before the election, and more than that.

5252. Was that the cause of his going over?—No, certainly not; the cause of his going over was because he was offered by Mr. Reynolds; at least not Mr. Reynolds offered, but at the time he was taking up the affair of the guardians.

5253. We had better not go into this?—Mr. Reynolds told him he was an invaluable man, and if he belonged to that party he was worth 100*l.*, and after that I found John Eagleton swerving very much. In fact, from that time up to the time he wrote this letter, that was the first time I took him under the pay and paid him. He said that the Liberals did not pay him anything at all, but I paid him about 57*l.* in one year, and the reason was, I found he was going over and furnishing them with information at the very same time that he was working for me.

5254. You have told us your friend the Reverend Mr. Green's opinion was adverse to your party?—Yes.

5255. Was it not your opinion then that your party had very little chance?—Without bribery?

5256. Without the old means were resorted to?—I knew we had a capital first-rate chance if we were met on a first-rate footing. I do not keep it a secret. We had no chance at all against them going in for bribery. If we had shown two to one we should have had no chance, because I have no hesitation in saying, if the others bought one single individual, they bought 400.

5257. Was it your opinion at the time Mr. Brogden came down if you went to the poll you would be met by bribery?—No, I did not make up my mind to that, certainly not.

5258. You have told us you were convinced that Sir Edmund Lacon would persist. You tell us that that he could not succeed without bribery?—Certainly not; I tell you so again, he never will.

5259. Then had you not the means of always coming to the conclusion that he must bribe?—Yes.

5260. Did you not expect from the beginning of the election on your side that you would be met by bribery?—No, I did not. I did not expect they would go into it, because I was convinced from the very beginning they would have to go into it on such a large scale, that I thought it was probable they would not go into it at all.

5261. That Sir Edmund Lacon would resign?—No,

from the state of parties, that there might be some compromise made between the parties.

5262. When did you change that opinion; were you cognizant of the fact that a compromise had been offered and refused?—Not till after the election. Mr. Hammond took that all upon himself. I believe it is perfectly correct, but he took it all upon himself. I knew nothing about that, and I thought I knew everything.

5263. You told us you knew everything?—There are a few things come out that I have not known, but the principal part I knew on both sides.

5264. You will not say that was not your conviction from the first, that the other side was going to bribe?—I could not do that, because I had not the means of knowing that, although I found after the election that they had certainly been in the field for months before, and offering money, whether there was a contest or not, in some cases 5*l.* or 10*l.*, to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and his colleague whoever it might be, and if there was a contest they would have 5*l.* more.

5265. That was the under agents; we are talking now about the head of the party?—I could have no means of knowing until they really commenced operations.

5266. Did it ever enter into your head that Sir Edmund Lacon intended to give up the contest?—No, I should think not.

5267. You think not?—Not himself; but there would be more unlikely things than that if I had made up my mind to that.

5268. You have told us now he could not possibly succeed without bribery?—I tell you so now.

5269. Was it not your conviction from the beginning that it would be necessary to bribe on your side?—If they did, certainly we had no chance without it.

5270. According to your account that is what actually happened at that election. You were compelled to bribe because the Tories did?—Exactly so they were completely goaded into it.

5271. When do you suppose it first occurred to your party to commence the bribery?—I could hardly answer that question, because they did not commence until the Monday evening, when we were told that the Tories were going helter skelter.

5272. Did you not know previously to that, that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson meant to go on, and therefore bribery was necessary?—I was not convinced of that.

5273. You told us of the conversation you had with Mr. Marshman?—Yes.

5274. Was not the result of that conversation to yourself, a conviction that bribery must be resorted to?—Not of necessity.

5275. It seems to have been Mr. Marshman's opinion that Mr. Brogden must go in and bribe?—No, but he was persuaded Sir Edmund Lacon would do it.

5276. You expressed an opinion to Mr. Marshman that the election could be obtained by bribery on your side?—The answer I gave you yesterday was in a conversation with Mr. Marshman. The confidential conversation I had with him first of all. He put it to me whether the election could be won without bribery.

5277. He said, "Is it your opinion that this election can be won without bribery?"—Without bribery.

5278. Is that a mistake?—Yes, I never mentioned such a word as that.

5279. And you answered "Certainly not"?—Certainly not, if the others resort to it; but my opinion is if we go into a pure election we can beat them as six to five. I think that was about my answer.

5280. He said he was very sorry for the electors, and for himself, and more particularly for Mr. Brogden?—Yes.

5281. Because he said, I am afraid Sir Edmund Lacon will never be beaten, and they will go on and bribe?—Yes, that is right.

5282. At that time Mr. Marshman was convinced the Conservative party would resort to bribery?—Yes.

5283. Was not that your opinion?—Certainly not; it was not my opinion that they would so.

5284. You would not express such an opinion to Mr. Marshman?—Yes, I told Mr. Marshman my opinion. If they resorted to bribery my opinion was we could not win it.

5285. When Mr. Marshman refused did you think he was of the same opinion?—No; I was very sorry Mr. Marshman had made up his mind to refuse, because I think if Mr. Marshman had stood his ground we should have been in a far better position.

5286. In what way?—Because they would not have made up their minds to go in in the wholesale manner they did, but after Mr. Marshman gave way, it showed then that there was some weakness of some sort.

5287. At all events, Mr. Marshman could not possibly have agreed in your opinion, or he would not have refused?—He was persuaded bribery would have been resorted to thoroughly; otherwise he would have stood his ground, and went into it and fought it out.

5288. Do you think Mr. Brogden was of the same opinion at that time?—Mr. Brogden had a better opinion than Mr. Marshman a great deal. He did not care about all the threats, whatever he could do.

5289. Up to the Sunday night you considered the election would be a pure one?—No, I beg pardon, I said the Saturday night was the first.

5290. You did not know it until Monday?—We knew it on Sunday. We knew it had been commenced in a small way, but there was little came to our knowledge until the Monday.

5291. As far as you know, there was no talk or idea of bribery by your party until the Monday?—There was nothing until the Monday.

5292. May I ask why was Mr. Jones sent for on the Thursday or Friday before?—I have told you.

5293. Why?—To assist Mr. Edwards; I told you Mr. Edwards was the managing man.

5294. Who sent for him?—Who sent for Mr. Edwards?

5295. No, for Mr. Jones?—That I do not know.

5296. You say you do not know who sent for him?—Certainly not.

5297. Do you not know anything about him?—Certainly not.

5298. For anything you know, he may be a professional briber?—He may, but I would not undertake to state so.

5299. Supposing he was, would that affect your opinion as to the determination of the parties on your side to bribe previously to the Monday?—I do not understand the question.

5300. You say there was no intention to bribe on your side before the Sunday?—Nothing that I have heard of.

5301. I say, suppose Mr. Jones was a professional briber, would not his having been sent for on the Thursday or Friday previously affect your opinion as to the time at which Mr. Brogden's party conceived the idea of bribing?—No, there was nothing done or mentioned.

5302. I ask whether the circumstance that he sent for a professional briber would alter your opinion as to his intention to bribe at the particular time?—Yes; but I must be aware that he is a professional briber, and I would not undertake to say that.

5303. I put the question to you "if." If Mr. Jones turns out to be a professional briber, would that alter the opinion you have formed?—Yes, certainly, if he so turns out.

5304. Must not that circumstance have got to the ears of the other side?—I do not see how it could, because there was nothing on our side to lead them to suppose anything of the sort.

5305. Nothing that you knew?—I am certain of it, positive of it; I can speak positively on that point.

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5306. Supposing that they had ascertained that Mr. Jones had come down for the purpose of bribing ?—Who ?

5307. Supposing the Conservative party had ascertained Mr. Jones had come down for the purpose of bribing ?—Of course that would have an impression on their minds, no doubt.

5308. I forget whether you were asked, but I think I asked you the question, and you agreed with what Mr. Chamberlin said, that the Conservative party had been surprised at the former election of 1859. I think it was being too late in the field for bribing ?—Yes.

5309. Do not you think they might have commenced earlier than you on this occasion with apprehensions that you would resort to the same means ?—Very likely. I heard Mr. Chamberlin's evidence, and I say that it is the best evidence in fact throughout the whole piece.

5310. But is not that very probable ?—Yes.

5311. (*Mr. Russell.*) What day was it that Edwards came down ?—I should say it would be about the Thursday before the election. It might be the Thursday or the Wednesday ; it might be a week, perhaps, before the election.

5312. I do not mean Mr. Jones ; I speak of Mr. Edwards ?—I beg your pardon ; Mr. Edwards was down, I should say, a fortnight or three weeks before the election.

5313. Did I understand you to say to Mr. Fitzgerald that you do not know whether Mr. Edwards introduced Mr. Jones ?—I do, sir. I think I distinctly said that Mr. Edwards introduced Mr. Jones to me.

5314. I mean brought him into the town ?—I do not know. I cannot say that whether he did or not, but he introduced him to me.

5315. I am asking who introduced Mr. Jones into the town ?—That I do not know.

5316. Let me remind you of what you said yesterday ; you were asked who was Mr. Edwards. "Mr. "Edwards was a man who came down to assist us "in conducting the election ; he was down, I should "say, a fortnight before the election ?"—Yes.

5317. "We have heard of him from Mr. Clowes ; "he took the management of the election out of your "hands ?—He did. And carried it on his own "manner ?—Yes. And his manner of carrying it on "was bringing down Mr. Jones ?—Yes." Is that so ?—Yes, to assist him.

5318. Then Mr. Edwards did bring down Mr. Jones ?—As long as he introduced him to me I knew of no other who might bring him down ; and the supposition on my part was that he was the party to bring him down.

5319. Do you want to put any qualification on what you said yesterday, for you said most distinctly that Mr. Edwards did bring down Mr. Jones ?—I would qualify that statement ; if any person would bring him I would be led to believe that Mr. Edwards did bring him down, on account of the introduction first.

5320. And possibly you would be rather surprised to hear it was anybody else who had brought him down ?—Yes, I certainly would.

5321. Who introduced you to Mr. Jones ?—Mr. Edwards, I have told you.

5322. What did Mr. Edwards say when he introduced him ?—Told me Mr. Jones was coming down to assist him.

5323. Did he merely say, "Mr. Livingstone, Mr. Jones ?"—Exactly, that is all.

5324. Nothing more ?—Nothing more, and he and I went, I think, and had a pipe of tobacco after the day's work was over, and a glass of grog.

5325. Did you form an opinion how Mr. Jones was going to assist Mr. Edwards ?—No, because I knew there was plenty of work for a dozen Jones'.

5326. Could you form no conjecture why the management was taken out of the hands of Mr. Clowes and put into the hands of Mr. Edwards ?—Yes, I could come to that conclusion directly.

5327. What was it ?—Mr. Clowes had not time to give his attention to what we wanted, and Mr. Edwards, when he came down, made 10,000 times more work than we had before. He cut out work for a dozen clerks ; we had Steel and a dozen others. The more work was there, the more he cut out.

5328. You think Mr. Edward's plan failed ?—Yes.

5329. Do you think Mr. Edwards came to the same conclusion and then sent for Mr. Jones ?—I can only speak for myself ; I know quite enough of that.

5330. Do you know where Mr. Edwards came from ?—I do not know.

5331. You know nothing about him ?—I know nothing about him no more than I do of many a man.

5332. Had you ever seen him before ?—Never in my life.

5333. Have you ever seen him since ?—I have never seen him since nor yet heard of him, but I should think he was a Lancashire man by the tongue, and I should think that Mr. Jones was a west countryman.

5334. I understand you at the time Mr. Jones came down Mr. Edwards was acting as agent for Mr. Brogden ; he was acting in the place of Mr. Clowes ?—Yes, I looked at it in that light.

5335. Did Mr. Jones make returns to Mr. Edwards of the promises he had received ?—He had nothing to do with the returns.

5336. Nothing ?—Nothing as I have heard of.

5337. Did you ever hear Mr. Jones tell Mr. Edwards how a man was going to vote ?—Certainly not, nor yet Mr. Edwards tell Mr. Jones.

5338. Did you ever hear Mr. Edwards tell anybody how a man was going to vote ?—For this reason that I knew it myself without asking him.

5339. After Mr. Jones came down did you see names entered in the canvass book as being promised for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl that had previously been entered neutral ?—Certainly not ; most decidedly not.

5340. Did you notice any change whatever in the canvass book after Mr. Vanderbyl came down ?—No, certainly not.

5341. Did you notice no change in the canvass-book on the Monday and Tuesday before the election ?—No, but on the contrary, we were put to quite a dead lock on the Saturday.

5342. Had you as many promises in the canvass-book before Mr. Jones came down as you polled ?—Not quite, but very near. Will you tell me the number that was polled ; I really forget the number ; I think it was 595 ?

5343. It was 634 ?—The number that I had got on my canvass-book up to the close of the poll was 580.

5344. Now you are a practical man in election matters. What do you consider a fair deduction to make between promises, when you are counting up what you are likely to poll ?—I would take off a very small per-centage from mine. I am speaking about my own canvass-book, you know. I would take a very small per-centage from it, because I put none down but what I was almost convinced would vote for us. I put no speculation or hap-hazard men.

5345. What per-centage would you take off ?—Not above $7\frac{1}{2}$ or 10 per cent.

5346. That would leave you somewhere about 530 or 540 promises that you could count upon ?—Yes.

5347. And you polled 634 ?—Yes, we did.

5348. In round numbers 100 more than you were promised ?—Yes.

5349. Could you form any conjecture as to how those additional voters had been obtained ?—Yes, I certainly did.

5350. Did you attribute them to Mr. Jones ?—Yes, I certainly did.

5351. You have told us there was lots of money spent ?—I believe so.

5352. That is rather a general term; would you be good enough to tell us what your idea is of lots of money?—About the sum?

5353. Yes?—I would call 1,000*l.* or 2,000*l.* lots money.

5354. Is that what you meant to imply?—I could imply nothing, but I say I call that lots of money. I could give you no idea.

5355. But you said lots of money?—Yes.

5356. I should like to know, I must press you a little upon that, what you mean by lots of money?—I should say if a couple of thousand was spent it was lots of money.

5357. Was that what you meant?—I could not give you a definite answer as to that.

5358. I must press you, because it was your term and not mine. You say, "lots of money," that is an indefinite sum?—I give you an explanation. I should say 2,000*l.* would be lots of money.

5359. Do I understand you to say you believe not more than 2000*l.* was spent on your side in corrupt practices?—I would not hazard my opinion on that, or belief.

5360. What is your belief?—My belief is that we had about 150 men to get more than what we had on our canvass book after the canvass was made up.

5361. How much a head do you calculate those?—If you calculate them at 10*l.* a head it would be applying a pretty good round sum.

5362. You must have heard that hardly any vote went for such a low sum as 10*l.*?—I merely calculate that to get a round sum.

5363. I want not a round sum but the true sum?—I cannot give you that.

5364. I must repeat the term, "lots of money" is your phrase?—I say 2,000*l.* is lots of money.

5365. When you say 2,000*l.*, do you mean that that is what money was spent by your side, and no more, in bribery?—I would not go to that length, certainly not. I could not come and swear here positively. I believe that no more than 2,000*l.* was spent.

5366. Will you swear that you have no conception in your mind what was spent?—No, not the slightest.

5367. It might have been 10,000*l.* and it might have been 1,000*l.*?—I do not believe it was 10,000*l.* and I believe it was more than 1,000*l.*

5368. Do you believe it was 9,000*l.*?—No, I do not, nor yet 8,000*l.*, nor 7,000*l.*, nor 6,000*l.*, nor 5,000*l.*, nor 4,000*l.*, nor I do not believe it was 3,000*l.* If you are going to press me for my belief, it might be more, but that is my belief.

5369. It would surprise you to hear before this inquiry closes that more than 3000*l.* was spent on behalf of Mr. Brogden and Vanderbyl at this election?—Yes, it will certainly, it will most assuredly; that is my belief.

5370. You say you knew almost everything that was going on in the election?—Yes, I did,

5371. And you have given us a list of 60 names of men who were bribed?—Yes; I do not know the number.

5372. In round numbers?—That is near enough.

5373. I have run through those names, and I find only some eight of them are returned by you as having been bribed on your own side?—That is very likely; I can very easily account for that, as I did not go among the constituency. It was after the election I picked up that knowledge. I did not go among our own friends to get that information. I went into the enemy's camp to get it.

5374. Then the evidence you gave us as to the men who were bribed was evidence you obtained not for the purpose of this inquiry, but for the purpose of prosecuting the petition in Parliament?—Really I have never made a single inquiry about it since I heard the Commission was going to take place.

5375. Since you knew we were coming, and you knew you were going to be examined, you have in no way tried to ascertain who received money on your side?—On neither side. I have not made a single inquiry since the termination of the petition.

5376. We are obliged to you for the information you have given us about the other side, but it would be satisfactory if you would give us a little more information about your own?—I can only give you what I know of.

5377. Do you mean out of the 60 names you have given us, that eight of them, being bribed on the Liberal side, represent about a fair average of those bribed on each side. Take 60 bribed, do you think if 60 were bribed by Lacon and Goodson, that eight were bribed by Brogden and Vanderbyl?—No, I should not say that.

5378. Do you think you could after a little reflection assist us a little with the names of men who were bribed on your side?—No, I will not endeavour to do it, because I have had quite enough to do in making all the inquiries I have furnished you with, and I should be very sorry to be put in the position you mentioned yesterday, about giving a list of those men I suppose would not be bribed, I think it is putting a person in a very awkward position to ask him to give an opinion what he supposes a man would do. I will give all I know of my own knowledge.

5379. Yesterday you mentioned two names, a man named Brady, and a man named Holmes, of whom you said one was a likely customer to be bribed by the Liberals, and the other was very likely?—I did.

5380. They were both men in your own ward?—Yes.

5381. Why was it necessary you should be reminded of their names before you gave them to us?—I have heard of the names before; they have come out in evidence before, at least one of them.

5382. At least it was not necessary to remind you of any name of a man that was bribed on the other side, but it was necessary to remind you of the names of men bribed on your own side?—That may be, but, as I explained myself, the information was mostly on the one side.

5383. Then you have not tried to ascertain in any way since you knew you would give evidence before us who the men were who were bribed with the lots of money that you know was spent on your side?—Certainly not.

5384. I will repeat the question to you, whether you think on reflection you could furnish us with any more names?—No, I should not like to be put in a position to do it.

5385. Of course I put that question to you because a gentleman who gave evidence before us on the other side was able on reflection to give us a great many names that he did not give us on the first occasion?—I can give you no more names without going and fishing and making inquiries which I do not intend to do.

5386. You have no possible means in your own knowledge of increasing the number of names?—No.

5387. Either in your own ward?—Or any other ward.

5388. Now, for one moment, let us turn to another subject, you stated; with reference to Mr. Mellor's and Mr. Young's election, that Mr. McCullagh in the first instance named a gentleman who was not Mr. Young?—Yes.

5389. And you said that you heard that Mr. McCullagh could not make terms with him?—Yes, I did.

5390. May I ask what you mean by terms?—It was commonly reported here that Mr. McCullagh had got a certain sum of money from the party that came down to represent Yarmouth in his stead—that was Mr. Young. I do not want to mince the matter at all. I think I have told you all about the matter, and Mr. John Clowes will bear me out in that assertion.

5391. It was correctly reported that Mr. McCullagh got a sum of money from Mr. Young?—I was convinced of it myself till I heard to the contrary.

5392. Now you do not believe it?—No.

5393. If it is not true, what do you think were the terms that Mr. McCullagh came to with his prede-

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cessor ?—That I cannot tell you, that was only report. I could not tell positively such was the case.

5394. It is the fact that a gentleman did come down, and it was reported he retired because he could not come to terms with Mr. McCullagh ?—No, you are wrong ; I said in the House of Commons that Mr. McCullagh named a gentleman. I forget his name, perhaps Mr. Clowes can tell, as to whom I had the impression. I did not know the contrary till I came down to Yarmouth then I was informed Mr. Young was the man named by Mr. McCullagh. Such being the case, a report got about from that time that Mr. McCullagh had made terms with Mr. Young, and we were impressed with the idea until we came to know to the contrary by having a meeting of several of the party at Mr. John Ow les, and then we had the information to convince us it was not the case.

5395. Did you specially put the question to Mr. Young ?—I daresay I should. I am generally not very mealy mouthed.

5396. And did Mr. Young state distinctly there had been no such arrangement ?—He did ; that there was nothing of the sort, there was not anything of the kind,

5397. I will ask you one more question. Where did you get the information as to all those men who were bribed ?—From various sources, from hundreds of different sources.

5398. Did you go round to the men themselves ?—Certainly I did. I spent about three months over it.

5399. And in the course of that three months did you only hear of the eight cases you have given us of men who took money on your side ?—I did not go to make that inquiry. I wanted to get at who they had taken money from on the other side and not on our side.

5400. Did you find out in the course of that examination that there were a great many men who had taken money both on your side and on the other ; in your own examination, when you were collecting evidence from men who took money from the Conservative side, did you not in the course of the investigation find some of them who had taken money also on your side ?—Yes, I have given you the names.

5401. And no more than you have given us ?—Not one. I have given them all.

5402. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is this register the only canvass book you kept ?—The only one that I have ever had in my life affecting that election.

5403. Have you any other document relating to the election at all ?—Yes, only my poll book.

5404. Those are the only two ?—Those are the only two that I have ; they are both marked off.

5405. You got up the petition, did you not, with Mr. Costerton ?—Yes, I got nearly the whole of it up myself.

5406. Did you give him all the documents you had at the time ?—Relating to that ?

5407. Yes ?—Certainly I did, every one ; what information I could not get by documentary evidence, I got the parties themselves and took them up. I got their evidence.

5408. Did Mr. Costerton ever return to you whatever documents you gave him ?—I do not think I gave him many documents, if any at all.

5409. You said you gave him all you had ?—If I had any he had them, but I do not think I had any documents relating to it, because I went about and principally got up the evidence from various sources by calling on parties and getting them to go with me to him, if they would not give me the evidence. I may say I did not give him any documentary evidence, because Mr. Salmon and I agreed to go into the question. I expected he was going to conduct it instead of Mr. Costerton.

5410. Is Mr. Salmon a solicitor ?—I do not know. I will not go that length, that is to say, whether he is or is not, at all events he is perfectly *au fait* at anything of that sort, in getting up evidence, because he is largely interested in railways, and in getting up evidence of that sort. Him and I got it up ; he took the documentary evidence I brought him, and that would be handed to Mr. Costerton, when he made up his mind to retire from it.

5411. Mr. Salmon came down with Mr. Brogden, did he not ?—No.

5412. When did he come down ?—Some time during the canvass.

5413. Can you fix the time ?—I saw but very little of Mr. Salmon till after the election. I may say our acquaintance commenced after the election, because he stopped here on purpose to square up any little thing there might be remaining of Mr. Brogden's, he being his private secretary.

5414. Little pecuniary matters ?—Yes, I told you of two or three in the first instance.

5415. You told us yesterday that Mr. Brogden had several friends staying with him ?—He had several.

5416. And you mentioned one, his brother ?—Yes, his brother.

5417. Will you tell me another ?—I do not know the names of a single individual there, only his brother. I do not know the name of one single gentleman.

5418. Could you not tell ?—No, certainly not.

5419. You are a very clever man, Mr. Livingston ; you must have known the gentlemen's names ?—I certainly did not.

5420. Did you never inquire ?—I never inquired.

5421. Why did you not inquire ?—Because I had no business to inquire ; they might be partial friends of Mr. Brogden, and unless it was his brother of course I did not make it my business to inquire.

5422. Did you ask his brother who he was ?—He was represented to me as his brother. Mr. Brogden introduced him as his own brother when he came down.

5423. Did he introduce any other gentleman to you ?—No.

5424. You were the principal leading man on his side ?—I did as much as anybody.

5425. You were the principal man ?—Yes.

5426. Did he not introduce any of those gentlemen to you ?—Not anyone.

5427. Why not ?—I cannot tell. I can give you no idea.

5428. Did you never find out whom they were ?—Never ; I have seen one of the gentlemen since, once in London.

5429. Where ?—In his own office.

5430. Will you tell me who he was ?—I cannot tell you his name.

5431. In Mr. Brogden's office ?—In Mr. Brogden's office in London, when I called at the office to see him. The first time I went up I think was along with Mr. John Clowes about the petition.

5432. Did those gentlemen wish their names to be kept secret ?—Not that I am aware of. I do not wish you to infer from anything I am alluding to that they wished it to be kept secret ; it is because I did not know the names ; I cannot give them.

5433. How many days were they here ?—There were several friends of his coming and going.

5434. You said they were staying with him ?—They were staying with him.

5435. I call staying with him not coming and going ?—Staying two or three days.

5436. You said several days, friends of his own who were down staying with him during the canvass ?—Yes.

5437. That is not coming and going ?—This particular gentleman I saw in his office was along with him longer than any person whom I observed.

5438. Why not tell us what his name was ?—Because I cannot. I cannot do impossibilities.

5439. It is very odd you cannot tell that ?—I cannot.

5440. Did you ever see Mr. Vanderbyl ?—Yes, I did.

5441. Where ?—I saw him when he came down on the Saturday morning.

5442. Did you ever see him with Mr. Brogden?—Yes, I was with them both together.

5443. Where?—Riding about the town to introduce them to several parties after they came down.

5444. Was Mr. Vanderbyl at the "Angel"?—Yes.

5445. On the three days previous to the election after he came down, on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday?—On Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

5446. He was there all those days?—Yes, he had several strangers stopping with him; you may as well ask me the names of those. I am sure I cannot tell you.

5447. I cannot help thinking you must know some of those gentlemen's names?—Certainly I do not know the name of a single stranger with him, and there were several.

5448. When Mr. Vanderbyl was at the "Angel" was he in more than one room there?—Yes, he had his own private room and also the room we occupied as the committee room.

5449. There were two rooms in use there by the party?—Yes.

5450. Had Mr. Brogden a private room?—Mr. Brogden's was a private room, and we had two rooms besides that.

5451. Which is the room which Mr. Lushington Preston looked into with his lorgnette?—I do not know. I think Mr. Preston was under a delusion.

5452. I do not think he was?—But I do.

5453. Tell me what room it was in?—It must be the front room; they were all front rooms; there were two down below and one above. I am certain Mr. Vanderbyl never was in that room.

5454. Which room?—The room above, the top room in the second storey he might see into the first; there is a great deal of glass in front of the "Angel." I do not believe that Mr. Hammond was there at all on Saturday. I may almost safely state that he was not there on Saturday at all.

5455. Mr. Vanderbyl was not there?—No, Mr. Hammond.

5456. I am not talking of Mr. Hammond?—That was Mr. Preston's evidence.

5457. Was Mr. Vanderbyl acquainted with Mr. Edwards?—No, I do not think he was. I do not think he knew anything at all about him, he had not a long time here to be acquainted with anybody.

5458. He had three days?—Yes, but he had more to do than to go and make Mr. Edwards' acquaintance or any person that was working for him.

5459. I thought Edwards was the man who managed all the canvass?—As far as the writing went.

5460. He was the person to whom he would go to learn how the canvass was going on, and Mr. Brogden would go to him?—I think Mr. Marshman kept the canvass principally himself.

5461. Mr. Brogden, you mean?—No, Mr. Marshman.

5462. I am talking after Mr. Marshman retired?—There was very little done with the canvassing after that; it was on the Saturday morning, there was very little done after that.

5463. It was Edwards, the tailor, that kept the canvass-book?—Yes.

5464. I mean Mr. Edwards that was brought down to manage the election?—I do not think he had much to do with the canvass.

5465. Tell me, did Mr. Vanderbyl make his acquaintance?—I do not believe he did. I will not swear it, but I do not believe it; that is to the best of my knowledge and recollection.

5466. Did Mr. Vanderbyl make the acquaintance of Mr. Salmon?—That I could not say.

5467. Have you learnt since whether he did?—I should say it is very likely, because Mr. Salmon being a friend of Mr. Brogden's it is very likely. I could not say positively on that point.

5468. That we shall learn from Mr. Vanderbyl himself?—Just so, he can speak for himself.

5469. What makes you say you do not believe Mr. Hammond was in the "Angel" that day?—I will give you a very good reason why. I think after Mr. Marshman went away, he went away by the 9 o'clock train, and there were several parties, at least one or two parties, that came from Gorleston that we had not seen.

5470. That was on the Saturday?—That was on the Saturday; and Mr. Brogden and myself, before Mr. Vanderbyl made his appearance, went to see those parties, and we saw Mr. Hammond in the market; we met him in the market; he generally comes up to market every Saturday morning, and we met him there and had some little conversation with him, and I am positive that Mr. Brogden never saw Mr. Hammond after that on the Saturday.

5471. You believe that Mr. Hammond never went into Mr. Brogden's room?—Not that day.

5472. Were you with him the whole time?—I may say I was with him the whole day.

5473. Did you learn on the Saturday that bribery had commenced?—No, I did not.

5474. Not till the Sunday?—Not till the Sunday.

5475. You did not notice that excitement in the town on Saturday?—Oh, dear no, not on Saturday there was nothing of the sort; what was done was done in very a quiet sort of way on the Saturday. Sunday was the first day of commencing all over the town with them. I was sent for, at least two parties from Gorleston came to make known to me that they had commenced operations on the Sunday night.

5476. Who were they?—I did not see them on the Sunday, because I was going to bed on the Sunday night when they came; they came to report to me. I heard afterwards that operations had commenced.

5477. Who were they?—I think a Mr. King, and Mr. Reynolds, the baker. I think those were the two parties. There is one on the list and one not. Mr. Reynolds, I think, is not on. I will not be sure those were the two men, but I believe they are. Have you done with my register?

5478. We are going to keep it for a short time; you may look at it if you like?—I can do without it. The representation that was made to us was, as I heard afterwards, that both Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson had been down that Sunday night.

5479. Very likely, was it not?—It was very likely. I will give you the names of parties who saw them come down there on Sunday night, and I think I can find the parties who did drive them down to Gorleston and brought them back again about 1 o'clock in the morning.

5480. Tell us who will tell us that?—James Rivett; that he saw them come into the town on the Sunday night.

5481. James Rivett saw them come in on Sunday?—Yes; and Mr. Costerton will give you the name of the driver who drove them down to Gorleston.

5482. Mr. Costerton will tell us that?—Yes.

5483. Is he here?—No, I have not seen him to-day; perhaps a good deal will come out of the mare's nest after all.

5484. You do not know much about that yourself?—No, I do not; that is only hearsay.

5485. What was the message that was brought to you after you had been to bed on that Sunday night, that bribery had commenced at Gorleston?—I told you I did not hear it myself; I was gone to bed and I did not get up. I heard it next morning that bribery had commenced to a large extent on the Sunday night.

5486. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Which King is it?—I do not know which of the King's it is, but I will give him if you will give me my poll book.

5487. Was he a promised man?—Yes.

5488. Is it Frederick Robert Martin King, of Gorleston, he appears to have been promised; was it him?—I do not know his christian name.

5489. Did he vote?—He voted for us all right.

5490. There is Henry Robert King, who voted for Lacon and Goodson?—That is not the man; if you will let me have my poll book I will tell you.

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5491. Is it George Arundel King ?—That is him.

5492. You have used this book in fact for other purposes ?—Yes, besides that.

5493. (*Mr. Slade.*) This cannot be your real canvass-book ?—Yes, it is ; it was new then.

5494. For what purpose have you used it besides ?—For memoranda, having reference to how the parties voted and so on ; L means voted for Lacon.

5495. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was he a well-known supporter of the Liberal cause ?—King ?

5496. Yes ?—Oh, yes.

5497. (*Mr. Slade.*) When those men came on Sunday night, the next morning you determined to bribe on your side ?—No, not before the evening ; it was like a hell upon earth through the whole day at the "Angel." I never spent such a miserable day in my life, people coming and telling us they were buying away our votes, and if we did not do something we should lose the election, and that sort of thing. That is what I mean by being goaded into it. I had not heard this on the Sunday night. I did not hear it till the Monday morning. On the Sunday night those two parties came down.

5498. About 1 o'clock in the morning ?—It must have been ; I was up rather late that night.

5499. The next day this occurred by people coming to say something must be done on your side ?—Yes, if not our election would be gone.

5500. Then on the Tuesday you bribed ?—On the Monday night.

5501. You tell us that the bribing was done on your side by means of tickets ?—Yes.

5502. I suppose there is some little time required to have these tickets got ready ?—No, they would not, it would be quite a common process.

5503. I do not understand it ; you have to distribute the tickets to the voters, and the voter has to come and get his money, that would take some little time ?—It is done very simply.

5504. Just tell us how it is done ?—The tickets I saw were just a little bit of square paper or cardboard, or anything on the counter. It might be a piece of this paper, and the number on the register marked on them. They were given those tickets and recommended to go to friend Jones.

5505. I want to know where did they go for those tickets ?—I told you he first of all went to Southtown, and next he went to Cattermoles.

5506. I want to know where did the voters go for the tickets ?—I do not know where they went.

5507. Yes, you do ?—I do not know; they might get them from various parties.

5508. You know how it was done ; just tell us how it was done ?—I tell you the number was put on it.

5509. How did the voter get the ticket ?—That I cannot tell, he might get it from various parties.

5510. Do you mean to say parties went round the town giving them out like a pack of cards ?—No, not so many as that.

5511. Did they go to any house and get the ticket ?—If any party saw a voter that he thought wanted a ticket I suppose he would give it to him.

5512. I suppose, according to that, men were going about with their waistcoat-pockets full of tickets ?—That I do not know.

5513. You tell us it was done by tickets ?—That is the only thing I know ; they got the ticket from whom ever they thought proper and went and called on Jones.

5514. Was this Mr. Edwards' idea this ticket system ?—I do not know who originated the ticket system, that was a system, I should think, originating with Jones himself.

5515. Had it ever occurred before in this Borough the ticket system ?—No.

5516. That was new ?—That is why I say it must have originated with Mr. Jones, or Mr. Edwards himself.

5517. Did you see any voter present the ticket ?—Not one.

5518. You saw the tickets ?—Yes, I have seen them.

5519. Where did you see them ;—I saw one or two at the "Angel."

5520. Who had them ?—Jones himself.

5521. At that time he paid the money and got the ticket in exchange for the money ?—Yes ; and if any person wanted a ticket of course he would give it to them.

5522. Did Mr. Jones show you these tickets, saying what they were ?—To me ?

5523. Yes ?—Oh, yes.

5524. What did he say ?—He said they were tickets for any person that wanted them.

5525. That wanted money ?—Yes.

5526. Did he say he had given money in exchange for the ticket he showed you ?—Yes.

5527. Then, I ask you, was this a ticket with nothing on it but the number ?—Only the number.

5528. What guarantee had Jones that the man could not bring him a forged ticket ?—Because he had the number on the register.

5529. Supposing I went and wrote down 650 on a bit of card, and said my name is so and so, and I am 650 on the register, give me 15*l.*?—Then I believe you would have got it.

5530. That was not a very clever dodge of Edwards, then ?—No, it was not ; it was rather a loose one.

5531. You are perfectly certain that there was no seal on the ticket ?—I am positive about that.

5532. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Any of those tickets that you saw, do you know if they came from a voter ?—I do not know who they came from.

5533. You do not know that any of those tickets you saw had ever been in the hands of a voter or not ?—Certainly not.

5534. You cannot say that those that got into the hands of the voters had no seal upon them ?—Yes, I can positively state that.

5535. Why ?—Because I saw them.

5536. You do not know they were ever in a voter's hand ?—I am only supposing so.

5537. You do not know that those in the voter's hands had seals upon them ?—No.

5538. You do not think they had seals ?—No, not a bit.

5539. Why ?—Because I believe they were only a bit of common paper.

5540. And anybody might have imitated them ?—Yes ; and anyone who had gone with them might have had the money.

5541. (*Mr. Slade.*) There was a man always stationed in the room as a check to identify the voter ?—That I do not know I will say nothing about that. I will only tell you about what I know.

5542. You tell us you think 400 men were bribed on the Tory side ?—I do.

5543. And how many were bribed on the Liberal side ?—Not a fourth of that.

5544. You, I understand, polled more votes than were promised to you ?—Yes.

5545. And the Conservatives polled less ?—Yes.

5546. How do you account for that ?—Very easily ; it is as easily accounted for as can be.

5547. How was it ?—In the first place I do not believe a single word about their canvass ; it is a moral impossibility, it never could be correct. Take, for example this, Mr. Hammond has told you as near as could be, and he is one of the best calculators we have in the whole town, and there is only about 20 difference between him, and I kept a private poll-book, and I compared it along with him ; and he has not made his come up by as many as 20 to what I have done Sir Edmund Lacon's. And his own and mine correspond with the night before the election, and I can tell you positively that I gave him 50 of those men that I knew very well never would vote for him unless they were paid, and there was not above eight difference between his statement and mine.

5548. You never put down a doubtful voter ?—Not one. I had nothing to do with them.

5549. Was this bribery that was going on known to all the Liberal party ?—Oh, no.

5550. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know of any voter, we will say in Gorleston, who had promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl, who afterwards voted on the other side in consequence of a bribe ?—I could not name any one gentleman now. I daresay I might. I do not think there were many promises broken, because the principal part of that portion of the constituency would not promise anybody.

5551. Did you poll in Gorleston all the votes that were promised you ?—Very near. I think there was very little difference. The promises I had were something like 78, under 80, and we did not poll more than 86 altogether. That is what makes me come to the conclusion that whatever money our party spent was completely fooled away, because they got nothing in return.

5552. Now we will go to another subject; the payments you made after the election ?—Yes.

5553. Did you apply to Mr. Salmon for the money ?—I did.

5554. When was that ?—After the election.

5555. Long after ?—Perhaps a day or two after.

5556. Down here in Yarmouth ?—Down here in Yarmouth.

5557. And he paid you the money in Yarmouth ?—Yes.

5558. Did he get Mr. Brogden's authority, or did he say he wanted Mr. Brogden's authority ?—Certainly not; he did it on my own representation; he never asked me a single word about it. I told you what the money was paid for. I do not hold it in the shape of any illegal expenditure at all, whatever you may do. Of course that is a different thing.

5559. Did he tell you he must apply to Mr. Brogden ?—Certainly not. He did not say a word about that. I only had to make the representation to get the money. It was some time after I paid it.

5560. When you applied to Mr. Salmon, did Mr. Salmon say he must ask Mr. Brogden before he paid it ?—Certainly not.

5561. He paid it at once ?—At once.

5562. Did he pay any other monies for Mr. Brogden ?—He might.

5563. Did he ?—Not to my knowledge.

5564. Why did you go to Mr. Salmon for it ?—I knew he was there for the express purpose to pay any little thing that might be standing against Mr. Brogden.

5565. (*Mr. Russell.*) When was this ticket system first advised; when was it first originated ?— I do not know when it was originated.

5566. You said yesterday, in answer to Mr. Slade, when he was asking you about Jones, "He was not "to tell me anything about it. I made this arrange- "ment with Jones that I should have nothing what- "ever to do with it ?"—Perfectly right.

5567. When was it you made this arrangement with Jones that you were to know nothing ?—On the Monday afternoon.

5568. Was that the first you heard of the ticket system ?—Yes.

5569. The very first ?—The first time.

5570. When were these tickets first distributed ?—That I cannot tell you.

5571. You do not know ?—No; but after that.

5572. Not till after the Monday ?—Not till after the Monday night, after 8 o'clock.

5573. Of that you are sure ?—Positive.

5574. What was Jones doing there between the Thursday and Friday, when he came down, to the Tuesday night ?—I could not answer that question.

5575. You do not know what he was doing ?—He was along with Mr. Edwards, and I went out all day; therefore I could not by any possible means know what he was doing.

5576. You say it was on the Monday you were goaded into bribery ?—Yes.

5577. You do not know why Jones came down on the Thursday or Friday ?—No.

5578. Do you think he was gifted with a prophetic soul ?—I will not hazard an opinion upon that.

5579. Do you know how Jones brought the money down ?—No, I do not.

5580. Did you never see any money yourself ?—Not a single sixpence. I generally receive plenty of it, but for three months before the election I had not a sovereign in my possession.

5581. Who wrote the numbers upon the tickets ?—I expect it would be Jones.

5582. Did you ever see Jones write the numbers on the tickets ?—I would not answer as to that.

5583. Did you ever see anybody but Jones write them ?—No, not write them.

5584. Did you ever write the number of a ticket yourself ?—No, I took very good care of that. I never did touch one. I have seen them, but I never touched them.

5585. When did you first see them ?—On the Monday night.

5586. Do you imagine that Jones himself gave the tickets ?—Yes, I do.

5587. How did Jones know who to give the tickets to ?—He would be told.

5588. Who by ?—If any person wanted a ticket they would go and represent it to Mr. Jones.

5589. Did you ever yourself present a man to Jones as a man whom he had better give a ticket to ?—No, never one.

5590. Do you know of anybody who did represent to Jones some person as being a safe person to give a ticket to ?—Yes; I should say Mr. Edwards would be a very likely customer. Thomas Edwards; I do not mean the London Edwards.

5591. Mr. Edwards, the tailor ?—Yes.

5592. Do you know that he did ?—No, that I could not say. I only gave it as an opinion; I could not know it.

5593. Who showed Jones his way about ?—I do not know.

5594. He could not find his own way about, he being a stranger ?—Yes, it is very easy.

5595. It would not be very easy for Jones, a stranger, to find his way about to voters to whom he had to give tickets ?—Yes, I should think so, because he had not so many places to go to; there is no great difficulty in that.

5596. You yourself have estimated that certainly 100 men were bribed on your side ?—That is only my opinion.

5597. At all events, he would have had 100 men to give tickets to ?—Yes.

5598. Do you think it is likely a stranger would find them out without assistance ?—No, they found him out.

5599. Who told them to go to him ?—That I do not know.

5600. You did not ?—Certainly not.

5601. You cannot give me the name of a single man who ever doled them out but Jones ?—Yes, I tell you one now, Edwards; and Tom Downing, I think was a likely customer.

5602. Anybody else ?—There might be several, but I do not know of my own knowledge.

5603. I should like to know some of those you think might ?—Well, John Fill might be one of them.

5604. Who else ?—Mainprice might be another.

5605. Anybody else ?—And James Lawn might be another.

5606. Are you going now to the same list you gave before ?—I am giving you some of the parties who managed in the different wards, they might do such a thing; I do not know they did.

5607. You do not know of your own knowledge how Mr. Jones got at any voter, or how any voter got at Mr. Jones ?—Only through recommendation. I should say Mr. Jones would not get at the voter without being recommended.

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5608. You do not know of your own knowledge, by whom they were recommended ?—Certainly not.

5609. Do you know a man named Foulsham ?—Yes.

5610. Did you see him before the election ?—I did.

5611. Did you tell him to go to the "Angel ?"—No, that I did not.

5612. To get some money ?—No, I know I did not.

5613. Did Mr. Foulsham ask you anything about the money ?—No, I think not. I saw him there, at the "Angel."

5614. You say you think not ; are you sure he did not ?—No, not before the election.

5615. After the election ?—Yes, I heard it scores of times after the election.

5616. I mean, did Mr. Foulsham himself come to you, and did you tell Mr. Foulsham to go up to the "Angel" to get his money ?—I recommended him to go to Jones. I saw him at the "Angel."

5617. And he knew that Jones was distributing money ?—Yes ; that was after it came to my knowledge.

5618. When was that ?—I do not know whether the Monday or the Tuesday. I will not be positive. I rather think it was on the Tuesday.

5619. Was Mr. Foulsham the only man in Yarmouth to whom you gave that advice ?—I believe he was the only person that I recommended. I believe he was. I have no hesitation in saying so. No doubt about it at all.

5620. If any other man came here and said you recommended him to go to Mr. Jones to receive his money, it is not true ?—No, to the best of my knowledge I do not recollect it.

5621. We have nothing else to ask you.—You have two private letters of mine ; you have nothing to say about them of course ?

(*Mr. Slade.*) No.

J. Goodson, Esq., M.P.

JAMES GOODSON, Esq., M.P., sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

5622. Are you member of Parliament for this borough ?—I am.

5623. You are or were chairman of the Great Eastern Railway Company ?—I was.

5624. Will you tell us, if you please, the circumstances under which you came to be a candidate for this borough in Parliament ?—Sir Henry Stracey expressed his intention to retire, and he thought I should be a very suitable person to represent the borough, especially being particularly connected with it.

5625. When did he make this intimation to you ?—I think it was about March 1864.

5626. Had Sir Henry Stracey at that time made up his mind to retire ?—Yes, he had.

5627. Did he bring you down to introduce you to the electors ?—No, he did not bring me down, I was not a stranger to the town.

5628. You had some acquaintance with the borough before ?—Yes, I knew many gentlemen of the place.

5629. You were in fact not introduced to anybody ?—Mr. Reynolds was living in the town, and being an acquaintance of his I called and saw him, and told him that I was coming down.

5630. When was your address first issued ?—Well, I issued a short address about the same time, I think on the same day. I think it was the 10th of March, and it is rather a particular day in my history. It was the 10th of March. I saw several gentlemen in the place. I think it was the 10th of March, either the 10th or the 11th, I am not quite certain.

5631. Did you say that you intended to solicit their votes ?—Yes, in case of a vacancy. Sir Henry Stracey did not retire till the dissolution of Parliament.

5632. Did you put yourself in communication with Sir Edmund Lacon as to the election ?—No, I used to meet Sir Edmund Lacon occasionally, but nothing particular occurred ; I saw him at the club now and then.

5633. Did you inform him that you intended to come forward for the borough ?—I do not know if I informed him ; he knew it, being a Yarmouth man he would naturally read the papers.

5634. Had you asked Sir Edmund's advice at all before issuing this address ?—No, I had not.

5635. You stood upon a joint interest with Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Yes, I did.

5636. You had the same agents ?—Yes.

5637. And you canvassed together ?—We did.

5638. Was it understood that you and Sir Edmund Lacon were to share the expenses of the election between you ?—Yes, I told Mr. Reynolds that of course we should go in jointly.

5639. Did you tell Sir Edmund Lacon that you would share the expenses ?—I do not know that I did, but it was understood, no doubt.

5640. Did you have any conversation with Sir Edmund Lacon about the expenses ?—I think I said to Sir Edmund Lacon one day, "What is about the figure to become member for Yarmouth ?" and I think he told me the expenses would be somewhere about 500*l.*, or possibly a little less.

5641. Did he say the legal expenses ?—I do not know, I am sure. I merely asked him the expenses ; I had no suspicion about anything else but legality.

5642. If I recollect rightly Sir Edmund Lacon told me that he expressly said to you 400*l.* would be the half of the legal expenses, and I pressed him upon the word "legal," and he said "Yes" ?—When I appeared here I hoped the constituency of Yarmouth did not require anything else ; I am not in the habit of dealing in any other way than with strictly legal proceedings ; I did not suppose anything of the sort ; I might have said legal, or probably he might have said so, and I might have said "Yes."

5643. Then I understood you to say when you stood for Yarmouth you did not anticipate any other expenses ?—Certainly not.

5644. Are you aware now that there have been other expenses ?—So I see by the papers.

5645. You are aware of it now ?—I have read them, and therefore I must be aware of what I see in fact.

5646. Do you believe it ?—I have not heard anybody say so ; I have not been in this court before this morning.

5647. Mr. Nightingale told us that he spent 4,000*l.* ?—So I see by the papers.

5648. And that was for your and Sir Edmund Lacon's election ?—So it appears by the papers. I was quite ignorant of all that.

5649. I was right in my recollection just now. I will tell you what Sir Edmund Lacon said, because I do not wish it to be thought that I have put an unfair question to you ; it is this, "Was anything said to "Mr. Goodson at the time he came forward as to what "the expenses would be ?—I think I remember well. "Mr. Goodson asked me what the expenses would be, "and I told him they would not exceed 500*l.*—The "legal expenses ?—The legal expenses. That was just "before he came forward, before he issued his address. "Was the expression legal expenses used ?—Yes, it "clearly meant the legal expenses.—Was the word "'legal' used ?—I think it was."—Well, I do not dispute what Sir Edmund Lacon says, but, as I said before, I never dreamed of anything else but legality in Yarmouth. I should have nothing to do with anything but legal expenses.

5650. I want to know at the time Sir Edmund Lacon told you the expenses in Yarmouth would be 500*l.*, whether the impression upon your mind at that time was any impression of illegal expenses being incurred ?—No, certainly not.

5651. Why do you say at Yarmouth, you never thought of illegal expenses ; you knew that Yar-

mouth had been very often petitioned against?—I had never had much to do with this constituency or any other constituency before, but being largely interested in the prosperity of Yarmouth, Sir Edmund Lacon and myself, I was quite satisfied we should be accepted by the majority of the constituency without any trouble.

5652. You knew that there had been many petitions against members returned for Yarmouth?—Well, I have not troubled myself much about it.

5653. But you knew it?—I think I have known more within the last two or three days than I ever knew before.

5654. That is not an answer to my question. You knew there had been some petitions against members for Yarmouth?—I think I remember having read in the papers that there was a petition. I think it was at the last election in 1859, at least the election before the last; but as for knowing whether there were petitions as to Yarmouth on previous occasions I have never troubled myself much about it.

5655. Do you mean to say you are ignorant that there were petitions against the members returned for Yarmouth except in the election previous to the last election?—Yes.

5656. Are you ignorant of it?—Yes, I know nothing at all about it. I must tell you that I have not been so long connected with the Great Eastern Company as to make myself perfectly acquainted with the political feeling of Yarmouth previous to that time. As to 1852 and 1857, I saw all about it in the papers, but I was not read up at all in those things before.

5657. Are you a barrister?—Yes, I am.

5658. On the Western Circuit?—Yes.

5659. Did you not make yourself sufficiently acquainted with the history of Yarmouth as regards its political feeling and as regards its electioneering character before you came forward to stand?—No, not at all.

5660. In your opinion then Yarmouth was a perfectly pure borough?—I did not trouble myself about that. I said I did not intend to have anything to do with it otherwise than upon pure principles, and, considering my position, I was not going to trouble myself.

5661. I ask you, if in your opinion you thought Yarmouth was a perfectly pure borough?—With the exception of 1859 I knew nothing at all about it. I cannot go back to a thing that never interested me.

5662. I should not have asked you only as the present member for the borough, I should have thought you might have made yourself sufficiently acquainted with what had gone on in the borough at previous elections?—No, I did not.

5663. In your opinion there was no bribery in practice here at all?—No, I do not say that, because I did not know anything about it. I did not trouble myself about it. I heard in 1859 there was a Mr. Watkin who, I believe, contested the election, but really I am not very well read up in these matters, except by the newspapers. I have known more about it since this commission has commenced than before.

5664. So we all have known a great deal more since this commission commenced than before, but I want to know what you knew before?—Nothing but from general hearsay, and that is not much.

5665. Were you in Yarmouth on the two days previous to the election, on Monday and Tuesday?—Yes, I was a long time in Yarmouth; I am constantly here.

5666. Did it come to your knowledge that bribery was going on?—I heard reports that bribery had been going on, on what we call the Liberal side, but I knew nothing further, only by report.

5667. Was it a current report working round?—I heard it reported, but whether it was largely talked about I cannot say, I only know that I heard it.

5668. Did you hear it from more than one person?—At the present moment I cannot say. I can say that I heard it, and that is all. I might have heard it from more than one.

5669. Was it the general talk of the town?—I heard it, and that is all. Whether it was the common talk of the town or not, I cannot say.

5670. Having heard it, did you believe it?—I heard it, that is all I can say. I know nothing at all beyond. About believing it, I heard it; whether I could believe it is another matter.

5671. I want to know if you did believe it?—How could I believe it?

5672. From what you heard?—I said, I heard bribery was going on on the other side, that is the only answer I can give to that.

5673. Did you hear bribery was going on on the Conservative side as well?—No.

5674. It was entirely one-sided?—I heard that the Liberal party were bribing very largely, that is all I heard.

5675. What day did you first hear that on?—At the present moment I cannot say; it was some days before the election.

5676. Can you say whether it was the Saturday before the election?—No, I cannot.

5677. You canvassed the borough in company with Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, I did.

5678. Beyond that I may take it you knew nothing at all about what was going on in the borough?—No more than I have told you.

5679. That is very little?—I have told you as much as I know.

5680. In fact you knew nothing at all of what was going on, and what was evident to most people in the borough?—I stuck to my own business.

5681. And that was all?—Yes.

5682. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) At the close of the poll, when you found yourself elected, you did not believe, and had no reason to believe that a shilling had been spent in bribery on your behalf?—I did not know it, certainly.

5683. And had no reason to know it?—On my behalf?

5684. Yes?—Certainly not.

5685. Or on that of Sir Edmund Lacon's?—I mean jointly; we went together. What I am speaking of now I am speaking of conjointly with Sir Edmund Lacon.

5686. (*Mr. Russell.*) When you first came down to Yarmouth with reference to the election, was anything said to you by those people about money?—No.

5687. Did you not ask anybody whether it would be a cheap place to represent or an expensive place?—I thought it was quite sufficient, the answer I have given to the chairman, that 500*l.* was quite enough.

5688. And you believed that you could carry the election at Great Yarmouth for 500*l.*?—I did.

5689. You did not then, or at any subsequent period, contemplate the expenditure of any further sum of money?—No.

5690. Were you very much surprised to read in the papers the statement made by Mr. Nightingale?—I was very much astonished.

5691. Had you never heard at any time, between the election and Mr. Nightingale making that statement, that it was currently reported money had been spent in the town?—By the other side?

5692. And by your side?—No.

5693. Never?—No, not at all.

5694. Do I understand you to say that the very first time you heard of the illegitimate expenditure was when you read it in the newspapers?—It was reading it in the newspapers. I am speaking as regards the election. Of course everybody saw in the report of the House of Commons that the petition stated money had been spent. I was not cognizant of the expenditure, not directly myself.

5695. I understood you to mean that you did not believe the evidence given before the House of Commons?—No, I could hardly say that. I was not cognizant of it myself. I knew nothing of any expenditure beyond the money I thought I should have to pay with reference to the expenses in becoming member for Yarmouth. I did not expect more than that.

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5696. Do you accept the decision of the House of Commons as a true decision?—Of course you must accept that.

5697. Then you were aware after that report that bribery had been committed on the Conservative side at the last election?—I saw it in the papers.

5698. Did you learn it with surprise?—I never expected anything of the sort certainly.

5699. Were you surprised?—I did not consider anything at all about it. The evidence was given and I read it, but I knew nothing about it.

5700. When did you first hear that bribery was going on upon the Liberal side?—I cannot say exactly the day; some few days before the election.

5701. Was it before the Monday?—Well, I should fancy it was. I do not know whether the election took place on the Wednesday or the Thursday. When did it take place?

5702. Upon the Wednesday?—Well I should think it was rather before the Sunday, I should fancy so.

5703. You are sure of that?—I should fancy so.

5704. Did you at any time during the progress of the contest hear anything of the expenditure of the money?—Do you mean on the day of the election?

5705. During the last three or four days?—It must have been before the Sunday, because as you say the election took place upon the Wednesday; it must have been in the previous week.

5706. You think you heard of bribery upon the Liberal side?—As to the day I cannot tell you. It must have been the latter end of the previous week.

5707. Are you sure it was before Sunday?—Yes, it must have been.

5708. In the course of your own personal canvass, did any voter say anything to you upon the subject of the money?—No.

5709. Did you think a certain number of voters were shaky?—I do not know what you mean by shaky.

5710. Did you find a certain number of the voters were unwilling to pledge themselves?—I think we had a splendid canvass, and I considered that the constituency acted exceedingly straightforward as far as the canvass was concerned, but the word shaky I do not understand.

5711. That is not exactly an answer to my question. I ask you whether you found any of the men whom you personally canvassed unwilling to pledge themselves?—I could hardly expect, however popular we might be, that the 1,600 or 1,700 people were going to give us a ready assent; therefore I considered generally we were very well received.

5712. That, again, is not exactly an answer to my question. I ask, whether in your canvassing you found either they were unwilling to give their promises to you and Sir Edmund Lacon, or they said they intended to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—I think generally they gave us a ready assent to our request.

5713. Still there was a very large proportion of them who did not?—Not being angels, probably we could not expect the whole constituency to say they would vote for us without any reservation.

5714. With reference to those men who did not regard you as angels, and were willing to pledge their votes, were there some who said they did not know at that present moment how they intended to vote?—There possibly might have been, I cannot say, it is a long time ago now.

5715. You see what I mean. I will put the question more directly, whether there were a certain number of voters that you canvassed, by what they said, made you understand you would not get their votes unless something was given to them?—I do not know. I am not so well read up as some people are in electioneering matters, so as to tell whether they wanted refreshers or not.

5716. Was it your impression they did?—I do not know if they did.

5717. I do not ask you if you know, but whether it was your impression?—I could hardly expect them to give me a more ready assent than what they did. If a man came and asked me for his vote, if I did not know anything of him, I should not give him off-hand an answer, but generally we received good promises.

5718. Was it your impression at the conclusion of your canvass, that every voter you went to was a pure politician, who intended to vote for you and Sir Edmund Lacon because you were Conservatives, or for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl because they were Liberals?—Some of them stated they were Liberals, and would support the other side, but generally we were very well received.

5719. We have heard that there were a very large majority of voters who were found to be unwilling to pledge themselves, and whom Sir Edmund Lacon designated as shaky voters?—Did he say there were many shaky? I should not think he said there were many shaky.

5720. Sir Edmund Lacon said that he made the discovery two or three days before the election, that bribery was going on on the other side. He was asked how he became aware of that, he said, "The voters for my side became shaky?"—We had been a long time both of us connected with the place. We frequently went out canvassing, and sometimes, may be, I was obliged to go to London in consequence of railway matters, and he went out alone. He might have discovered the shaky ones then, but generally, I think, Sir Edmund and myself were exceedingly well satisfied with the result of the canvass.

5721. Do you think Sir Edmund Lacon discovered the shaky voters in a private canvass of his own?—I do not know it was so, because I could not attend.

5722. You did not become yourself aware of any voter having become shaky?—No man would give you a positive promise. I could not expect every one to come to us.

5723. Then, in your opinion, the bribery upon the Liberal side did not do you any injury?—The result of our canvass, and the result of the election tolerably well showed that we made a good calculation; that we had a majority, because within about 20 or 30 of the promises were brought to the poll, at least *went* to the poll; we did not bring anyone.

5724. Did you see much of Mr. Cooper during the election?—I do not know him, I never saw him that I know of.

5725. You do not know him by sight?—Not at all; and if you were to bring him into the room I should not know him.

5726. You have told me that you were surprised to hear that Mr. Nightingale had disbursed this money?—Yes.

5727. Were you also surprised to hear that Mr. Cooper was the medium through whom that money was disbursed?—I do not know anything about Mr. Cooper at all, I do not know him.

5728. I will only ask you one more question. Is it your belief, until you saw the contrary statement in the newspapers, that every shilling that had been expended to ensure the return of yourself and Sir Edmund Lacon was the money returned as the legitimate expenses of the election?—Certainly. I told you just now that the extent of my contribution would be about 500*l*. I did not intend to pay any more.

5729. And you never contemplated the expenditure of any more?—Not a shilling. I thought from Sir Edmund Lacon's position in the borough, and my position too, we were perfectly justified in supposing we were the most proper persons to represent the place, that is why I came here.

5730. Sir Edmund Lacon was not asked whether he considered himself bound to pay any further sums?—You did not ask him that?

(*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) No we did not.

5731. How often did you go to Gorleston and Southtown?—Not very often.

5732. Did you keep a canvass book?—No, Sir Edmund kept the canvass book, and I looked over it.

5733. Did you go to Gorleston on the Saturday, and the Monday and Tuesday before the election?—I can-

not say. I do not remember now. I might have done so, perhaps, Sunday and Monday.

5734. The last three days?—Tuesday was the day of the election.

5735. No, Tuesday was the nomination day?—I do not know that I did.

5736. Were you very readily promised in Gorleston?—Yes, I think so. I think they considered we were the proper persons to represent the place.

5737. Did you find the voters hanging back at Gorleston?—No, generally not; I think they received us exceedingly well.

5738. Were you there on the Sunday?—I was either on board my yacht or was walking about the town.

5739. Were you at Gorleston on the Sunday?—No. I heard the evidence just now given; I think it a most scandalous falsehood. How a man can have the audacity to say a thing of that kind I am surprised at.

5740. You are enabled to say positively you were not there?—Positively.

5741. Did you see Sir Edmund Lacon on the Sunday?—I am not quite clear upon that; Sir Edmund used to come up on the Sunday evening, about 9 o'clock sometimes. I used to go to the "Victoria" when I did not sleep on board the yacht. He would say, I will go and attend to my Sunday duties at Ormesby, and I will come over about 8 or 9 o'clock: that is generally about the time he used to come. It was not dark then.

5742. If you kept no canvass book you cannot from memory recollect the state of the canvass?—Sir Edmund Lacon had the canvass-book; I kept no book at all.

5743. I see by the canvass-book there were 145 promised to you in Gorleston?—Yes, there were.

5744. And you polled 137?—That is not very far off, only 11, is it not?

5745. There were more promises?—Well, then, probably that will account why there was such a liberal expenditure in the Liberal interest.

5746. Did you find on the canvass that the people at Gorleston promised early or late?—Well, we did not go to Gorleston; we took Yarmouth proper, and then went to Gorleston afterwards, so that we did not do the two on the same day.

5747. You were not very often, perhaps, at Gorleston?—No; but then we devoted a whole day when we went there.

5748. How many days do you think you went there?—Probably one or two.

5749. And all the promises that were got from Gorleston, were they made to you on those two days?—Yes. I think they were so alive to the advantages that Sir Edmund Lacon and myself would confer upon the town, that was the reason why they did not require refreshing.

5750. I only want to know the fact; you said you got 145 promises on the two and three days you were there?—Yes.

5751. The week before the election?—Yes. I was not here the whole of my time, because I had to be at the railway, therefore I was obliged to go when I could.

5752. (*Mr. Slade.*) Why do you say it is probable Sir Edmund Lacon came on Sunday evening?—You asked something about Sir Edmund coming on the Sunday evening previous to the election. I say generally he used to go home on Saturday evening, and naturally living within five miles of Yarmouth, being very warm weather, he was very much excited. We did not have recourse to any canvass on Sunday, and therefore he naturally went home.

5753. You think it most probable he did come back on Sunday evening?—I think it very probable he did, about 9 or 10 o'clock.

5754. Sir Edmund said himself he thought it was most probable he did not?—I say generally he did. As to that particular Sunday I know I did not go to Gorleston as this man has alleged. As regards Sir Edmund coming here on that particular Sunday I will not positively say whether he did or did not. Sometimes he did and sometimes he did not. Sir Edmund knows that better than I do; I did not keep a diary.

5755. Was there any meeting of your Conservative supporters on the Sunday at any place?—Not that I know of.

5756. Were you living in the town at that time, or was your yacht here?—My yacht was here all the time and is here now.

5757. Can you say one way or the other, whether you went to Mr. Aldred's house on that day?—I do not think I did; I do not often go out; I generally remain at home on the Sunday.

5758. I ask you whether you did?—No, I do not think I did; it is like some of the other statements, absolutely false, I will be bound.

5759. Is this the first place that you have ever represented in Parliament?—Yes.

5760. And it is the first place that you have ever been a candidate for?—Yes.

5761. I presume you put yourself entirely in the hands of Sir Edmund Lacon?—I do not know that I did. Sir Edmund and I are largely interested in the success of this town. I do not want to put myself in the hands of anybody. Sir Edmund being a great customer of ours I naturally knew him.

5762. I meant as regards the business of the canvass?—No; we went together, and when I was obliged to go to town, Sir Edmund went about occasionally, I suppose. I cannot tell you where he went.

5763. You worked with the same staff that he worked with at the election previous?—That I do not know. I did know what he did before.

5764. Did you bring down any staff?—I did not require it.

5765. Then you did work with his staff?—That might be, I did not know it.

5766. You know it is, for you brought no fresh person yourself?—We did not want any fresh person.

5767. Therefore I say his staff worked the canvass?—Well, the staff was a very small one.

5768. Because you did not know them, it was a large staff?—We had not an army of people walking about the town with us, we were too well known to require a lot of voters with us.

5769. We now know there was a large staff on Sir Edmund's side, who bribed to a large extent; that staff worked in your behalf without your knowledge?—Yes, we had the gentlemen of Yarmouth on our side. I used to see some of them about the town; as to any regular organized meetings we did not require them.

5770. There had been some hotly-contested elections before here, had there not?—Well, I know nothing about them.

5771. Did you make any suggestion as to the mode of canvass?—No. I have had to do with a little warfare in my time, but not for member of Parliament, and therefore I naturally knew how to proceed with the canvass by calling on the people. There were no particular tricks necessary to be brought into play at an election for this borough that I saw, and none were exercised.

5772. You did as you were told?—I do not know what you mean by, did as I was told. Sir Edmund and I called on the voters.

5773. You took the course he took?—I knew a little about the town. I knew the streets in which they lived, and we called on them. We had a book of the registered electors; there was no great difficulty in calling on voters in that way.

5774. We have no further questions to ask you; do you wish to make any statement?—No.

SEVENTH DAY.

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26 Aug. 1866.

PHILLIP VANDERBYL, Esq., M.P., sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

5775. You are the present member for Bridgewater?—I am.

5776. Were you a candidate for this borough in the last election?—I was.

5777. In company with Mr. Brogden?—Yes.

5778. Did you stand upon a joint interest with Mr. Brogden?—What do you mean by joint interest?

5779. I mean as regards your politics?—Yes.

5780. And as regards the expense?—In what respect?

5781. Any expense?—In what respect do you mean as regards expense?

5782. Do you understand my question?—No, I do not. I wish to be correct in what I say, and that is why I ask the question.

5783. In all expenses that were to be incurred by being elected member for the borough, did you stand on joint interest with Mr. Brogden?—That would depend upon circumstances.

5784. Will you explain that?—If I succeeded in becoming the member, I would share the expenses with Mr. Brogden.

5785. Were you to pay in case you were not returned?—I was only to pay the expenses of printing, and such incidental expenses as might be connected directly with the few days that I was down here.

5786. Printing, and do you mean personal expenses?—Of course my hotel expenses I paid myself.

5787. What do you mean by incidental expenses?—I mean with regard to sending the people to placard advertisements, and so on.

5788. Which are charged in the accounts?—Yes.

5789. Messengers?—Yes. I presume all that.

5790. You were to pay half the legitimate expenses from the time you came forward with Mr. Brogden?—Yes.

5791. If you were not returned, but if you were returned you were to pay half the legitimate expenses, including the time when Mr. Marshman was here; was that it?—That I am not sure about. I know I was to pay the expenses that would be incurred on my account for printing, and so on, during the time I was here.

5792. In case you were not returned?—In case I was not returned.

5793. In case you were returned?—I was to pay certainly not Mr. Marshman's expenses, but I was to pay half share of the expenses.

5794. And nothing mentioned as to what they might be?—No.

5795. Did you contemplate on that illegal expenses?—No, I did not contemplate it.

5796. When you say you were to pay half the expenses, whatever they might be, did you merely mean the expenses of the returning officer?—It was not named to me. It was not specified to me whether it was the one or the other.

5797. What did you understand by it?—Half the expenses Mr. Brogden was put to I was to pay, whether they were illegal or legal was not mentioned. We never thought or mentioned about illegal expenses.

5798. What I want to know is, whether you in your own mind considered that included illegal expenses?—I cannot say that I did.

5799. Did you bestow no thought upon it?—No; I left it entirely to Mr. Brogden.

5800. When did you come down to Yarmouth?—I think it was on a Friday night.

5801. Do you mean you arrived here on a Friday night?—I arrived here about 4 or 5 in the morning; it was very early.

5802. On the Saturday morning?—On the following morning; I forget whether it was Friday or Saturday. I think it was Friday night I came.

5803. When did you first hear of Mr. Marshman's retirement?—On Friday, on the day that I came down.

5804. Who informed you of it?—Mr. Brogden.

5805. Did he come to you in London?—Yes, he did.

5806. And where did you have the interview with him?—In the city.

5807. I forgot to ask you, you are a gentleman, are you not, whose business is in the city?—Yes; I am a merchant and banker in the city.

5808. Did Mr. Brogden come to your office?—Yes, I think he did.

5809. Had you known Mr. Brogden before that?—No.

5810. Did Mr. Brogden tell you how it was he came to come to you, not having known you previously?—He had a letter of introduction to me, I think; he had a letter of introduction or a card.

5811. Can you tell me the gentleman who introduced you?—I do not think I am a liberty to mention that.

5812. We must see whether it is necessary that we should have the name; at present I ask you for it?—Must I give it?

5813. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are your objections to stating it publicly?—No; but I do not think it is right.

5814. You are bound to do it if we ask for it?—I do not think it would be the slightest service to the inquiry, and I do not think it is right to the Liberal party to name it publicly or privately.

5815. We have nothing to do either with one party or the other. We have only to ask you, if we think it necessary for the purposes of the inquiry?—I really do not think it necessary.

5816. We will judge of that. Have you any objection to state it publicly?—Yes.

5817. Have you any objection to inform the Commissioners privately?—If it is insisted upon I will state it privately, but not if it is not insisted upon.

5818. (*Mr. Slade.*) We think it necessary?—I do not think I am at liberty to mention it, because it was a confidential meeting.

5819. We are sent down here, and cannot admit pleas of that sort. You write it on paper, and it shall not go any further unless we find it necessary?—Am I obliged to answer this question?

5820. You are bound; you have no discretion?—[*The witness wrote the name on a slip of paper and handed it to the Commissioners.*]

(*Mr. Slade.*) We do not think it necessary to mention that name now.

5821. Will you tell us what passed at that interview with you and Mr. Brogden, as far as you recollect generally?—Very little.

5822. Can you say for certain whether it was a letter that was brought to you by Mr. Brogden, or whether it was a card?—I cannot; I really cannot remember. I know I was introduced to Mr. Brogden by that gentleman whose name I have given to you privately. The introduction was through that gentleman; that is all I can vouch for.

5823. You knew at once that Mr. Brogden had come on politics?—Decidedly. The subject was at once spoken about and discussed.

5824. I presume that Mr. Brogden at once entered into the business?—Yes.

5825. Will you tell us, if you please, as far as you can recollect, what was said at that interview?—I really cannot remember exactly what was said at that interview. Mr. Brogden asked me whether I would be willing to contest the borough. He said he thought there was a very good chance, that Mr. Marshman was about to retire, that he was not very plucky; and I said, if there was a fair chance I had no objection, but as the time was very short I did not feel disposed to go to very much expense in the matter; the time was too short for me to make a personal canvass or make myself known to the constituents, therefore, "I am not disposed to spend any large sum of money."

5826. Did you give Mr. Brogden to understand what you meant by a "large sum of money?"—I

meant I would not go to any large expense one way or the other.

5827. Did you mention any sum?—I do not think the sum was mentioned; I am not quite sure; I do not think there was any sum defined. The only definition or understanding we came to was, whatever the sum might be, that I was to pay half in the event of my being successful, and if not successful I was merely to pay, as I explained before, the expenses connected with printing, posting, and so on.

5828. Can you give us any idea what sum suggested itself to your mind when you said a large sum?—For contesting the borough?

5829. Yes?—I thought it might cost, if I succeeded, from 1,200*l.* to 1,500*l.*

5830. Did you give Mr. Brogden to understand that you did not wish to spend more than that sum?—I do not know that I did.

5831. Did you give Mr. Brogden to understand that you would spend more than that sum?—I do not know that I did. I do not think we defined the sums at all. I left it entirely to Mr. Brogden. I said, "Well, if it is successful, I will pay half the expenses, whatever they may be."

5832. You came down, as you tell us, early on the Saturday morning?—Yes.

5833. Did you canvass yourself?—I went about canvassing a little.

5834. Did you commence on the Saturday?—Yes.

5835. And kept it up?—All the time.

5836. Did you make acquaintances with the heads of the Liberal party here?—I made acquaintances with a great number.

5837. Both heads and inferiors?—Both heads and tails.

5838. Did you make acquaintance with the gentleman who had charge of the election, Mr. Edwards?—I am not sure. I did not even know the name until I heard it here to-day. I may know Edwards if I see him, but I was introduced to such a number of people that, although I may know the name, I could not attach that name to any particular individual. That is the situation I am in with regard to him.

5839. There were two Edwards's, so you might be mistaken?—I would not know the one or the other. I might know the individual if I saw him, and not know it was Edwards, and I might see Mr. Edwards, and not know it was the individual.

5840. Still, I take it, you did know the gentleman who was managing the election?—I am not sure that I did.

5841. Did you attend that committee room at the "Angel?"—I was in the room, but I left the management of all that to Mr. Brogden. I said, "I am too "late to organize anything with regard to canvassing, "I must trust to you in the matter. I will go and see "the individuals, and make as many personal acquaint-"ances as I can, and show myself."

5842. I presume you appointed Mr. Clowes your agent?—Yes.

5843. Did you make the acquaintance of the gentleman you saw here this morning, Mr. Livingston?—I did see him about.

5844. Did you know he was an active partisan on your side?—I did. I knew he was very actively working for the Liberal party. I saw him going about, and of course I could not help knowing that.

5845. And what was the result of the canvass in your opinion with regard to your promises?—I think that was proved by the poll.

5846. In what way?—The result of the canvass.

5847. I mean the promises?—The most of them promised very fairly.

5848. Did you find them hang back at all?—Some seemed doubtful.

5849. Did it strike you at all that there was a large proportion of doubtful?—No, it did not.

5850. Who accompanied you in your canvass?—I generally went with Mr. Brogden himself.

5851. And besides him?—Sometimes it was one person, and sometimes it was another. I think I may have often gone with Mr. Livingston; I may have, I went with anybody who happened to be about, and who knew there was a person it was desirable I should canvass. I went and paid a visit, and left a card.

5852. Did you make the acquaintance of Mr. Salmon?—No.

5853. You did not know him?—No. I may have seen him, but I did not know him.

5854. Have you known him since?—I have not until very recently.

5855. What do you call "very recently?"—Since the Parliamentary inquiry, since the Committee subsequent to that.

5856. You know him tolerably well now, I suppose?—No, I have only seen him once or twice.

5857. I need not ask you if you know anything about the man they call Jones?—I do not know anything whatsoever about him.

5858. Have you heard of him for the first time during this inquiry here?—Yes.

5859. Have you ever been a candidate before for any borough?—No. Yarmouth was my first contest; it was my first love.

5860. Did it strike you, from what you saw of the gentlemen you canvassed, that any of them wanted money for their votes?—I cannot say that it did.

5861. Did it strike you that they were very ready in coming forward?—I cannot say that.

5862. Did you form any opinion in your own mind as to whether any of them would require to be paid for their votes?—No, I did not calculate upon that.

5863. When did you leave the town of Yarmouth?—I left the same evening, after the poll.

5864. Were you aware before you left that any bribery had been practised on your behalf?—I cannot say that I was.

5865. Did you leave Yarmouth with the idea that no bribery had been practised on your behalf?—I really did not come to any conclusion on that subject; I really did not.

5866. I do not mean to say that any bribery was committed before your eyes, but whether from what you observed?—We all, from our worldly knowledge, know that these things are done, and we may suppose without knowing.

5867. Did it strike you that Yarmouth at the time you were here was in an excited state, beyond what usually happens at elections?—I have never been at any borough and seen the state before, but certainly it did appear to me to be in a very excited state; not more so than I have seen it elsewhere since.

5868. You have had more experience since then?—I have.

5869. Did Mr. Brogden come away from the office in company with you on that day?—Which day?

5870. The day he first saw you?—No, I think not. I came away alone.

5871. After he left you?—Yes, after he left me. I think I came away alone.

5872. Did you pay a visit to the gentleman who introduced Mr. Brogden to you?—I did.

5873. Did you see any other gentleman in his presence?—I think not.

5874. Did you see any other gentleman with reference to this election after you had seen that gentleman whose name you have given us?—I saw a number of gentlemen; you cannot walk across the street without.

5875. I mean with reference to this election?—I saw my own solicitor.

5876. Was that in reference to the election?—Yes.

5877. Did you see any other gentlemen with reference to the election?—I think not. I only had about two or three hours to prepare myself and go away by the train. It was mentioned to me in the middle of the day, and I had to go to the West End and get my bag and baggage and come away by the evening train. I had very little time; in fact I had no time to see anybody.

5878. Do I understand you to say you do not recol-

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lect, or you did not ?—I do not remember seeing anybody else except my own solicitor. I am not even sure whether I saw my own solicitor then, or whether I wrote him a note to come and see me down here.

5879. I want to know, after you had seen the gentleman whose name you have given us, whether you went from him and saw anybody ?—No.

5880. You saw no one else in his presence ?—No ; nothing in connexion with this matter at all.

5881. Was anything said about the probable expenses of the contest to this gentleman when you saw him ?—I am not sure it was in his presence. It was mentioned. I daresay what I remarked before on the subject, but I am not sure anything was said in his presence.

5882. I thought you had an interview with him alone ?—With that gentleman alone ?

5883. Yes ?—No, I never said so. I do not think I ever had. The time was too short.

5884. Were there several gentlemen present when you saw this gentleman who introduced Mr. Brogden to you ?—No ; only Mr. Brogden, myself, and he.

5885. Mr. Brogden was there ?—Yes.

5886. I understood you to say that Mr. Brogden went away and left you in your office ?—No ; we went to see this gentleman, or we met at this gentleman's office, and then went to my office. Those two were the only two places we met at, that gentleman's office, which is quite close to mine, and my office ; and whether we met first at his or whether we met at mine I cannot say, but we met at these two places. Of course, at my office, Mr. Brogden met me alone, and then I went with him, and I forget whether the introduction was a card or not.

5887. Then I presume that the whole question of the probable expense was short ?—The whole negociation was very brief.

5888. You came down with Mr. Brogden to secure the second vote in fact ?—That is about it.

5889. I wish to ask you generally, whether, to your knowledge, any bribery was committed on your behalf at this election ?—Not to my knowledge.

5890. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How long was Mr. Brogden with you altogether on the first interview ?—I do not think that it took above 10 minutes or a quarter of an hour.

5891. Did he tell you why Mr. Marshman had retired ?—He did not give me any particular reasons further than that he said Mr. Marshman felt nervous; he was old, and not able to undergo the fatigue of a contest, and rather faint-hearted.

5892. You say he made use of the expression "want of pluck ?"—Yes.

5893. What did you gather from that expression ?—I gathered that he was an old man past 70, and he had not the courage requisite for a contest of the sort.

5894. Did he tell you how long Mr. Marshman had been in the field ?—I do not think I was told that. I presume he was in the field from the beginning, but I do not know that it was absolutely named.

5895. As you say as the conversation only lasted 10 minutes, I presume that Mr. Brogden had not time to give you the history of Yarmouth ?—That is correct.

5896. Had you any previous knowledge of the borough of Yarmouth as to election matters ?—None whatever.

5897. Were you cognizant at the last election that there had been a petition ?—I really at that moment knew nothing about the place.

5898. And Mr. Brogden communicated nothing to you about it ?—There was not time.

5899. Was anything at all mentioned as to its being an expensive place ?—I think not.

5900. Are you certain ?—As far as I remember, we did not discuss as to whether it was an expensive, or as to whether it was not an expensive place. The only understanding come to was, that I was to share the expenses. I did not know what it would cost.

5901. Nothing was said that led you to think that Mr. Marshman had retired, except from his disinclination to face the contest ?—It was more than that. He could not stand it ; he was ill ; in short he was worn out with walking about and canvassing, and he could stand it no longer.

5902. When Mr. Brogden left you had you any idea whatever that you were going down to a place where it would be necessary to spend money in an illegal manner in order to ensure your return ?—I cannot say that I had.

5903. You say you cannot say ?—I had nothing to go upon.

5904. You had nothing whatever ?—Nothing whatever to go upon. I knew absolutely nothing of the place whatsoever.

5905. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was it at this first interview with Mr. Brogden and the gentleman whose name you have given us, that the arrangement was come to as to the proportion in which you were to bear your share of the expenses ?—I do not know that that gentleman was present ; I rather think he was not. It was a private understanding between me and Mr. Brogden.

5906. That was the time the arrangement was come to ?—It was come to that day.

5907. Was it then understood you were not to pay Mr. Marshman's expenses in any event ?—We did not go into that ; but I never contemplated it, and certainly I would not pay any other man's expenses.

5908. Was any limit fixed by you as to the proportion that you should pay if you were returned ?—No.

5909. Should you have considered yourself bound to pay any sum ?—I should have considered myself bound to pay any sum.

5910. And did you at that time contemplate an illegal expenditure of money ?—Certainly not.

5911. You have told us that in the event of your being returned you had contemplated that about 1,500*l.* might have been your share ?—It might have been my share. I said 1,200*l.* to 1,500*l.* I thought might be my share. I had no experience of the expenses connected with the contest. I could form no idea of what it might cost.

5912. You came down on the Saturday ?—The Saturday morning.

5913. And the polling was to take place on the Wednesday ?—I believe so.

5914. When you contemplated the possibility of expending 1,200*l.* to 1,500*l.*, did it occur to you as a large sum to pay for the legal expenditure for four days electioneering ?—It did of course. I named that as an outside amount.

5915. But you did not contemplate any part of it being expended for illegal purposes ?—Certainly not.

5916. You have made use of the term, with reference to Mr. Marshman, "faint-hearted ;" was any allusion made at either of those interviews that you have named as to Mr. Marshman being unwilling to spend money ?—No.

5917. And it was never hinted, in consequence of Mr. Marshman being unwilling to spend money, he had declined any further to face the contest ?—I cannot say that I heard it, but I have read it in the papers since.

5918. You did not know it at the time Mr. Marshman retired ?—No, certainly not.

5919. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you mean you read it in the paper at the time, soon afterwards ?—And now, I may have it read in the paper at the time. I am not sure about that, but I have heard it.

5920. Now ?—Yes, now.

5921. It was understood that even if you were not returned, you were to pay your share of the expenses from the moment you came forward ?—Yes.

5922. What was the further sum you contemplated having to pay if you were asked ?—Half whatever it might have cost the Liberal party.

5923. You have told us you would not pay Mr.

Marshman's expenses?—Of course not. If it came to the settlement of accounts I would ask my friend what the contest came to, what the expenses were, and, deducting Mr. Marshman's, I would then pay half whatever that might be, although that was not entered into; but certainly if I were asked to pay another man's expenses I would not do so.

5924. I do not exactly see what further sum you would have to spend. If I understand it rightly, Mr. Marshman's expenses up to the time you came forward would be his share of the Liberal expenses?—Yes.

5925. Those you did not contemplate paying in any event?—No.

5926. In the event of your being returned, what was the further sum you contemplated paying?—Whatever Mr. Brogden said to me the expense of the election amounts to. If he said it amounts to so much I should consider I was bound to pay half of it.

5927. You would have made no inquiry how that money had been spent?—None whatsoever.

5928. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you pay?—Is it necessary to mention it?

5929. Yes?—It was under 200*l.*

5930. Did you contribute at all to the expenses of the petition?—I do not think I did.

5931. What did you pay this sum of 200*l.* for; who sent you in the bill, or how was it made out?—A part of it was hotel expenses, and for the rest I gave a cheque to Mr. Brogden for a certain sum, which I was told would be the amount of my printing, and so on.

5932. Was that payment based on the expenses sent in by the returning officers?—I do not know what it was based upon.

5933. Who told you you had to pay this sum to Mr. Brogden?—I paid it to Mr. Brogden.

5934. Did he ask for it?—He settled with the returning officer, and it was my share of the returning officer's account, whatever it was.

5935. Did he send the account in to you?—I left that matter of account to Mr. Brogden. I never troubled myself about the account.

5936. I want to know how you knew what you had to pay?—Because I told Mr. Brogden I would pay a certain sum of the printing and expenses, and the amount, he said, was about 150*l.* I said, "There "is a cheque for 150*l.*, do not bother me about the "accounts."

5937. That is how it was done?—Yes.

5938. "Give me the 150*l.* and say no more about it?"—Yes.

5939. Was that half the expenses?—It would not answer my purpose to go and spend a day going into these accounts at all; I would rather give a cheque for 150*l.* and be done with it.

5940. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was the actual expense for which you were legally liable communicated to you?—No.

5941. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you ever see a statement of the legal expenses of the candidates?—I never saw a statement of any accounts whatsoever.

5942. Was anything said to you about the petition?—I was away abroad at the time. I was away travelling in Italy, Naples, and Rome, and I heard nothing of it, except my friends said when I came back, "You have been running away to be out of the way of the petition." I left it all to my friend Mr. Brogden.

5943. And you were consulted about it before?—Scarcely; and I told him he might do anything he liked; I left it to his discretion. I only know he worked the thing, and I had no time to attend to it.

5944. You knew there was going to be a petition?—I knew there was going to be a petition.

5945. Did Mr. Brogden say he would pay all the expenses?—He never alluded to the subject. As he did not I did not certainly; and as I did not take action in the matter, he could not expect me to pay half of it, and he never asked me to pay half of it.

5946. And you do not intend to pay half of it?—I do not intend to pay half of it, certainly not.

5947. Did Mr. Brogden, when he came to you, tell you what interest he had in this borough?—No; as I said before, the time was so very short; I do not think altogether a dozen sentences scarcely passed between us. The thing was all done in a very few minutes. It was a matter of action, not of talking.

5948. We should like to know what was said, as it was so very short?—I cannot tell you what was said; the substance of it might be, "Are you inclined to "stand for Great Yarmouth? There is a very fair "chance of your getting in for the borough." I said, "Well, I have no objection;" and then I had the interview with the other gentleman whose name I have given you, and he said he thought there was a very fair chance, and I said I will go down and see what I can do; that was about the sum and substance of the whole.

5949. Did you know Mr. Brogden by reputation before you saw him?—No, I cannot say that I knew him by reputation. I have heard of him, but I did not know of anything particular about him.

WILLIAM LIVINGSTON, jun., sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

W. Livingston, jun.

5950. Are you a son of Mr. Livingston who has been examined?—Yes.

5951. Were you employed by your father during the election to assist him?—No, not at all.

5952. Did you assist him?—Not at all.

5953. Did you take no part in the election whatever?—Not the slightest; it took all my time at home to mind my business.

5954. Had you nothing to do with the election whatever?—Nothing at all; not the slightest.

5955. Do you know a man named Azariah Waters?—Yes.

5956. Had you any communication with him during the election?—What, in reference to the election?

5957. Yes?—No, nothing at all; at least merely talking about it.

5958. You can throw no light upon it?—Not at all; I know nothing.

5959. You were aware your father was employed, were you not?—Yes; and that is the very reason that kept me at home.

5960. Did he ever communicate with you upon the subject at all?—Not at all; I may have asked him some questions.

5961. (*Mr. Slade.*) Look at that list (*handing a paper to the witness.*) Did you ever see those names put down upon a list before?—No.

5962. Did you ever see any of them in a list?—I have seen some names down, as my father used to write a list down after he came home.

5963. What do you mean by saying you knew nothing about the election; you saw your father's lists?—Yes, lots of them.

5964. What were they?—He used to write lists out when he came home.

5965. And sums put to the end of their names?—I never saw them.

5966. Upon your oath?—Upon my oath.

5967. What lists did you see?—After he used to come home, and he had been done and finished the canvass, he would come home and write lists of names out. I have seen them lying about on the table.

5968. Did he write them out on sheets of paper?—Yes.

5969. Sheets similar to that?—I will not be certain about that; generally billheads.

5970. Paper he made his bills out upon?—Bills that we use in the shop.

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W. Livingston, jun.

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5971. Long strips of paper?—Yes, about half the width of that.

5972. With the money column by the side?—No.

5973. You have not got that in your shop?—No.

5974. What did he do with those lists?—They were lying about, and there were lots of them I used in the shop.

5975. Were those men your father canvassed?—I cannot say.

5976. Yes, you can?—Well, I should think so.

5977. Did he tell you so?—No.

5978. What did he say about them?—I cannot say what he said about them.

5979. What did you take them to be?—I took them to be the men he had seen.

5980. What made you think that?—Because he was out all day on the canvass.

5981. You knew he was all day on the election?—Yes.

5982. And when he came home he wrote the names down?—Yes.

5983. In a long list?—Sometimes. Sometimes short.

5984. How many lists did you see?—Lots.

5985. Give me some idea?—Thirty or forty he used to write every night to the best of my recollection after he came home.

5986. Every night when he came home he wrote those lists?—Yes, I think so.

5987. You know or not?—I did not see him every night.

5988. How often did you see him?—Perhaps a dozen, perhaps more or less.

5989. Was that the canvass your father made?—I expect so.

5990. Did he tell you so?—I cannot say. He might have told me so, but if he did I forget.

5991. Try and recollect, did your father say that was his canvass?—He might have said so.

5992. You know whether he did or not?—I really cannot tell you.

5993. You must answer that question. Did your father say those were the people he canvassed during the day?—I should say most likely he said so.

5994. Did you see your father's canvassing-book?—I saw the register.

5995. Was that the only canvassing-book he had?—That is the only one that I saw.

5996. Did you ever see the poll-book?—Yes, after the election.

5997. Did your father have the register before him when he made these lists?—Yes.

5998. Always?—Always when I saw him.

5999. He wrote the names down out of the register?—Out of the register. I believe, if you will allow me to say so, I think these names he wrote were parties he was going to see the next day.

6000. What did he do with these lists?—He took them away with him in the morning. They were left lying on the table all night.

6001. What did you do with Azariah Waters?—Nothing.

6002. In the way of electioneering?—All we did was we went and walked about at night, and all we did was talking about it.

6003. Did you ask any voters for their votes?—Me?

6004. Yes?—Not a single soul.

6005. Did your father ever send you to a voter?—Never.

6006. Have you heard your father examined?—No.

6007. Were you in the room?—No.

6008. Did you ever see any sums of money put against men's names in the list?—Never.

6009. Did your father ever mention to you such a man wanted so much for his vote?—Never.

6010. Did you learn from anybody else that a man wanted money for his vote?—No.

6011. Never in your life?—Never.

6012. Never knew a single man in Yarmouth wanted money for his vote?—I never asked him about it.

6013. Did you know it?—I do not think I did.

6014. Upon your oath do you mean to say you never knew a single man in Yarmouth who wanted money for his vote?—No.

6015. Do you swear that?—Yes.

6016. Did you ever hear of a man wanting money for his vote?—No.

6017. That you swear?—That I swear.

6018. Did you ever hear of a man being paid for his vote?—After he voted?

6019. Before he voted, in order to vote?—No.

6020. Never heard that?—Never.

6021. Do you know George Moore?—I know him to see him; I never spoke to him in my life.

6022. Do you know Thomas Downing?—Yes.

6023. Did you ever speak to him?—I have merely said good morning.

6024. Nothing more?—Nothing more.

6025. You attend to your shop?—Yes.

6026. What time do you go away at night?—I sleep in the house; I live in the house.

6027. When do you shut up?—About 9 o'clock on an average, with the exception of Saturday nights, then it is 11 or half-past 11.

6028. The Monday before the election were you in your shop all day?—Yes, I think I was. I may have been out half an hour or 10 minutes.

6029. But you were at work in your shop?—At work in the shop.

6030. Do you remember the Monday previous to the election?—No, I cannot say that I remember that particular.

6031. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you hear your father say, on the Monday before the election, the Conservatives were buying away your votes?—No, I did not.

6032. You never heard a word about bribery either on the one side or the other?—No, I do not think I did. I did not take any notice of it at all; it took me all my time to attend to the business.

6033. Was your father more excited the last two or three days than he had been before?—He is always excited during electioneering time.

6034. But you did not observe any additional excitement?—No.

6035. In fact you have nothing to tell us?—Nothing at all.

6036. And if anybody was to come before us, and in any way connect your name with the knowledge of money having been paid, it would not be true?—No, that it would not.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

EIGHTH DAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 24th August 1866.

Mr. Alexander Brogden sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

6037. Were you a candidate at the last election for this borough?—I was.

6038. Can you tell us when you first made up your mind to become a candidate for Yarmouth?—It was early in the month of June. I cannot give you the precise day.

6039. In what year?—In the year 1865; last year.

6040. The month of June 1865?—Yes.

6041. Do you mean the month before the election took place?—It was immediately before the election took place; the same year.

6042. In the month previous?—I think in the month previous. I cannot speak to the precise date, but I think the month previously.

6043. Had you had no communication with anyone before that time about standing for this borough?—I think not. I am almost certain not.

6044. We have been informed here that there were some negociations with Mr. Watkin, the late member, on the subject?—Mr. Watkin communicated to me the desire of the people of Yarmouth that I should stand for this borough at the last election.

6045. When was that?—I think, as I tell you, it was early in the month of June; it might have been May. I cannot speak as to the precise date.

6046. I am trying to fix you to the year; it was June 1865?—Yes. Mr. Watkin communicated to me the desire that I should stand for Yarmouth, and also his inability to do so, inasmuch as he was then member for Stockport, and could not relinquish his seat for that borough; and he told me he had been asked to select a suitable person to stand with him, and asked me whether, under the circumstances, I should be willing with another colleague to come down and canvass the borough in the Liberal interest.

6047. Was Mr. Watkin a personal friend of yours?—He was.

6048. Had you known him for many years?—Many years intimately.

6049. Did you say you were willing to come forward?—I did not say immediately I should be willing to come forward. I said it was a subject requiring information. I should like to know the state of the register, and also who was to be my colleague; and also I should require, and I had no doubt my colleague would require, an invitation from the Liberals of the borough to come down and canvass, before we should set our feet in the place.

6050. Your colleague was Mr. Marshman?—My colleague was Mr. Marshman. I had not known him previously. I was introduced to him by Mr. Watkin.

6051. You were introduced to Mr. Marshman before you came down to Yarmouth?—Yes.

6052. How long previously?—Perhaps a week before we came down.

6053. Did Mr. Watkin come down to Yarmouth in company with you and Mr. Marshman?—I think he did. I am sure he did now; we came in the same train together.

6054. Can you tell us what day that was, or about what time?—I have no precise recollection myself, but I refreshed my memory this morning by asking Mr. Garratt, at whose hotel I stayed, on what day I came, and he informed me it was on the 10th of June.

6055. I presume as time was short you wished to see the heads of the Liberal party without delay?—We had a meeting that night at the "Angel," a meeting which I believe was not confined to the Liberal party, but composed of all sections; and Mr. Watkin introduced us to that meeting, and Mr. Marshman and myself addressed the meeting.

6056. Was it at that meeting decided that you should come forward as a candidate for Yarmouth?—Do you mean when did we determine to proceed?

6057. Yes.—We continued to canvass the borough for, I think, at least 10 days, I will not be precise to a day; and subsequently we had a public meeting in the market-place, and we addressed the electors again there. I at that meeting said, although we had not completed our canvass, I was so satisfied with the reception we had received that I should go to the poll, and Mr. Marshman did not express himself in such explicit terms.

6058. Did Mr. Marshman agree with you that it was expedient you should go to the poll at that time?—I do not think we had minutely discussed the question to determine what each of us should do; we each of us spoke for ourselves.

6059. May I take it to be about the 20th of June?—I cannot charge my memory with the day; I think it would be about that time.

6060. Look at this address. Do you recognize that (*handing a printed address to the witness*)?—Yes.

6061. This is what you issued when you first came down. I see it is dated the 13th of June 1865?—That is the address we issued at that time.

6062. Before you made up your mind to go to the poll?—Before we made up our minds to go to the poll; we studiously avoided committing ourselves to go to the poll in that address.

6063. Then you canvassed for 10 days and then you made up your minds to go the poll?—I made up my mind, of course. That was a contingent on our receiving continued support, the same as we had had up to that time.

6064. Had you canvassed at that time in company with Mr. Marshman?—Very much in company with him, but he was not always with me. He was a much older man than I was, and it was during an excessively hot summer, and he was not always able to accompany me throughout the entire canvass. After dinner I frequently went out myself, and I think he scarcely ever went out in the evening to canvass.

6065. You canvassed on a joint interest?—Oh, clearly.

6066. You say Mr. Marshman at that time did not come to the same decision with yourself about going to the poll. Did he give you any reason for differing from you on that point?—He was an old man and more cautious than I was, and he knew very well that we had not then completed our canvass, and that probably it might have been premature in hoping that the canvass would continue as good as it commenced.

6067. Your canvass at that time had been very successful?—Very successful indeed.

6068. Were the promises on your side larger than would enable you to win the election?—I do not exactly understand your question.

6069. Had you a majority of promises?—Not a majority of the voters; not more than one half of the whole register.

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Mr. A. Broyden.

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6070. Can you tell me how many promises you had at that time ?—No, I cannot.

6071. Did you keep the canvass book yourself ?—The canvass book was kept by Mr. Edwards, who accompanied us on our canvass, and Mr. Marshman, and I summed them up at night, took the total promises for, the total promises against, and those who would not promise either way, and those who were unseen also on the lists that we took with us.

6072. Had you no private canvass-book of your own ?—No.

6073. What was Mr. Edwards' Christian name ?—The Mr. Edwards I refer to now was in this room a short time ago. I believe the name was Thomas Edwards, I am not quite certain. There is another Edwards. I will explain all about him.

6074. Thomas Edwards is a man in Yarmouth ?—Yes. My intention is to facilitate your inquiry as much as possible.

6075. We are obliged to you. If you wish to make a statement rather than we should ask questions, we shall be happy to hear you ?—I will do so whenever I find it convenient ; of course understanding I am here as an unwilling witness, and whatever statement I make is taken in the same way as it would be if I were answering questions.

6076. Can you fix the day on which you stated your determination to go to the poll ?—I can only fix it by the circumstances, which perhaps the press record will enable me to ascertain ; but I have not the date in my recollection. At that time, that was at the public meeting in the market-place, when Mr. Watkin came down and addressed the constituents in our favour ; but I cannot charge my memory with the exact date.

6077. Can you fix at all how long before the nomination day it was, in a general way ?—It was some time before the nomination day, considerably before the nomination day.

6078. It was within three or four weeks ?—Oh, yes. The whole time of our being here was not more than four or five weeks, I think.

6079. After you had made your statement that you intended to go to the poll, did you proceed with your canvass ?—Yes, day by day.

6080. Did Mr. Watkin remain in Yarmouth during any part of that time ?—No. I think he came purely as a friend, to exercise whatever influence he had here, being a very popular man in the borough, to exercise any influence he had in our favour; and I think he left the same night, or early the same morning. He came down at great inconvenience to himself to serve his friends ; in fact, I may say I am a personal friend of his.

6081. Can you tell me anybody else who addressed the crowd, besides yourself, Mr. Marshman, and Mr. Watkin ?—The papers will tell you all that.

6082. You were proposed, I believe, by Mr. Hammond ?—I was.

6083. And seconded by Mr. Scott ?—And seconded by Mr. Scott.

6084. Mr. Hammond and Mr. Scott had invited you, I presume, to come down to Yarmouth ?—I think their names were upon the letter of invitation, along with many others.

6085. Was Mr. Livingston's name upon the list ?—I cannot say precisely. I have no doubt it was. He was a very active man in the Liberal interest, and I have no doubt it was.

6086. That is the invitation you alluded to in this address ?—Clearly, as far as I remember. It is some time since I have seen the address, and I do not remember the exact language.

6087. It says, "Having been honoured with an "invitation from some of the most influential members "of the Liberal party to come down ?"—That is so, no doubt.

6088. And Mr. Marshman joined you in that address ?—Yes.

6089. When did Mr. Marshman make up his mind to retire from the contest ?—I should think about a week before he did retire, as far as I can remember.

6090. What day did he retire ?—He retired on the Saturday before the election, whatever day that was.

6091. But you knew that he was going to retire before the Saturday ?—I knew for at least a week before. Perhaps I may facilitate matters by stating that our continued canvass had pretty well satisfied us that the borough, although a Liberal one, was very much under the influence of Sir Edmund Lacon, and if the election were allowed to pursue an unfettered course, the great probability was, that there would be Sir Edmund Lacon and one Liberal returned. Mr. Marshman made a private communication to me which I suppose I am compelled to disclose to you ?

6092. If you please ?—He made a private communication to me to say he had made three attempts before to get into Parliament, and had failed on each occasion, that I was a young man, and my future only just commencing ; that he should prefer very much, if it did come to there being only one Liberal returned, that I would give him the opportunity of being returned, and either retire, or by throwing the splits into his favor, or by some means make him the successful candidate. I at once said to him, as we had always acted with the greatest cordiality and loyalty to each other, that so far as I was concerned, I was impressed with the idea of what he said, and his reasons, and that although I could not pledge the Liberal party in Yarmouth to any such course, yet I should be quite willing to leave it to them, if that event ever did happen, to state which of the candidates should be the chosen one, and that I would take care, if he did not choose to make that statement to them himself, that I would take care that they had those representations made to them. At that time, we had become tolerably well convinced that a pure election would result in the return of one and one on each side.

6093. We hear that an overture was made to the Conservative party that a candidate on each side should be withdrawn ; were you aware of that overture ?—Yes ; it was made with our cognizance. Mr. Marshman had then expressed his determination to retire unless some such arrangement could be made and the overture was made with the object, first of all, of preventing any improper influences being put to work on either side, and, in the next place, to save the borough from the excitement of an election.

6094. Was Mr. Marshman cognizant of that overture ?—Oh, yes. It would even then be an open question which of the two Liberal candidates would have been selected by the Liberal party, Mr. Marshman or myself. It would have been left to them.

6095. Mr. Marshman at that time claimed to be the selected one of the two ?—No, only as the senior, and having claims of seniority and prior attempts to enter Parliament, but not I believe as the popular candidate of the two Liberals.

6096. At all events, he had not resigned his chance at that time in your favour, he wished to come in himself ?—Oh, yes.

6097. You had no intention to retire ?—No ; I declared my intention of going to the poll, or leaving them to the choice.

6098. Did you tell Mr. Hammond, you authorized him to make the statement ?—I do not know that that is scarcely the proper way to put it, I made up my mind, if such a conclusion should be arrived at, it would be to the interest of both parties, and if Mr. Marshman did not retire I would.

6099. Did you state that to Mr. Marshman ?—I cannot remember now whether I stated that fully. That was certainly in my mind at the time, and I think if I did say what you intimate "I could make it all right with Mr. Marshman" it was in that sense, that if he would not retire I should.

6100. If you had the majority of promises, would you not be able to return two members equally as well as one ?—No ; because that majority consisted partly

of a number of split votes, and I think the split votes, according to the canvass, amounted to about 42, and the number we had upon our list would have turned the election either way; 42 votes taken from one and added to another, of course made a majority sufficient to determine the election. I may add, that we were justified in coming to that conclusion by not only the absolute figures which resulted from our canvass, but from the impression we obtained from the canvass in obtaining the views of the voters as we canvassed them. We found Sir Edmund Lacon, although not a popular man, yet a man of great influence in the borough, having a large number of beer-houses, many of which were absolutely under his control, and also having great influence from that circumstance also over another class of people, that is, the dairymen, and over the people connected with the supply of stores for shipping, and so on. Through his connexions, we found he had great influence here, which we could not overcome, and which I may at once say we never tried to overcome, because I always in the canvass and at the public meetings stated we did not wish any person to damage his prospects in life by supporting us in the election; that if it became a question of that kind, we would rather they did not vote for us than damage themselves personally. We found Mr. Goodson had no such influence, that he was not a popular man, that his railway connexion gave him no great number of votes in the place. As far as I can judge, it is a matter of opinion only, they would not give him more than 12 votes in the whole place; and, on the contrary, the shipping interests were strongly opposed to the railway interest, and from that circumstance Mr. Goodson would actually lose more votes in the borough than he would gain from his position as chairman of the railway company. Those were circumstances which, in addition to the actual figures obtained on our canvass, determined my mind as to the probability of the election.

6101. These I have in my hand are handed in. I see the split votes for Lacon and Brogden were 36, and for Goodson and Brogden 7?—42 I remember were the split votes, whether they were all on one side or not I will not say.

6102. You had two plumpers?—Do you mean on the polling.

6103. Yes?—I do not remember.

6104. That calculation of yours was based upon promises, was it not?—Upon the promises.

6105. Were there any number of voters who held back, who would not promise generally?—Yes, quite a sufficient number to turn the election either way. I think the voters were very candid in giving us their views as we canvassed them. We went to both friends and foes, and asked them simply for a statement as to whether they would support us and give us their promises, or whether they had done so, or would do so to the other side, and by that means we obtained pretty accurately the promises on both sides. In the course of that inquiry we met with a great many people who would not give us any answer either way.

6106. Can you give us any idea of the number of people who would not promise?—I should think at least 200.

6107. Did you understand from them what reason induced them not to promise?—I, of course, never asked the question; I carefully avoided any such inquiry, but I had my own conclusions upon it.

6108. And your conclusion, I presume, was that they wanted money?—My conclusion is that if the election were contested and money was stirring on either side, they would require money certainly to vote for either before they would vote.

6109. Do you mean require money from Sir Edmund Lacon?—I mean, that if money was stirring on either side the consideration of money would affect them, and would make them vote one way or the other.

6110. If money was stirring?—If I did not give a clear answer I will endeavour to make it clear. A number of people would not vote at the election, or probably would not vote at all, if no money were stirring on either side; or, if they would vote, and no money were stirring, I believe the majority of them wold vote upon the Liberal side, but if money were stirring on one side or the other they would require money before they would vote.

6111. Did those voters whom you say would give no answer either way communicate their political feelings to you?—Many of them said, I will not speak for the whole number, I cannot, but many of them said, we should like to support you, but we cannot promise.

6112. Is it from that that you inferred they were Liberal in their feelings?—They would, in some cases, even go beyond that, and say their father had always voted Blue and they should like to vote the same way, that being the Liberal colour.

6113. Did you from that infer that they were under the influence of Sir Edmund Lacon?—In some cases they were under the influence of Sir Edmund Lacon when that answer was given, no doubt.

6114. Had you any means of forming an idea what kind of canvass Sir Edmund Lacon made at that time?—Only as I have detailed to you from the result of my own canvass. It was not possible for me to keep the canvass-books.

6115. Are you aware that Sir Edmund Lacon has come to a different conclusion from yourself as regards the number of promises?—I am aware he has said so.

6116. Sir Edmund Lacon said, "I should say I "never had, having canvassed the town four diffe- "rent times, such a canvass as the last. *Q.* In "what way, so good a canvass?—*A.* So successful." You do not agree with him?—I do not in the slightest way agree with him.

6117. We hear that Mr. Marshman retired. Can you tell us the day on which he retired?—He retired on the Saturday.

6118. But you knew previously that he was going to retire?—I did.

6119. Did he retire in a public manner? Did he make any address to the electors?—No, he issued an address.

6120. Did he in that address state his reasons for retiring?—I forget the substance of his address. I was trying to look for it this morning, but I could not get a copy.

6121. Had he previously to that stated to you confidentially or privately his reasons for retiring?—Yes, I have no hesitation in stating them fully. He said to me that he felt if this were a contested election, there were so many doubtful voters, the probabilities were corrupt practices would have to prevail, and that he could not be a party to anything of the kind.

6122. I see in his address he laid his retirement upon his infirm health?—It was an additional reason, because he had a very long canvass, and a very tedious one. It was manifest to anyone of ordinary apprehension that where there were so many voters who were of a doubtful character they could be turned either way.

6123. Had you come to the same conclusion with Mr. Marshman upon that point?—Well, I had come to the same conclusion, that if the contest was to be actually carried on, and bribery was resorted to, that that would prevail, and my expectation and my desire was to avoid such a thing.

6124. You mean if bribery were to commence upon the Conservative side?—Yes, upon the Conservative side.

6125. I see Mr. Marshman when he retired introduced Mr. Vanderbyl to the electors in his address?—He did. I was the means of introducing Mr. Vanderbyl to Mr. Marshman.

6126. And we have heard from Mr. Vanderbyl that you had that interview with him in the city on Friday?—That is quite correct.

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6127. And that he came down with you upon that night?—Not with me, I came by an early train, and he followed me by the mail.

6128. Had you known Mr. Vanderbyl before that Friday?—No.

6129. May I ask you what led you to go to that gentleman?—I was introduced to him by the gentleman whose name was given you yesterday privately by Mr. Vanderbyl. I do not see any reason why it should be kept private.

6130. We think there is nothing in it. We allowed Mr. Vanderbyl to conceal the name, but if you feel yourself at liberty to mention it, you may do so?—Then I will. I went to Mr. Travers Smith as the representative of the Liberal party, with whom I had had many previous communications at other times, and I asked him if he knew a man that would come down at the last moment, who would stand a contest.

6131. I suppose there was hardly any other gentleman you could have gone to yourself for that purpose?—No; at the last moment when everybody was busy with their own election, I could not go and consult my own friends.

6132. Will you tell us as accurately as you can what passed at that interview between you and Mr. Travers Smith?—I saw him in the morning early, and he then told me to call upon him in the city afterwards, and he would endeavour to find a candidate who would be willing to come down. He introduced Mr. Vanderbyl, and he said, "Now you must make your own arrangements." I believe that was all that transpired with Mr. Travers Smith. I think we walked to Mr. Vanderbyl's office. I have not a precise recollection of where we met first.

6133. Mr. Smith I presume was acquainted with Yarmouth politically?—Politically. He had the register before him, and he knew the condition of things as well as anyone.

6134. Did you hear anything from Mr. Smith about the probable expense?—Not a word. I think the only part that Mr. Smith took in it was to introduce Mr. Vanderbyl to me.

6135. Did Mr. Smith introduce you by letter, or personally?—My impression is that it was personally, but I could not vouch for an accurate recollection of that, whether he gave me a letter or a card to Mr. Vanderbyl to go to his office, or whether we met at Mr. Smith's office first of all. I will not really pretend to charge my memory. I do not think it of importance.

6136. But you and Mr. Vanderbyl met at Mr. Smith's afterwards, I understood?—We were there only once. Either we met first at Mr. Smith's, and then went to Mr. Vanderbyl's office, or else I was sent with a card or letter to Mr. Vanderbyl's office afterwards. I do not know which was the exact process, it was one or the other.

6137. What I want to know is, whether Mr. Smith, Mr. Vanderbyl, and yourself were together at one time?—We were together at one time in Mr. Smith's office, and he introduced us to each other, and told us that he had nothing more to do with it. We must see whether we could carry out the object I had come to London for.

6138. Did you see Mr. Vanderbyl alone after that?—If we were at Mr. Smith's first, I saw him alone at his own office afterwards; if we were at Mr. Vanderbyl's office first, then I did not see him alone afterwards. We then parted, as there was only time for me to catch the express train, and for him to settle some matters of business that he said must be attended to, and to go home to the west end for his personal luggage.

6139. The arrangements between you and Mr. Vanderbyl were made, I presume, when you were together and alone?—I think it was made as we were walking between one place and the other.

6140. Will you tell us, if you please, on what terms Mr. Vanderbyl was to come down and contest the borough with you?—The terms were precisely as he stated them the other day, that he was willing to pay one half of the expenses if we were successful, whatever those expenses might be; and if we were unsuccessful, or he not returned and I was returned, he was then to pay half of the printing, the cabs, and polling booths. The expenses that might follow up to that time from the time of his appearing in Yarmouth.

6141. Did you give him the reason for Mr. Marshman's retiring?—I did. We had not much time for conversation, I may premise. I said I thought at least we could return one Liberal, and there was a chance for him at any rate. If he did not get returned it would be a notification to the world that he was desirous of being returned to Parliament, and would give him an opportunity of being nominated for some other borough.

6142. He was brought down, I understand, to secure the second votes?—Clearly, it would have been of no use standing a contest upon any terms if I had stood alone.

6143. Did Mr. Vanderbyl agree to pay half the expenses, whatever they might be, in case of his success?—Yes.

6144. Did he ask you the expenses you put down as likely to be incurred?—No.

6145. He did not ask you that question?—No.

6146. Did he give you to understand how much money he was prepared to spend?—No. I understood him to be a gentleman and a man of wealth and position, and whatever the expenses were I could rely upon this being paid, but nothing was said between us on that subject.

6147. You see you and Mr. Vanderbyl were both men of business, and he might have asked you to give him some idea what the expense might be. It is rather vague so say half the expenses whatever they might be?—As a man of business he appreciated being spared the long canvass that I had, both a very absorbing and a very exhaustive process.

6148. It resulted in Mr. Vanderbyl's giving you a cheque for 150*l.*?—It did.

6149. That is all you ever got from him?—That is all I ever got from him.

6150. Was any account sent in to him?—No.

6151. You did not divide the expenses that were sent in to the returning officer at all?—No; he asked me, it is my impression, I am not speaking to it absolutely, he asked me about what they would come to, and I said 150*l.* He said, I am satisfied, I will not trouble you any more. I had not then got in the accounts from the returning officer.

6152. If you please we will go back a short time before Mr. Vanderbyl came down. You say that Thomas Edwards, of Yarmouth, at that time was engaged?—Yes.

6153. He kept the canvass-book?—He went round with us canvassing, and he entered the names of the parties and their promises.

6154. The canvass-book was a book kept by a man named Steele?—I think all that Steele did was he wrote out the street lists by which we did the canvass. The canvass-book first of all was kept by Mr. Marshman and myself in the way I have mentioned to you, and in the evening or the next morning we added up the total of the persons we had seen the day before, and the result of our interview with them, but after a while we found that became too much for us to do and to canvass also, and we obtained the service of a man named Edwards, not of Yarmouth. I think his name has led to some confusion in this inquiry. He was a man accustomed to keep registers and canvass-books at other places.

6155. Where did you obtain him from?—I applied to a personal friend of mine and asked him whether he could recommend me a man of that kind, and save me the personal labour of writing, and he recommended this man to me.

6156. Have you any objection to mention your friend's name?—It is so totally unconnected with the inquiry that I should prefer not doing it. I do not think people like their names mixed up with these

cases. I will give you the man Edwards's address, which will simplify it and render that question unnecessary. I have no objection to it personally, but he may have.

6157. We shall have Edwards before us?—For aught I know. I do not know anything to the contrary.

6158. Will you give us his address?—The address I have always known him by is Fishergate, Preston.

6159. Did this gentleman come from Preston direct here?—He came from Preston direct here.

6160. Did you know him before?—Upon the recommendation of this friend he came here in that way.

6161. Then he was a stranger to you before?—Quite.

6162. On what day did he come down?—That I cannot say. I should say a week after we came; it would be in the month of June.

6163. You came upon the 10th of June?—I think it was a week or a fortnight after we came.

6164. Then he took the entire management of the election into his own hands?—No.

6165. What were his duties?—His duty was to do the clerk's labour of entering up the names of those persons we had seen and had promises for and against, and to give us a statement of that from time to time.

6166. Would it not make him the managing clerk?—No.

6167. Who was the managing clerk in the election?—Mr. Clowes was the agent.

6168. Who did the detail business?—He prepared the poll-books. I do not know but we may differ as to the sense of managing clerk.

6169. That is what Mr. Livingston called him, I think?—He saw the poll books were all in order, and everything of that kind, and afterwards to get all the stationery forms ready; that was his duty.

6170. Mr. Clowes said, "They had a clerk come down, another Mr. Edwards, I think his name was, one of their own men, and he had a scheme of conducting the election that entirely ousted any further interference on our part"?—I think that would refer to the division of the place into wards, and of creating the committees, and so on, for the purpose of ensuring a more thorough canvass. I do not know it can have reference to anything else.

6171. Did it oust any further interference on the the part of Mr. Clowes?—Not that I am aware of. I think on the morning of the election there was a little collision between the two, which resulted in our not being so well organized as we should have been; I mean as to seeing whether the people were at their posts at the poll books, and so on.

6172. I understand Mr. Edwards came down some three weeks before the election?—Yes, and he was busy during that time, as I tell you, keeping the canvass and preparing all the stationery forms, so as to secure an accurate knowledge at the time of the polling.

6173. Whom did he act under?—He acted in that department directly he got the canvass-books from the other Mr. Edwards, and posted them up, and informed Mr. Marshman and myself of it. I do not know whom he acted under.

6174. After concluding the canvass-books, I presume Mr. Edwards had the management?—He had no other management than what I tell you.

6175. Who was the one on your side who had the management of the election?—Mr. Clowes.

6176. You understood it was Mr. Clowes?—Yes.

6177. Then if Mr. Clowes says he was ousted by Edwards, I suppose Edwards was the man who had the management?—There might have been some conflict of opinion.

6178. You had several friends staying with you during the time of the canvass, we have heard?—From time to time I think there were some of my personal friends came down to see me. My brother was staying with me pretty nearly the whole time; he was in bad health, and he came here to stay.

6179. Do you object to give us the names of any of your friends?—I do not think I had many friends come down to see me. My solicitor, Mr. Tahourdin, came down to see me, but I certainly had no large circle of friends coming down.

6180. Mr. Livingston told us, as regards yourself, "Several friends of his were down staying with him "during the canvass." Then he goes on, "his own "brother, for instance." You have mentioned your own brother?—Yes.

6181. Were there several friends?—No; I think Mr. Livingston is under a wrong impression. I know Mr. Marshman and my brother and myself used to breakfast together every morning, and sometimes Mr. Edwards breakfasted with us, but we were the whole party. I think he is under a wrong impression.

6182. Were you living at the "Angel"?—I was.

6183. Was Mr. Salmon down here?—He came down at the latter part of the election. The fact is, I found I could not conduct my own private correspondence and go on with the canvass, and I sent for him.

6184. Who is Mr. Salmon?—He is my own clerk and private secretary.

6185. Can you tell us when Mr. Salmon came?—No, I cannot. I think it must have been the week before the election.

6186. This is Mr. Livingston's evidence, and perhaps you will correct it if it is wrong:—"Did a gen- "tleman of the name of Salmon come down with "Mr. Brogden?" It agrees with what you say, "He was here. I do not know if he came down "with him. Mr. Salmon was Mr. Brogden's private "secretary." You do not know the day he came down?—No.

6187. You sent for him because you had too much to do?—I could not attend to my own correspondence in my business.

6188. Now we have heard the name, which is evidently a false name, at least I suppose so, of Jones, did that gentleman ever come under your notice?—I know there was a man of the name of Jones here.

6189. Can you tell us what his name is?—No.

6190. Have you any reason to believe that Jones was not his real name?—I do not know that I have. He always passed by that name.

6191. If he passed by that name I suppose it was his name?—It might be for aught I know.

6192. Do you believe it to be his name?—I do not.

6193. When did you first see this gentleman?—That I cannot speak to; it was before the election.

6194. Was it the week before the election?—I do not know; I should think as far as I can judge, I really cannot charge my memory, I should think it would be about the latter end of the week before the election.

6195. Did you ask Mr. Jones what he came down for?—No.

6196. Where did you see him?—I do not know where I first saw him.

6197. Where did you see him at any time?—I have seen him once at the "Angel," and I saw him once, I believe, upon the beach.

6198. Did you ever speak to him?—Yes.

6199. You would not canvass him for his vote?—No.

6200. Then what did you speak to him about?—I spoke to him about the election, although I did not canvass him for his vote.

6201. What induced you to speak to him about the election?—He said he had been accustomed to election matters.

6202. Did he say that at your first interview with him?—I cannot positively tell when, but he did tell me so.

6203. Did he recommend himself to your notice as being conversant with election matters? Did he ask

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you to employ him in any way?—Perhaps I shall simplify matters if I make a statement, because I wish to facilitate your inquiry and give you every information. You have pretty well ascertained the facts up to the time of Mr. Vanderbyl's introduction to the borough, and upon the Saturday, of course, I was anxious to know, after Mr. Vanderbyl came down, how he would be received in the borough. He was like myself when I first came down, a perfect stranger, and I did not know whether the retirement of Mr. Marshman and his coming in might not be so extreme a change as to render it necessary for me also to retire. We determined, as it was impossible for Mr. Vanderbyl to canvass the town, that he should see as many of the electors and of the principal supporters of the Liberal party as could be got together during the day to see him, and for a certain length of time Mr. Vanderbyl remained in the house and saw a great many of the Liberal supporters. Upon this part of case I should like to say that Mr. Lushington Preston has made an observation as to which it is evident he is either under a wrong impression, or it is most decidedly untrue; I will not pretend to say which. He says that a number of people were introduced to me at the "Angel" upon the Saturday, and that bribery upon the Liberal side then commenced. I distinctly deny any such thing, and I will give the reason of there being such streams of people coming up to the "Angel." It is what I have just stated, their introduction to Mr. Vanderbyl. They came to him, and naturally enough, to see who the new man was. At that time he had not been introduced generally, and we determined that there should be a public meeting in the evening, and the reception of Mr. Vanderbyl by that public meeting should very much determine the course that we should hereafter adopt. A public meeting was held opposite the Town Hall, and it was a very large and enthusiastic one, and Mr. Vanderbyl turned out to be a very popular candidate, and we retired from that meeting with a very strong impression that if he had come down earlier the probability is that there would have been a very great chance for two Liberal candidates instead of only one.

6204. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Will you allow me to ask you this, was that upon the Saturday?—Upon the Saturday evening opposite this Hall. I think the meeting was held, as far as I remember, about 7 o'clock in the evening. It was a very large meeting, and a very enthusiastic one indeed. After this we were cautious, not knowing the actual result from the change of candidates, and we determined to wait till the Monday morning before we actually made up our minds whether the election should be a contested one or not. I certainly had heard, I cannot tell from whom, that Mr. Goodson would retire, that his money was not going to be forthcoming, and the other side felt they could not carry two Conservatives without money. I had heard that distinctly, that Mr. Goodson's money was not forthcoming, and therefore there was every probability of his retiring at the last moment. Upon the Sunday we heard that Mr. Goodson, either through himself or his brother, or some other friend, had provided this money, and that bribery upon the Conservative side had commenced actively.

6205. (*Mr. Slade.*) We now know where that money came from.—Still, I do not know if you know where the whole of the money came from. You know where a certain sum came from; whether that is the whole of it is unknown to you, as well as it is to me; but we were informed that bribery had commenced on the Conservative side on Saturday, and that has been confirmed by the evidence Mr. Cooper has given before the Commissioners. We were also informed that the bribery agents were actively at work upon the Sunday, and we were anxious, if possible, to avoid committing ourselves to a course that was repugnant to my feelings, about which Mr. Vanderbyl was not consulted and never knew anything of. Upon Monday, I think, we had a meeting of our committee summoned for 11 o'clock, to tell us the result of the feeling about Mr. Vanderbyl throughout the wards, and his appearance at the meeting on Saturday night; and we were then told by several of the committee men that it was too late, that the Conservatives had begun to bribe and had got so far ahead that we could not overtake them. We went over our canvass, and I desired the committee to go out and ascertain which of our supporters that had promised for us were lost, and to meet us again at a subsequent part of the day. Up to that time, which I believe, as far as my recollection serves me, was 1 o'clock on Monday, we had not determined that we would go to the poll, except to stand the result of a pure election; and I was led to believe that the number that had been taken away from us on the other side, although very considerable, was not so considerable as to be irrecoverable, and we then determined upon Monday at 1 o'clock that we would go to the poll. We did not know the full effect of what had been done upon the Saturday and Sunday; it was impossible for us to find it out. However, the result proved that we were too late. With reference to the man Jones, I was up to Monday hoping that the other side would avoid anything like corrupt practices, and I certainly felt myself, as I do feel now, that it would have been much more preferable to have lost this election over and over again without mixing myself up with anything like corrupt practices at elections at any rate; but in order to be prepared for all contingencies, all emergencies, Mr. Edwards of Preston had introduced this man Jones, whom he knew before.

6206. You may go on. Jones had been introduced by Edwards.—Mr. Jones lay in reserve, not making himself much known in the place, until by some means or other, I do not know how, it was communicated to him that we were to go to the poll. It was known then that bribery had commenced, and Mr. Jones knew, he being an old electioneering man, that if we must go to the poll he must commence his operations; at least I presume so.

6207. That I take to be 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Monday?—That would be at the earliest. It would be about 1 o'clock, or from 1 to 2, when we came to the conclusion to stand. I do not know that he would immediately start; it might take some little time after that before he commenced. I do not know precisely when, but certainly up to that time Jones was in reserve and did nothing.

6208. Edwards of course then brought up the reserve force?—Quite so. What he did I have no knowledge of.

6209. I was going to ask you, was this resolution that the party came to on Monday at 1 o'clock communicated to Mr. Edwards by anybody that you know?—I do not know that you can call it a resolution of the whole party, because at 9 o'clock in the morning, when we met, the party were dispersed, and they did not meet again afterwards, although it was arranged we should meet; but the information we had obtained led us to hope that the election was not entirely lost at that time; and I think I, without consulting with any one, took upon myself to say the election should go forward.

6210. You told that to Mr. Edwards?—Edwards would be in the room with us, and he would learn from us what that conclusion was.

6211. Edwards of course took that as an order from you to bring up the reserve force?—Yes. The rest is mere conjecture.

6212. Were there any gentlemen who took a leading part on the Liberal side in the room at this time, when the resolution was come to?—Not that I remember. I tell you there was a meeting at 9 o'clock, and it was understood we were to meet again at 1. It was not 9, but 11. The time was too short, and I do not believe any persons came in except some few to tell us the result of the inquiries in their own wards.

6213. When you use the word "we" you mean those persons who gave you the results, or who do you mean by that?—I think I mean myself chiefly. I do not know who else. I think probably Mr. Liv-

ingston, who was with me considerably the major part of the time, might have been with me. I do not know who else.

6214. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was your brother with you?—I do not think he was, but I will not say that he was not. I really do not remember.

6215. Any other friend?—No. I had no other friend staying with me at the time.

6216. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Edwards was present?—He was present.

6217. Was Jones present?—No.

6218. Whom had you agreed with at the previous part of the day to meet at 1 o'clock?—They were the ward committees, who came in at 11. I think the names of the ward committees have been given to you.

6219. We have had them.—I do not remember which of them came in particularly.

6220. I want rather to know whether the heads of the party were to have met and come to some agreement?—No; I do not think the heads of the party were there. I do not think Mr. Hammond was there.

6221. I was going to ask you. You say he was not there?—I cannot be quite positive, but to the best of my recollection, I believe not.

6222. You believe he was not there?—I believe he was not there. Of course it was an exciting time, and one does not keep so clear as one would like.

6223. Mr. Hammond was with you very frequently?—Not very frequently. I only saw him perhaps once a day.

6224. And I presume every day?—Nearly every day, but not every day. I generally saw him before I went out in the morning, but I do not think, except upon one occasion, I ever saw him again during the day; I will not be certain that I did not.

6225. Was he very much interested in the result of the election?—He was a very kind friend and a warm partizan, and supported me very much throughout the election.

6226. Can you remember whether Mr. Hammond was at the "Angel" upon the Saturday?—I am sure he was, to see Mr. Vanderbyl. That is one reason why I remember his being there.

6227. You introduced Mr. Vanderbyl to him?—Yes; I introduced Mr. Vanderbyl to him.

6228. What time of the day do you think that was?—He generally came between 10 and 11. I should fancy upon that occasion, he would come about the same time, but I have no precise recollection.

6229. Cannot you say whether Mr. Hammond was at the "Angel" again in the course of the afternoon?—No, I cannot.

6230. Neither one way or the other?—I cannot. I would do it if I could.

6231. When you say "*We* determined to go to the poll," that means yourself?—Myself practically, I believe.

6232. The decision lay with you entirely?—I think so.

6233. Did you consult the gentlemen of your party?—I did in the first instance, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

6234. Could you say whether there was any other gentleman taking a leading part on your side, present at 1 o'clock?—I have told you already all that I can charge my memory with. I think it is very probable, but I cannot say so positively, Mr. Livingston and I looked over the canvass together, and we discussed it. Whether we did or not I cannot swear to.

6235. You do not recollect any gentleman who was present?—No; except I believe Mr. Edwards was there.

6236. Are you talking of a Yarmouth gentleman?—No. They had been in the room at various times between 11 and 1, coming in with information.

6237. Did Mr. Hammond ever meet Mr. Edwards in your presence?—I do not think it is likely, but I really could not say that he never did.

6238. What makes you say you do not think it likely?—Because he, generally speaking, occupied a room above the room we were in upon the first floor. Mr. Edwards was, generally speaking, in a room above. There were many persons coming in and out of that room, and of course, we kept our canvass privately. I did not want to exhibit it to every one that came into the room.

6239. Your room was the one they came in and out of?—Yes.

6240. Mr. Edwards' room was a private room?—Yes.

6241. Can you say one way or the other, whether Mr. Hammond ever went into his room?—I do not think he ever did.

6242. Was Mr. Edwards frequently in your room down stairs?—He was at times, not very frequently, but at times. I was out during the greater part of the day.

6243. Upon your canvass?—Upon my canvass; and what took place during that time I do not know.

6244. Did you go on with your canvass after the 1 o'clock on Monday when this decision was come to?—No, I did not. We had a meeting at Gorleston that evening. I remember I introduced Mr. Vanderbyl to Gorleston that evening, and we went down in the afternoon, so that there was not much time after 1 o'clock till the time we had to leave for Gorleston.

6245. What time did you get home to the "Angel?"—About 10 o'clock at night.

6246. You went down to Gorleston to attend a meeting, or a canvass?—No; it was to attend a meeting.

6247. Now upon the Tuesday, what did you do upon that day?—On the Tuesday, the whole of the Tuesday morning, until the time of the nomination, I was in my own room thinking over what I had to say at a later hour.

6248. Preparing your speech?—Yes.

6249. What o'clock was the nomination, either 1 or 2 o'clock?—No, it was later, 3.

6250. Did you get back to dinner at the "Angel" on Tuesday?—Yes.

6251. With Mr. Vanderbyl?—With Mr. Vanderbyl. Mr. Vanderbyl had his wife and friends with him, and we dined together. I should add the result of the nomination was enormously in favour of the Liberal candidates.

6252. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You mean the show of hands?—Yes, the show of hands at the election.

6253. (*Mr. Slade.*) You and Mr. Vanderbyl were the popular candidates?—Yes, clearly. The show of hands was 500 to 1 in our favour.

6254. When the election was left in the hands of Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones, I presume you were well aware that money was to be spent by them?—If you ask me what came within my own knowledge, I say no.

6255. I do not ask you what you saw; what have you reason to believe?—I have reason to believe, in order to carry the election at all, it was necessary to spend money.

6256. Are you at all aware what sum of money was spent?—I am.

6257. Will you give us the amount?—I will.

6258. Then do so.—The amount of money which was spent by Jones was 3,912*l.* 10*s.*

6259. By whom was that money provided?—It was provided in the first instance by myself.

6260. To whom did you give that sum of money?—It found its way, at least I ordered it to be given to Mr. Jones when the election was to commence.

6261. For what purpose did you order it to be given to Mr. Jones?—Well, I provided the money in London and I had it brought down and sent to a place where Jones could get it. It was at his disposal entirely.

6262. Was it lodged at any bank?—No.

6263. It was in private hands?—It was lodged with Mr. Jones

6264. You provided the money in London?—Yes.

6265. And you sent it down here to be at Mr. Jones's disposal?—Quite so.

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6266. Do I understand that was given to Jones himself ?—At the time of the election it was.

6267. I mean when you sent it down here ?—No. It was not given to Jones directly.

6268. Will you say to whom it was given ?—Is it necessary for me to tell ?

6269. We must have the channel. We are bound to find the channel through which it came.—It is not of importance to me, but I do not wish to mix other persons up with these matters.

6270. They must bear the brunt of it.—They were my private clerks. They obeyed my instructions in fact, as they would do in any other matter of business.

6271. Will you give us their names ?—Mr. Salmon was one, and Mr. Johnson was another.

6272. Do you recollect on what day you made this provision ?—No, I do not remember precisely.

6273. I have very few more questions to ask you, but I should like to know whether this sum was provided at one or various times ?—I think it was provided in twice.

6274. I presume from the figures that some of the sums were provided at different times ?—I will tell you precisely how it was done, in order to simplify matters. I provided in the first instance 4,000*l.*, and afterwards, I think on the Monday, I ordered a further sum of 2,000*l.* to be sent. This money was the produce of consols, and that was brought down so as to be ready for the election purposes, if we so determined. I think the 2,000*l.* came down on the Monday. I am not quite certain about that.

6275. Was it sent down in gold ?—In gold.

6276. Did these gentlemen, Mr. Salmon and Mr. Johnson, render you an account ?—I left Mr. Salmon here after the election to obtain the best account he could from the parties concerned in the matter, and the account he gave me is that which I have here.

6277. Will you let us see it ?—Yes. (*The witness handed in the account.*)

6278. Is this Mr. Salmon's handwriting ?—Yes, Mr. Salmon's handwriting.

6279. I will read it : "Money provided for the purposes of the election, 6,000*l.* Money of which an account was given by Mr. Edwards to Mr. Salmon, as expended, 1,662*l.* 2*s.* Money of which an account was given by Mr. Jones to Mr. Salmon, as expended, 3,912*l.* 10*s.* Sundry expenses defrayed by Mr. Salmon, as per vouchers, 125*l.* 14*s.* Balance retained by Mr. Salmon to the credit of Mr. Brogden, 299*l.* 14*s.*"—That is right.

6280. I may take it you know no more about this expenditure than what is given here ?—I ascertained that information yesterday. I made no inquiry about it at the time, as you may imagine. I entirely abstained from making any inquiry, but yesterday I determined whatever the Commissioners might ask me I would be prepared with an answer; not yesterday, but the day before yesterday.

6281. There is one question I should ask you, in order that it may appear on our notes. What are you by profession ?—I am an ironmaster.

6282. Where do you carry on your business ?—In Ulverston and in South Wales.

6283. As far as you are aware, is this sum which you have given us all the money that was spent on your behalf at that election ?—I believe it is the entire amount, including my own personal expenses and everything except the monies paid through the legal agent.

6284. That I understand.—I am not quite sure whether they are included there or not. Mr. Salmon when he is before you will be able to answer that more specifically.

6285. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) The legal expenses might be contained in that first item of 1,662*l.* ?—It may be. I have no doubt part of it is, if not the whole. I do not know if the account has been so distinguished.

6286. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Salmon can tell us that ?—He will tell you that better than I can.

6287. This money I understand was obtained by the sale of consols ?—Yes, by a transfer of consols.

6288. Was 6,000*l.* the amount transferred ?—I do not know the amount of the transfer at all. At least I forget now what the amount of the transfer was; it was so as to produce 6,000*l.*

6289. But not to produce more ?—No. Consols being at par, it would be something more than 6,000*l.* actual sale.

6290. Was the transfer made through a broker ?—Yes.

6291. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose you know nothing about the actual expenditure of this money ?—I know nothing more than I have put before you.

6292. You have had no account of Mr. Jones's proceedings at all ?—No. You may reasonably suppose I avoided having any such account.

6293. And you cannot give us any other information with respect to Mr. Jones himself ?—No; I have no more than I have told you. I met him only once since, and that was at a railway station, and it was only after he spoke to me that I recognized him. I did not even recollect his name.

6294. An accidental meeting ?—Yes.

6295. Mr. Edwards, I suppose, will be able to tell us something about him ?—I imagine so.

6296. Have you been long seeking to get into Parliament ?—This was my first attempt.

6297. Had you previously entertained the idea of getting into Parliament ?—It has been upon my mind, and my friends have advised me, and I myself determined upon it for some time.

6298. I believe you said Mr. Watkin was a friend of yours ?—Yes.

6299. I suppose you expressed your wish to Mr. Watkin on the subject ?—I do not think I did.

6300. How came Mr. Watkin to come to you ?—I am a member of the Reform Club. In the course of discussion there with him and others it may have been said by him or by others, "Brogden, you should go "into Parliament." Upon that he made the suggestion to me.

6301. When the opportunity occurred he recommended you to Yarmouth ?—Yes.

6302. Did he tell you at that time anything of the history of the borough ?—No, I do not think he did.

6303. At any time ?—No.

6304. Mr. Watkin was a member here, and had spent a deal of money here; he could tell you a deal about it. In conversation did he ever mention it ?—No. I knew he had been a member here, and had been unseated; I knew that as a matter of fact.

6305. I mean when he recommended you to go to Yarmouth did he tell you anything about the history of the borough ?—No; I did not ask him. He said, "You had better go down, canvass the borough, and "when you have done so you will be able to under-"stand whether you will stand or not."

6306. He said nothing about the expenses ?—I understood him to say it was not an expensive place.

6307. Did you gather from him that it was a place that could be carried without bribery ?—I cannot answer your question directly, because I do not think we discussed it.

6308. Had you any knowledge of the history of the elections of Great Yarmouth before you became a candidate ?—Not any, except so far as I had derived it from the reports of the Commissioners.

6309. You had read the reports of the committee ?—Yes, I had read the reports of the Commissioners.

6310. Of the committee of the House of Commons, you mean ?—Of the committee of the House of Commons.

6311. To that extent you knew it was a place that had a reputation ?—I could not help knowing that there had been corrupt practices here; but even that did not justify me in thinking that it was so expensive a place as it turned out to be.

6312. Did you at any time during your canvass suppose that you would go to the poll without being obliged to spend money ?—Up to the Monday of the election it was my firm determination not to spend a

shilling unless I was compelled to do so by the operations of the other side.

6313. Unless ?—Yes, and even then it was a question.

6314. But you had made a provision for it ?—I had done so, so as to be ready for all events.

6315. You went down with the intention of spending money, if the circumstances of the case required it ?—I cannot say that. I prepared the money to be ready if I determined to go to the poll.

6316. You made use of the words "going to the poll and having a contest" I think it was. You used them synonymously with having the money ?—If I have given that impression it is wrong. I knew it would be impossible for me to be away from Yarmouth about the time of the election, and unless provision were made beforehand, if it became necessary to spend the money, I should not have the wherewith to do it if I so determined, and that was the reason I provided it.

6317. On the Monday I think you said you made inquiries, or was the information brought to you, that a number of your supporters were lost ?—Yes.

6318. Have you got a canvass book ?—No, I have not.

6319. A book that would enable us to ascertain who those were ?—I have nothing of the sort.

6320. Are you aware of anybody who promised you, who afterwards voted on the other side ?—Not in particular.

6321. Who gave you the information that a number of your supporters had been bribed to leave you ?—It was said by more than one person from the ward committees who came in, by whom in particular, I could scarcely at this moment say ; certainly by more than one, and even then I do not think they would mention the names to me, because after visiting nearly 1600 people my mind was in a state of great confusion as to which it was.

6322. Mr. Edwards in this town has the canvass book now I suppose ?—I do not know, I am not sure.

6323. Where is your canvass book ?—I do not know I am sure, I was trying to recollect whether Mr. Edwards gave them to me or not.

6324. Did you ever compare canvass books with Mr. Livingston ?—No, except in the morning. The totals we added up, not as to individuals, never.

6325. Can you tell me or do you know, where the canvass book is ?—I have not the slightest knowledge. I tell you I was trying to remember before I was asked the question this morning, before I got up, where the canvass book was, and I could not remember at all. I know I have them not in my own possession.

6326. You made no return of your personal expenses to the returning officer ?—I am not sure.

6327. We have none handed in ?—If they are not included there is no return made, but I am not familiar with the items.

6328. Were you aware it was necessary that you should make a return ?—I do not know the Acts with that strictness to know whether it was so, and I do not know I ought to do so now, except that I infer so from your observation, but if I did I do not know whether they were included or not.

6329. They could not be included, the returning officer receives accounts of the legal expenses from the electioneering agents, and you are bound by the Act of Parliament to make the return of your personal expenses ?—I do not think I have made any return myself not to my recollection.

6330. I presume you were not told it was necessary by law that you should make such a return ?—I do not think I understood it until I now infer that I ought to have done it. My personal expenses were very small.

6331. It depends on the meaning of "personal expenses." Who paid your hotel bill ?—It is paid in that account of Mr. Salmon's.

6332. It is included in personal expenses ?—Yes.

6333. And we may also say all this sum spent in bribery is also included in personal expenses ?—I cannot understand that question.

6334. Supposing you had to make a declaration to the returning officer at the time you sent in an account of your personal expenses, and all those expenses paid to the agent as personal expenses, would you not have had to make a return of money you had expended in this way ?—I am not familiar with the Act of Parliament, and I am not prepared to give an answer to that, that is, the construction of an Act of Parliament, that I do not remember to have seen, and I cannot therefore give an answer to it.

6335. The Act of Parliament provides that every expense incurred at the election, except personal expenses, shall be paid through the election agent. Your election agent has paid certain expenses, and has sent in a return to the returning officer, and you were bound by the Act of Parliament to have sent in a return of your personal expenses. You would not have included this large expenditure that you made, under the term of personal expenses ?—I do not know what I should have done if I had done it, I have no desire to avoid an answer to your question, but I really am not familiar with the sections of the Act of Parliament, and therefore I cannot answer it.

6336. It was the last Act of Parliament that was passed.—I do not think it is probable I should.

6337. It was in order to suppress corrupt practices at elections. You would not have treated it as such ?—I do not think I should, I think I might have refined, I might have endeavoured not to give the most clear and succinct account I have. I might have said that this was money that I might have asked these people to refund, and therefore I should not have treated it as a personal expense.

6338. (*Mr. Russell.*)—When Mr. Watkin first invited you to come down did he say anything to you as to the probable expense you would have to incur to represent Yarmouth ?—I do not remember that he did.

6339. Cannot you remember that a discussion took place then about money ?—No, and for the very obvious reason, we were rather coming to canvass than to determine to contest the place.

6340. You told us that Sir Edmund Lacon had great influence in the town, with the public house interest, and the other interests. Did you collect during the progress of your canvass that that influence of Sir Edmund Lacon induced men to vote against their political feelings ?—Undoubtedly.

6341. And against their personal feelings ?—And against their personal feelings.

6342. And if it had not been for that influence they would have voted for you and Mr. Vanderbyl ?—As far as I could judge.

6343. You said that you regarded Mr. Goodson as a weak candidate in one respect, because he was opposed to the shipping interest ?—As contrasted with the railway interest.

6344. But is there not in the town, besides the shipping interest, a considerable railway interest ?—I think I named that as far as I could go. The railway interest, which he was able to exercise any control over would not give him more than 12 votes.

6345. And any support he got from the shipping interest would have been the result of Sir Edmund Lacon's interest ?—Either of Sir Edmund Lacon's interest, or of other inducements.

6346. If you had had to suggest two candidates to contest Great Yarmouth, should you not have imagined that the combination of the shipping interest and of the railway interest in Yarmouth would have been the strongest combination that you could have had ?—That was the very remark I made when I came down here, but I think it was not borne out by facts, and there were so many disappointments connected with the railway people, who had either been overcharged or had had claims not satisfied, and other things of that kind, that there was just as much one way as the other.

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6347. Then you believe that the legitimate influence exercised by Mr. Goodson in the borough was very slight?—Very slight indeed, scarcely worth naming.

6348. I suppose that the fishing interest in the town is partially interested in the shipping trade, and partially in the railway trade?—But more particularly in the shipping trade. The fishing and the shipping go very much together.

6349. Therefore the combination of the railway interest and the shipping interest would be the most likely means of securing the support of the whole fishing interest?—I do not see the full drift of that observation, therefore I cannot give it a correct answer.

6350. The drift of it is this, there is a large fishing interest in Yarmouth?—Yes.

6351. Some of that fish goes by sea and some by railway, and therefore I should imagine, and I put it to you whether you also imagine, that the interest that would be most likely to get the support of both those interests would be the railway interest and the shipping interest combined?—If you put political questions out of the case, truly; but when political questions are involved in it, you have a more direct interest.

6352. But I am talking of direct legitimate influence?—I do not think the railway interest has much influence in this place whatsoever; you may put it down to Sir Edmund Lacon's interest. I grant at once he has a considerable interest; but the railway interest in no combination can have any other influence than what it derives from its association with Sir Edmund Lacon. The combination of the railway interest is utterly immaterial.

6353. I take it in part to be your opinion that the shipping interest that Sir Edmund Lacon brought was very considerable?—No, I do not think that.

6354. You do not think that?—Not directly. Sir Edmund Lacon and his *friends* have a considerable shipping interest.

6355. And the railway interest that Mr. Goodson brought was very slight?—Very slight, a *bagatelle*, and he himself a very unpopular candidate.

6356. Did you think that during the course of your canvass?—Yes, it was quite obvious.

6357. Was it represented by voters that he was unpopular?—Yes; voters who were supporters of Sir Edmund Lacon said they did not like the combination at all.

6358. Do I understand you to go as far as to say that they said they were voting for Sir Edmund Lacon against their wish?—No; I go so far as to say this, that voters who would gladly have supported Sir Edmund Lacon from their obligations to him in a business point of view, disputed the policy of his associating himself with Mr. Goodson and the railway interest.

6359. Those are, I suppose, men interested in the shipping interest?—It is difficult at this time to remember who they precisely were, but my decided conviction is, that they were entirely unconnected with the shipping or the fishing interest, or the independent people. There are a great many independent people who are not associated with one or the other.

6360. There would naturally be in those many jealousies of the railway interest?—Yes.

6361. With reference to the small sum you received from Mr. Vanderbyl, I understand you to say that that was, as it were, a hap-hazard payment?—Yes, I think it was.

6362. And being a small sum you did not think it worth while to carry out the original agreement to the letter?—No; we were not dealing with fractions.

6363. You have told us that Mr. Edwards, who came down, had been accustomed to keep registers and canvass at other places?—Yes.

6364. And is a gentleman who had been very conversant with previous elections at other places?—I cannot say that from my own knowledge. I did not know him before this election.

6365. When Mr. Edwards introduced Jones into the town, do you know where Jones stayed?—No.

6366. You do not know whether he was at the "Angel?"—I do not think he was.

6367. You said that at the time Mr. Vanderbyl came forward, you had heard that Mr. Goodson's money would not be forthcoming?—Yes, I had.

6368. And would, therefore, not be able to carry both the seats?—I thought that that was a clear indication that he would never go to the poll.

6369. You then said that you subsequently heard that Mr. Goodson had provided the money?—Either himself or his brother. I cannot tell whether there is any reliance to be placed upon that. I have merely heard it.

6370. I should like very much to receive any information, if you can add it, on that point, because we have had a sum mentioned to us by Sir Edmund Lacon, and that sum has been sworn to as the only sum expended in illegitimate purposes, and it has been further sworn that that sum came exclusively through Sir Edmund Lacon, from Mr. Nightingale. Have you any reason to think that Mr. Goodson had either directly or indirectly provided any sum?—My reasons are only inferential. I have had no positive knowledge but they are of this kind, and you will be able to attach the weight to them that you like. I will tell you precisely what my reasons are. There was a great deal on the mind of the Liberal party as to whether there would be a contest at all. Mr. Goodson was not believed to be a very wealthy man, and it was not thought that his influence as Chairman of the Great Eastern Railway would give him any substantial number of votes. That was the gentleman with whom I was in constant communication during the time of the canvass, and it was believed by our party also, that the Conservatives would have commenced their bribing operations, even before the Saturday, if they had been assured that Mr. Goodson would pay his part of the expenses, and it was also understood and reported to me, that on the Saturday, or the Sunday, there seemed to be a doubt about the day, but that on one of those days that question was removed, and that the money was forthcoming, as I understood, from Mr. Goodson or from his brother. I have got that only by common conversation which passed in our committee-room from time to time, and that that was forthcoming either on the Saturday or the Sunday. I heard that there was a meeting at some place or other—where I forget—in Yarmouth on the Sunday, and that Sir Edmund Lacon came to it, and that they definitely commenced all their heavy operations to get the largest number of voters they could at the time.

6371. We have gone a good deal into that matter which you are now alluding to. Can you furnish the Commissioners with any information whatever that would enable them to carry this inquiry any further?—I can give you no further information than you have down.

6372. It was a mere common rumour, and you have no means of knowing whether it was true or whether it was false?—I have no means of knowing it, but I remember that Mr. Goodson's brother's name was mentioned as being a man of wealth, and being able to supply anything that Mr. Goodson would require.

6373. Was it said that Mr. Goodson would be present at that meeting which you heard of?—I do not remember that it was.

6374. Did it not occur to you if it was a meeting at which money was to be forthcoming from Mr. Goodson, Mr. Goodson or some one in his interest, would be more likely to attend it than Sir Edmund Lacon?—I was informed, and I believe, he was in Yarmouth at the time.

6375. Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

6376. Who is Mr. Goodson's brother?—I do not know.

6377. Have you read the evidence generally that has been taken before us?—Yes, I have.

6378. And has not that evidence altered your belief as to Mr. Goodson having furnished any sum of money?—I cannot say whether my belief is altered or not. I see there are no facts in justification of it that have been brought out. Mr. Goodson's evidence I only read this morning and only from notes that were taken for me, that have not been printed or published, it was only given yesterday.

6379. Was the report made to you too vague to enable you to give us any name or any clue to enable us to carry the inquiry further?—Yes, I do not know that I could give you any further information about it.

6380. It was mere report?—Mere report.

6381. You were asked as to the gentlemen who were present at the time when the resolution was come to, to make use of Mr. Jones. Are you enabled upon reflection to give us any further name?—I am quite unable.

6382. Mr. Livingston has been mentioned. You think he may have been there?—I think he may have been there, but I would not swear to that.

6383. Was your brother present?—I think not; he was in bad health, and I think he was with his little boy out in a boat.

6384. Mr. Hammond?—I think he was not there.

6385. Mr. Pullyn?—Mr. Pullyn I think I only saw once in my committee room the whole time.

6386. He was not there?—No.

6387. Mr. Mainprice?—No.

6388. So far as you can remember there were only yourself, Mr. Edwards, and possibly Mr. Livingston, at that meeting?—It was not a meeting; it was a meeting that ought to have taken place, and which did not take place. It was, as it were, the fragmental information that we obtained by people's coming in and saying what they had heard from their own wards; and the meeting that was to have taken place never did take place.

6389. Pray do not think that I am pressing you; you have given your evidence very frankly, and I only ask, on reflection, whether you can remember any further names?—No, I cannot; I would tell you in a moment, if I could.

6390. You have told us that the sum of 2,000*l.* was advanced by you on the Monday?—I think it was the Monday.

6391. The 4,000*l.* had been advanced previously?—Yes, I believe those were the two sums. I will not pledge myself to those being the precise sums, but the gross amount is absolutely correct.

6392. Can you remember the day when the 4,000*l.* was paid?—I do not think that a shilling of it would go into Jones' hands until after the Monday.

6393. Have you any reason for thinking that?—Yes; because it was clearly understood by those people to whom I remitted the money that they were not to part with any of it until the final determination as to whether we would go to the poll at all hazards was taken.

6394. That determination was not taken until the Monday at 1 o'clock?—No.

6395. Have you heard since of the ticket system that was inaugurated by Mr. Jones?—Only from what I have read in the evidence.

6396. You were not aware of that at the time?—No.

6397. Consequently can give me no idea as to when the ticket system commenced to be put in operation?—I can give you no idea about that. I should fancy that the whole thing would be inaugurated at the same time.

6398. Is it your conscientious belief that the money illegally expended was first spent on the other side?—My firm conviction and my conscientious belief is that they had been bribing for more than two days before a shilling was spent on the Liberal side.

6399. Was that fact in your knowledge at the time Mr. Jones was authorized to spend the money?—If was in my knowledge in this way, that it was communicated to me on the Saturday. Money had been spent, but not much on the other side, and that appears to have been correct. I confess I had my doubts about it at the time; I thought it was one of those rumours that constantly reach a candidate urging him to do that which he may be unwilling to do. But on the Sunday again information of the same kind was brought in to us. On the Sunday night we were told Sir Edmund Lacon had come into the town, and we were told about the active bribery going on on the other side, and on the Monday my own supporters, some of them, advised me not to go to the poll, to leave the election alone, as it was then too late to do anything.

6400. And that was the time you determined to make use of the money you had previously sent down?—It was after, as I tell you, obtaining as much information on the actual state of things as I could.

6401. Do you know when the 4,000*l.* arrived in Yarmouth?—It would be in the week before. I knew it was in perfectly safe hands.

6402. At that time of course the expenditure of this money was contemplated?—It was not contemplated; it was there to be ready if it was wanted, but I hoped until the last moment there would have been no necessity to use it.

6403. Do you know whether the 4,000*l.*, when it came down to Yarmouth, went at once into the hands of Mr. Jones?—I know it did not.

6404. Into whose hands did the money go?—Into the hands of Mr. Johnson.

6405. I think you said Mr. Salmon and Mr. Johnson?—Yes, I think 4,000*l.* went into the hands of Mr. Johnson and the other into Mr. Salmon's. I am not certain how it was arranged: they are both confidential clerks of mine.

6406. (*Mr. Slade.*) Shall we have Mr. Johnson before us?—If you please.

6407. (*Mr. Russell.*) So far as you know was the arrival of the 4,000*l.* and the arrival of Mr. Jones in Yarmouth almost simultaneous?—I do not think they had any connexion with each other, and I do not know whether they were simultaneous or not.

6408. Do you mean there was no connexion whatever between the 4,000*l.* and Mr. Jones?—No; Jones would be a mere instrument.

6409. But I suppose Jones would not have come into the town at all unless it had been previously determined to make use of the money if necessary?—If we determined to go to the poll, and we found it was necessary, Jones would be the agent to be adopted; but he could easily have been sent home, and his expenses paid, and have nothing more to do with it.

6410. Then I apprehend this determination to make use of the money, if necessary, was arrived at before Jones was sent for?—No; we were ready for a contingency; that was all. I did not know what might happen. There was upon me on the retirement of Mr. Marshman, the necessity of finding another candidate; the uncertainty as to how that candidate would be received; the shortness of the time, and the impossibility of my being away from Yarmouth for any length of time, unless I left altogether, and therefore, under those circumstances we determined to be ready for all contingencies, and have the material ready.

6411. Mr. Jones arrived before the retirement of Mr. Marshman?—Not before it was known he was going to retire.

6412. Mr. Marshman, I understand you to say, said he would avoid corrupt practices?—He said this, that he felt sure that the other side would commence corrupt practices, and that then there would be no chance for the Liberal party unless they adopted the same course.

6413. He then retired and Mr. Jones came down?—Yes; and more than that, he felt also, if it was a pure election, probably I should have had a majority of the Liberal votes, and he would not have served any purpose by continuing his candidature.

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6414. But you cannot tell me whether it was Mr. Jones or the 4,000*l.* that first arrived in Yarmouth ?—No.

6415. Are you aware whether the names of the men who were bought by Jones were entered in a canvass book at the Central Committee Room ?—No.

6416. Did you notice a large increase in the number of your promises in the latter half of the Monday and the Tuesday ?—I do not think we were canvassing on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday up to 1 o'clock I have accounted for. Then we had to prepare for a public meeting at Gorleston. We had the meeting at 3, and had to get our luncheon in the meantime, and we did not return until 10.

6417. I am not talking of your own private canvass book, but the canvass book at the Central Committee Room ? — I do not think it was kept after 1 o'clock, they were too busy ; in fact there was no one to canvass after that time.

6418. You have no reason to think that Jones, or anybody on his behalf, made returns at head-quarters of promises ?—No, I do not think Jones made any return of promises.

6419. So far as you know, is the sum you have given us the only sum that was expended on your side in the Yarmouth election beyond the return of the legal expenses ?—I firmly and conscientiously believe that ; and more than that, I believe that the whole of the Liberal party were in perfect ignorance as to where the money came from, and as to the mode of manipulating it until the inquiries.

6420. And if any further sum was advanced it was not only without your consent but without your knowledge at the present moment ?—It is entirely so.

6421. (*Mr. Slade.*) Could you by any reference to a pass book, or other book, tell us when you gave instructions to the broker to sell out these consols ? — The pass book will not show it, because the money never entered into my pass book ; I can obtain it from the broker, and will do so.

6422. There is one question I omitted to ask you. It was told to us at the time when the overture was made that you have spoken to of withdrawing one candidate, that the gentleman who made that overture said that Mr. Brogden was prepared, in case it was not acceded to, to spend the sum of 10,000*l.* Did you mention any sum of that sort ?—No ; I ascertained it for the first time from seeing it in the newspapers.

6423. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Had you ever given it to be understood that you were prepared to spend money, if necessary ?—No.

6424. Do you believe your own party were entirely ignorant of your intention in that respect ?—They were not aware of my intentions, so far as this, that they did not know I had provided money. They did not know any money would be forthcoming, but they could not be blind to the fact. I am only speaking from my conviction, not from my knowledge, that if there was a contested election and bribery on the other side, there would be no chance for the Liberal candidate unless he did the same.

6425. Had things led them to believe you were the Liberal candidate who would do it ?—No, they left it to me to say whether I would go on or not.

6426. Are you aware of any promises having been made in your name to any of the voters ?—Not to any one individual.

6427. Or any expectation held out that if they should require money that it would be forthcoming ?—No.

6428. Are you aware of anybody on your behalf who has made that statement ?—No.

6429. Is your brother a likely person to have made such a statement ?—No. I read in the newspaper what seems to have passed between Mr. Livingston and himself.

6430. Until you read it in the newspaper were you entirely ignorant of that ?—Yes, entirely ignorant. He was down there partly with me during the time, no doubt ; but he was in bad health at that time.

6431. Then he was not assisting you actively in the election ?—No ; he only took my place on one occasion, when he went to Gorleston to a meeting, when I was absent. He took no part in the election.

6432. In reference to the Gorleston voters, how were the promises there ?—The promises there were extremely few.

6433. Did you not poll as many as you expected from your canvass book in Gorleston ?—I certainly did not expect many. I think we polled pretty nearly the number.

6434. The number who had promised ?—I am not quite certain. I have not examined it with minuteness.

6435. Had you any reason to believe, when it was told you the other side were bribing away your supporters, that any of your Gorleston promises had gone ?—I tell you I have not examined the result of the poll with that minuteness to enable me to state that ; but I certainly believed the Gorleston people were people who could be obtained.

6436. We have been told so on the other side, that the Gorleston people principally take money ?—I have heard so.

6437. (*Mr. Russell.*) It has been stated here that you paid the whole of the expenses of the petition against Lacon and Goodson ?—I have paid all that has been paid.

6438. Did you yourself instruct the gentleman to prepare the petition ?—Yes.

6439. You did not claim the seat ?—No.

6440. Was that in consequence of your being aware that corrupt practices had prevailed on your side ?—No ; it was in consequence of the fact rather of there being so large a majority that it would have been a very expensive matter to have contested each vote and struck it off the poll.

6441. But from the evidence you have so frankly given to-day you were aware at the time corruption had prevailed on your side as well as the other ?—I was not aware that corruption had prevailed. I was aware that a sum of money was provided. I had willingly shut my eyes to everything else that should occur.

6442. You were aware that money had come down for the purpose ?—I did not know it had been spent. I made no inquiry about it until, as I say, I informed myself the other day.

6443. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) And until the other day you had never informed yourself what became of the 6,000*l.* ?—No.

Mr. Brogden. And now, gentlemen, Liberavi animam meam, I hope I may ask for a certificate.

Mr. Slade. Certainly ; you are fully entitled to it.

J. Walsh.

JOHN WALSH sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

6444. What are you ?—A hatmaker ?

6445. Are you a Liberal ? Do you belong to the Liberal party ?—No. I have always voted for the Conservatives in this town for 22 years, with the exception of once, and then I plumped the Jew, because my landlord wanted me to support the Liberals.

6446. You mean Mr. Goldsmith ?—Yes.

6447. What part did you take in this last election? —I did not take any particular part in it. Mr. Downing called on me in the garden and asked me what I was going to do. I told him I did not know exactly.

6448. Is Mr. Downing one of the Liberal party ?—He was a Conservative last time and a Liberal now. At least he was on the Conservative interest last election, but this election he is a Liberal.

6449. On this occasion he was acting as one of the Liberal agents ?—I suppose he was an agent. I cannot say.

6450. He was one of the Liberal active men in this interest ?—I suppose he officiated.

6451. Let us know what took place between you and him ?—He asked me if I knew of any parties who

would vote in favour of the Liberals, and said I perhaps might look up the fellows. I did so, and here are the names, but how they voted I cannot say. (*The witness produced a piece of paper.*)

6452. When was this?—It took place a fortnight or three weeks before the election, in our garden of a Sunday morning, as far as I can recollect.

6453. And you looked up those names?—Some of them came to me, and I met some of them and asked them how they were going to vote, and I think the reply was they did not care, they were not particular how they voted.

6454. Did they say anything about money?—I never said anything about money to them. I returned the men's names to Mr. Downing.

6455. As Liberal supporters?—Yes.

6456. Sillis, Thurlow, Smith, Gravener, Morter, and Trower; is that it?—Yes.

6457. Did you communicate this to Downing?—Yes.

6458. And did you communicate afterwards with the voters again?—I cannot say.

6459. Did they come to your house?—I think some of them came to my house.

6460. Did they get anything given to them there?—Downing was to meet me on the Sunday before the election at the garden, and he was to bring the tickets to me to give these parties.

6461. That was the Sunday before the election?—That was the Sunday before the election; before 12 o'clock he was there.

6462. What were the tickets?—It was a little bit of card about *so* large; it is about that size. (*Producing a bit of card about two inches square.*)

6463. Was this agreed on between you and Downing, that he was to bring the tickets to your house?—He was to give me the tickets at the garden on the Sunday morning to give to these parties.

6464. When did you agree to do this?—I think it took place at his own house.

6465. How long before this Sunday?—I cannot exactly say.

6466. Two or three days?—Perhaps it might be; it was not many days.

6467. And he then agreed to send you a certain number of tickets?—He agreed to meet me the Sunday morning at my garden about 12 o'clock, and he met me there, and I said, "You have not brought "these tickets," and he said, "No; you are to have "them Monday morning at 10 o'clock." I said, "It will be a great disappointment to these parties, "and I do not like it at all." He said, "You may "depend upon having the tickets at 10 o'clock Mon-"day morning." Monday morning came, and the tickets were not brought or sent. I went into the market-place and saw Downing at the "Feathers," and he said he could not give me the tickets then, but in the evening I should have them to give to these parties. I think the reply I made was, "I do not "understand anything about being humbugged in "this way; I should have no more to do with it." Well, about six in the evening Downing called at my house and left the tickets. I was busy at the time, and I said to my wife, "You had better take charge "of these tickets. You know the parties who are "to have them, and I shall have no more to do with "them."

6468. Did your wife take them?—Yes.

6469. And she gave them to these people?—Yes.

6470. Did you understand what the ticket meant?—I knew it was for these parties to go to a certain house and draw some money.

6471. How did you know that?—Downing told me of that.

6472. And had you communicated to these parties that they were to have tickets?—I think I had.

6473. And did you know at the same time it was for their vote?—Yes.

6474. You knew that it was in consideration for their vote? You had nothing to do, I understand, with giving the tickets to the voters themselves?—I passed by the door of one of the voters as I went to the garden, and left it at his house, Trower's.

6475. Describe what sort of thing the tickets were.—A little bit of square card like that.

6476. What was upon it?—There was a number upon it.

6477. That was the number on the register?—I cannot say.

6478. Anything else?—There were initials upon it.

6479. Do you know what the initials were?—No; I never took the cards up in my hands. They were put on the table, and my wife came and took possession of them.

6480. Was there any seal upon it?—I cannot say.

6481. Were the initials on each card the same?—That I cannot say.

6482. This list is not complete; I observe you have put brackets here?—That means tickets.

6483. Does that mean that only these voters had them? I will read them.—You see they are braced together that received tickets.

6484. What is the meaning of "Walsh" there?—That is "wife." It is "Walsh's wife."

6485. Then the only person that had not a ticket was Cutts?—There are three besides Cutts. Trower had a ticket.

6486. Those who had tickets were Sillis the younger, Thurlow, Smith, Gravener, and Morter?—Yes.

6487. What about Johnson, Hastings, Crisp, and Cutts?—They had no tickets.

6488. And Trower?—Trower had a ticket.

6489. What about the others?—I had nothing to do with them. They called at my house and wanted my wife to take them up to the committee room to receive some money.

6490. They asked for tickets in fact, or asked for money?—They went up to ask for money.

6491. And did they get money?—They got money, but I knew nothing of it, I was at the garden.

6492. How many tickets did you get altogether?—I cannot say.

6493. You cannot say how many were given?—Some of them were sent back again, they would not have them.

6494. Some of these people?—Yes.

6495. Who?—That I cannot say.

6496. (*Mr. Slade*). Who was sent back?—Thurlow was sent back, and I think Smith was sent back.

6497. Sent back to whom?—Sent back to my shop. I was not at home at the time, but they were sent back to my shop, and my wife put them in a box, and Downing and some other man called for them, I think it was on the Thursday morning after the election, and asked my wife what the tickets were done with, I came into the shop about the same time, and Mr. Downing was there, and some strange gentleman, who I do not know.

6498. Not a Yarmouth man?—No.

6499. Did you hear the strange gentleman's name mentioned?—No.

6500. How many tickets did you give back?—I never gave any back at all.

6501. Your wife did?—Yes.

6502. Where is your wife?—She is ill, she cannot state any more than I state to you. This I received from her this morning before I came, and she is in that situation I am sorry to say that she cannot attend.

6503. What is Smith's Christian name?—I do not know, he lives in Northumberland place, and he is a painter. I think Gravener's ticket was sent back as well.

6504. Smith was one of those who returned the ticket?—Yes, Smith, Gravener, and Thurlow.

6505. Did Morter return the ticket?—I cannot say.

6506. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know the value of the ticket?—No.

6507. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was it when Downing first called upon you that he told you about these tickets?—No.

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6508. The second time ?—He said something about an agent coming from London, but I do not retain the words in my mind now, what he said exactly.

6509. When did he say something about an agent coming from London ?—I think it was on the Sunday.

6510. That was after you had heard about the tickets ?—No, it was on the Sunday.

6511. The Sunday before the election ?—The Sunday before the election at the garden. I think he said something about there was to be a party from London, or somewhere, as an agent.

6512. Was it on the Sunday then that you first heard anything about the tickets ?—Well, I think it was, as far as my memory will go.

6513. It might have been earlier ?—No, I think not.

6514. You think it was the Sunday ?—I think it was the Sunday because of the conversation we had, I and Downing were not a great deal together at the garden, I had occasionally met him at his own house, some time before that in the morning for half an hour or so, merely to give in the names that I thought were most likely to vote in the Liberal interest.

6515. Did any one besides Downing and the strange gentleman speak to you about the tickets ?—No.

6516. Never any one else ?—Not that I am aware of.

6517. Did the men who had the tickets come to you, or did you or your wife go to them ?—Some called for the tickets and my wife took the others, as far as I recollect, on Monday evening as the election took place on the Wednesday.

6518. She took them on the Monday evening ?—Yes, after 6 o'clock.

6519. Had some of them called for their tickets before that ?—It was a complete nuisance to me in the shop.

6520. What, the men coming for their tickets ?—The men coming to bother me, that was the reason I would not have anything more to do with it. I did not like it very well.

6521. What was the first day a man came for his ticket ?—Well, I really do not recollect.

6522. Did any man ever come for his ticket before the Sunday ?—No, but I think there was a woman came.

6523. A woman came ?—Yes.

6524. Was that before you heard of the tickets ?—Yes, she did not come and ask for a ticket, she came and asked when she was going to have the money for her husband's vote.

6525. Who was the woman ?—Her name is Sillis.

6526. Is she the wife of one of the Sillis's ?—Yes.

6527. Which ?—The eldest.

6528. Can you remember what day it was that you gave Downing that list of voters ?—I used to give it him of a morning. When I happened to meet a man promiscuously, if I knew him, I asked him how he was going to vote, and got him into conversation.

6529. I ask if you can remember what day it was that Downing asked you if there were any men you could get to vote ?—I should say it was about 16 or 17 days before the election took place, of a Sunday morning at my garden.

6530. And was anything said about money then ?—No, I do not recollect saying anything about money at that time.

6531. Did you understand then that Downing wanted you to see if you could get any man to vote without having money ?—I do not think that was mentioned.

6532. What was the first time you heard a mention of money ?—I really cannot tell you, I do not bear it in mind.

6533. Was it before the Sunday ?—The Sunday before the election ?

6534. Yes.—No ; he told me that I was to receive the tickets on Monday morning at 10 o'clock to give to these parties, and the tickets never came, and I went down to the "Feathers"——.

6535. I do not want to hear about that, I want to know this, did you hear of having money from Downing before you ever heard of the tickets ?—Oh ; yes.

6536. When did you first hear of having money from Downing ?—I cannot say, not to be positive.

6537. But it was before the Sunday when you first heard of the tickets ?—Yes, it was before the Sunday.

6538. Was it several days before ?—The conversation took place at his own house, but I really cannot say the time. If I could tell you the time I would.

6539. Was it a day or two days ?—It may be a day or two before the time.

6540. Did you ever hear why Thurlow and Smith returned their tickets ?—No.

6541. And you never heard what money value each ticket represented ?—I understood they were to be 15*l.*

6542. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I asked you that question?—I did not recollect for the moment, but when I came to think it over, I recollected something that occurred between Downing and me about that.

6543. Was that settled between you and Downing ?—Oh, no ; I never settled it at all. Downing gave me the tickets, and they were given to the parties.

6544. But how did you know the men were to get 15*l.* ?—I could not tell that.

6545. You said you understood the tickets were 15*l.* ?—I understood they were to receive 15*l.* for the tickets.

6546. Who told you that ?—Downing.

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THOS. WM. DOWNING sworn ; examined by MR. RUSSELL.

6547. What are you ?—A fish merchant.

6548. Where do you live ?—In King Street.

6549. Did you hear the evidence that has just been given by Mr. Walsh ?—Yes.

6550. Is that true ?—Part of it.

6551. What is untrue ?—About his having said I spoke to him three weeks before the election. I asked him whether he knew any parties that were likely to vote, I said that. That was the Sunday before the election, because I had been ill in bed 10 days before that, so that I knew that I could not have been there.

6552. When you saw him the Sunday week before the election, and asked him if he could get any votes, did you say anything to him about money ?—No.

6553. Or about tickets ?—No.

6554. When did you next see him ?—Several times in the course of the week after, but not to mention anything until the Sunday, as he said, previously in the garden.

6555. Was nothing said by you to Walsh about money or tickets to the voters before the Sunday ?—No.

6556. Are you sure of that ?—Yes.

6557. What made you go to Walsh in the first instance ?—Because I knew he always had money the other side every time he did vote.

6558. Do you know if Walsh has had anything this election himself ?—I gave him a ticket myself.

6559. When ?—On the Monday night when I gave him the tickets for the other parties.

6560. Who gave you the tickets ?—I wrote them myself.

6561. By whose authority did you write them ?—It was arranged between I and Jones that I should write all the tickets, so that he should not pay twice over.

6562. Did you write all the tickets ?—Yes ; to the best of my knowledge I did.

6563. What did you write upon them ?—I merely wrote the number on the register, and either A, B, or C.

6564. What did A, B, or C mean ?—A represented 10*l.*, B 15*l.*, and C 20*l.*

6565. Had you absolute authority from Jones to give either an A, a B, or a C ticket to a man, according to your discretion ?—Yes.

6566. Do you remember what sort of tickets they were you gave to Walsh ?—I cut up some old election cards.

6567. I mean, were they A, B, or C tickets, or some of all ?—I think his were B tickets ; there were very few C tickets.

6568. Walsh has told us that he understood from you that his tickets meant 15*l.*, and that would make them B tickets ?—I do not know that I did tell him ; I might, but I should say very likely not. I was too cautious about that.

6569. When did Jones and you first concoct this scheme of the tickets ?—I think towards about the Sunday afternoon when we were having a ride out together.

6570. What Sunday afternoon ?—The Sunday before the election. We had this in hand in case there should be anything to do.

6571. Do you mean the Sunday week before the election ?—No, the Sunday before the election. I never saw Jones until the Friday before the election.

6572. Who introduced you to Jones ?—That I cannot say. He came mysteriously, and he went away mysteriously.

6573. I must repeat my question, who introduced you to Jones ?—I do not think any one did. Jones, I think, asked me whether my name was Downing ; I said "Yes ;" and then he said, "That is all I want to know ; my name is Jones."

6574. When he told you his name was Jones, did you know what he meant ?—Yes, I did.

6575. How did you know ?—I guessed it. I had been an old practitioner before.

6576. I must have a little more than this. You must have had some means of knowing who Jones was ?—I can assure you I had not. I had no more than I had of the man in the moon. I said directly, "Is that your name, Jones?" and he said, "That is my name ; you can take it for what you like :" and I guessed who it was and what it was.

6577. Sometimes the man in the moon knows a great deal, and I expect he did in this instance ; therefore, I must ask you again how you became acquainted with Jones ?—I candidly tell you he came to me in the room, and asked me whether I was Mr. Downing. Whether I was pointed out by anyone else I cannot tell, but no one introduced him to me.

6578. When was it that Jones came to you ?—I think it was on Friday before the election. I think that is the first day I saw him.

6579. And then you went out riding with him ?—I spoke to him two or three times on the Saturday night. On Sunday afternoon we had a fly, and took a ride out together, round Belton, just merely for a drive, and then I found out what his intention was, should anything be done, and I learnt it all from him, and that is all I knew about it then.

6580. Before you saw Jones at all, do you mean to swear that you never heard from anybody that such a man was coming to you ? That I did not. That I do swear.

6581. That no man either in Yarmouth or out of it had ever mentioned to you that there was such a man coming into the town ?—No.

6582. Were you surprised when he came to you ? —I do not know why they should pick me out for him to come to, more than anyone else, that I did not know.

6583. You had done this sort of work before had you not ?—Yes.

6584. In the election of 1859 ?—Yes. I think my first was Lennox and Coopes' election.

6585. Before we go into any other election I will ask you who did you give tickets to besides Walsh ? —I am sure I could not tell you. I never took any account. As they came I asked the number and about the figure, and gave them a ticket, and told them to go and ask for Jones.

6586. Was Walsh the only man in Yarmouth to whom you gave more than one ticket ?—I fancy Mr. Edwards took some off the table. I will not be certain about it. I could not swear positively. It was a busy time, and I was writing away as fast as I could, and if any one came I gave them a ticket.

6587. Which Edwards was that ?—Mr. Thomas Edwards.

6588. Do you remember any other man to whom you gave several tickets ?—No. I do not think I did. I cannot recollect any one I gave any more tickets to.

6589. Did you generally go to the men and give them a ticket, or did they come to you ?—They generally came to me.

6590. How did they know they were to come to you ?—There are a great many of them had been with me previous elections. That is where they had been in the habit of coming, so they came again.

6591. Did Barber have any ticket ?—Not from me.

6592. Do you know if he had any from any one else ?—What Barber ?

6593. Nelson Ward, H. H. Barber ?—I do not recollect giving him any one. I was in the room at the "Angel." He might have taken some when he was there. I will not swear positively, but I do not recollect.

6594. He might have taken some ?—He might have taken some off the table ; I could not say ; I was busy at the time writing, and some of them would take up 9 or 10, and run away with them, and some 3 or 4.

6595. Do you know these tickets represented sums of 10*l.*, 15*l.*, and 20*l.* each ? Do you mean any one that came in could take those tickets away ?—I never made any memorandum of the transaction. Those tickets were merely so that people should not be paid twice over.

6596. You only let men take tickets you knew were interested in your party ?—Just so.

6597. Did Fill ever have any tickets ?—I do not think he did.

6598. Stone, did he ever have any tickets ?—I am quite certain I never spoke to Stone, not at that time. I do not recollect seeing Stone there.

6599. Did Neave ever have any tickets ?—No.

6600. Are you sure of that ?—I am sure he never had any of me.

6601. Did James Scott ever have any tickets ?—No.

6602. Did Pullyn ever have any tickets ?—I do not know him.

6603. St. George's Ward ?—I do not know any Bullen.

6604. It is Pullyn ?—No ; certainly not. I never saw him, I think, all the time.

6605. Did Miles Juler ever have any tickets ?—Well, he was up and down. He might come and ask for one or two. I might give him some, perhaps, to take away, I did not take any note of them. I looked at the names, and read the list, and if any one asked me for a ticket for so and so, I referred to the number to see if it was right, and I gave him a ticket.

6606. Juler might have had some ?—Juler might have had some. I will not swear that he did or did not.

6607. James Lawn ?—No.

6608. Regent Ward ?—I do not recollect seeing him there.

6609. George Farrow, did he have any ?—No. I do not recollect seeing Farrow there.

6610. Mr. Livingston, did he ever have any ?—No.

6611. Daniel Reed Fowler ?—Well, he might have had some ; I perhaps might give him some if he was one of the party. If he had asked me for them, I should have given them to him.

6612. Mainprice ?—No ; I do not recollect giving him any.

6613. Henry King ?—No ; I did not give him one.

6614. Reeder, did he ever have any ?—No ; I do not recollect such a name.

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6615. Did Neave ever have any?—No, I do not recollect. In fact, I cannot tell you whom I did give them to.

6616. Skinner?—That I will not be certain of. He was up and down there a good deal. I just merely wrote the tickets when I knew our party wanted them. They said, "I want so and so for such a man," and I referred to the number and gave them the tickets.

6617. Did W. J. Brand, of Gorleston, ever have any?—No, I do not think he had any. I do not think I wrote one for Gorleston.

6618. Where did you write these tickets?—I had a little private room at the "Angel," where Jones had a room which I could go into.

6619. Did you and Jones have different rooms?—No, we both had one room. He went into my room. You might call it his or mine, whichever you liked.

6620. And used these gentlemen to come in and take the tickets out of your room?—Sometimes some of them did. They would come and ask who was there, and they were sent up. They would come up into my room and see me, and I would give them the tickets as far as they went, at least, as far as I thought it was right.

6621. Did Mr. Livingston ever come into your room?—Yes, I think I have seen him there, but I will not say. I do not think but once or twice. He might have come in.

6622. Are you quite sure Mr. Livingston never had any tickets?—No; he never had any from me.

6623. Or from anybody else that you knew of?—Not from anyone else that I knew of; I could not say. There might be some more tickets, but I did not see them. After Mr. Jones took them I did not examine them after.

6624. I am afraid it will take some time, but I must ask you the names of any man to whom you gave tickets?—Well, I do not know that I can recollect any that I gave tickets to.

6625. You must remember it. If you think it will assist you to have a list of the voters you may have it, and run your eye over it?—I might think of some. It is really so long ago, and I never took any memorandum. I only made them out from the people who came and told me, "I want a ticket for five or six "people." Perhaps they brought a piece of paper with five or six names upon it, and said, "I want "tickets for these," and some said, "I want tickets "for one or two."

6626. And did you take those lists from them?—Yes.

6627. Before you gave them the tickets?—I took the list from them, and then I wrote the tickets from the list.

6628. What has become of those lists?—I destroyed them directly, because they were of no further use to me.

6629. Just look at that. (*Handing a paper to the witness.*) Is that the sort of list you used to get?—Yes; and I referred to the register, and I wrote the number on that as they stood upon the register, either "A, B, or C," according to what the parties wanted.

6630. Do you admit that list of names?—I have no doubt that is right; I have not the least doubt. I recollect the two Sillises particularly, and I recollect Trower; and I think I had that ticket back again from Trower. I think he did better. I had two or three back from Walsh.

6631. Have you any tickets now?—No; Jones took all those tickets away.

6632. Jones took them away?—Jones took the tickets and paid the money. That was a check against him, to know that he had spent the money.

6633. If the ticket was returned to you what did you do with it?—I tore it up, because if I had left it about anywhere some other man might have taken it and drawn the money in another party's name.

6634. Look at the register and see if you can give me the names of any man to whom you gave a number of tickets, or even one?—I think I gave John Adcock a ticket.

6635. That is the sweep?—Yes.

6636. (*Mr. Slade.*) A, B, or C.?—I think that was B.

6637. (*Mr. Russell.*) Now go on?—I think I gave William Carr one. It is 253 on the register.

6638. Only one?—Yes, only one.

6639. What did you give him, A, B, or C?—I think his was 15*l.* B. I either gave him a ticket or the money, I cannot tell which; I either gave him 15*l.* or a ticket, I really cannot tell you, but one or the other I gave him.

6640. Besides tickets, did you give money?—In one or two instances when, perhaps I had not a ticket by me.

6641. Whom did you receive the money from?—I gave a man of the name of Jay 15*l.* but he returned it on the morning of the election.

6642. Whom did you receive the money from?—What I gave away?

6643. Yes.—Jones had the bag, and I took what I wanted from it.

6644. You took it out of Jones' bag?—Yes.

6645. How much did you take out of Jones' bag altogether?—I am sure I cannot tell you; I never counted it.

6646. Can you give us a guess?—I have no idea. It was in the afternoon and the night. I might go to three or four parties.

6647. Was it 100*l.*?—I have no idea.

6648. May it have been a 1,000*l.*?—It was not a 1,000*l.*, I think.

6649. May it have been 500*l.*?—I am sure I cannot tell you; I took it by littles sometimes, and I distributed it to anyone that came. I never took an account of it. I know I had about a pound or two left in my own pocket.

6650. Why did you give the money to some men and tickets to others?—Some did not like to be seen.

6651. Now for the present let us keep to the tickets, or any names which occur to you to which you gave either a ticket or the money?—I think Francis Jay. He is 703 upon the register.

6652. What did you give him?—I gave him 15*l.*; but that he returned upon the morning of the election.

6653. What did he say after he returned it?—He said William Grief had been to him, so he brought me back the money.

6654. Who is Grief?—He is a fish merchant.

6655. Was he on your side or on the other?—He was the other side. Then I gave Parker and Seago.

6656. What Parker?—William Parker.

6657. South Market Road?—I think so.

6658. What number?—I suppose that must be the man, South Market Road. I thought he voted for his house, and not his warehouse.

6659. What did you give him?—I cannot say whether it was 160*l.* or 180*l.*

6660. In money or in tickets?—I gave him that in gold.

6661. Did he give you a list of men that he could get?—He brought me a list, and I found it amounted to so much money, and I gave him the money.

6662. Was anybody with Parker when you gave it him?—William Parker and Samuel Seago were together.

6663. Did you give anything to Seago besides what you gave to Parker?—They were both together. I do not know which took the money; one of the two took it. You have got it. Walsh gave him a ticket. I told you that before.

6664. Yes.—There is no one else here that I can recollect.

6665. I will try and remind you of some names. T. B. Edwards, did he have anything from you?—I told you I thought he had some, but I could not tell you how many.

6666. That is the tailor?—Yes.

6667. Will you swear you did not give James William Neave either tickets or money?—There are two Neaves, I do not know which it is.

6668. He lives in Northgate Street, house and shop?—I should not think I gave him any. I do not recollect giving him any.

6669. Will you swear that you did not?—I should not like to swear that I did not positively, because I have seen him in the room; but I do not think he is a man that would do anything of the sort; that is what I go by, I generally know them.

6670. Will you swear you did not give W. B. Skinner either tickets or money?—I swear I did not give them to him personally; though I wrote those tickets, I did not give them out.

6671. Will you swear you do not know that Skinner had tickets or money?—I will swear that, that I do not know that he had any.

6672. Miles Juler; will you swear that you do not know that he had tickets?—I think he had some; I think it is very likely he had. I am satisfied if he had come I should have given them to him.

6673. Do you not know that Miles Juler had some?—No, I cannot recollect. I tell you I think it is very likely he had, but I should not like to swear that he had any.

6674. Who is Miles Juler?—He is a clock and watch maker. I suppose that is the same. He was backwards and forwards, I know.

6675. Is he a voter?—That I do not know. I do not think he is a voter; I fancy not.

6676. James Holmes Thompson; had he tickets or money?—I gave him some tickets, I think; I am almost certain I did.

6677. S. J. Fill?—I do not recollect giving him any.

6678. Do you know whether he had any or not?—No.

6679. Either tickets or money?—No, I do not know.

6680. You swear you do not know?—I swear I do not know.

6681. H. H. Barber?—No; I could not say whether he had any. I do not think he had any from me.

6682. Or from anybody else?—I never saw him take any from anybody else.

6683. Do you believe he had or had not?—I do not know.

6684. You must know which you believe?—Whether he had any money?

6685. Yes.—I should say rather not.

6686. You believe he had neither money nor tickets?—I was not there when Jones paid money always, very seldom.

6687. Will you swear that Barber had neither tickets nor money without your knowledge?—He had no money or tickets to my knowledge.

6688. That you swear?—That I swear.

6689. Reeder, I asked you his name before. I remind you of him again?—I do not know the man.

6690. He has a house and shop in Broad Row?—I do not know him. I can assure you I do not know the man.

6691. A shoemaker?—I do not know him personally. I should not know him if he was here. I might know him to speak to, but I do not know his name.

6692. John Garratt, Market-place?—No; I do not recollect giving him any. He might have some. He was the landlord of the house.

6693. You swear that you do not know?—No.

6694. You do not know that he had either tickets or money?—Yes.

6695. D. R. Fowler?—I think he had some.

6696. Tickets?—Tickets. I think he might have had money too; I do not know. He had some tickets from me.

6697. From you?—I think he had. I would not like to swear that he had them, but I think that he had.

6698. John Whiting?—No; I had nothing to do with him. He belonged to Gorleston. I never had any tickets for Gorleston.

6699. If he had tickets or money, it was without your knowledge?—I do not know that he had any. I heard him say he had never a farthing.

6700. W. J. Brand, will you swear to the best of your belief that he had no tickets?—Not of my writing.

6701. Nor of anybody else's?—To the best of my belief he had not any.

6702. Neither tickets nor money?—Neither tickets nor money.

6703. If you heard that he had you would be surprised?—I should not be surprised particularly. I said I had nothing whatever to do with Gorleston.

6704. You may have heard about it?—No, only as common hearsay, no more than what you have heard.

6705. Did you ever take any money down to Gorleston?—No.

6706. That you will swear?—That I will swear. I do not think I went down to Gorleston from the Sunday till after the election was over.

6707. Tricker?—John Tricker?

6708. Yes.—Very likely I did give him some, I cannot positively swear to it. I think it very likely I did, as he was there.

6709. Tickets or money?—I did not give him the money; that I will swear for.

6710. Is Tricker a voter?—No, I do not think he is. I think his son is a voter, but I do not think he is.

6711. Azariah Waters?—I do not recollect anything of him.

6712. Do you hear of his name for the first time now?—No. I know the man very well, but I do not recollect giving him anything.

6713. Will you swear that you did not?—I should not like to swear positively, but I think I might swear it.

6714. Will you?—No; because I do not know exactly what I did do at the time.

6715. I must have an answer. Will you swear you did not give tickets nor money to Azariah Waters?—I can swear I never gave him any money, and to the best of my knowledge I can swear I did not give him any tickets, that is to the best of my belief.

6716. Foulsham?—I do not know the man.

6717. Joseph Foulsham?—No, I do not know him.

6718. Of Regent road?—I do not know him.

6719. Have you never heard of him?—To the best of my belief I never heard of the man.

6720. He is a lame man.—I do not know him.

6721. As far as you know, he never had either tickets or money?—Certainly not. I do not know that he had. I do not even know the man. There are very few people but what I do know, but I do not know him.

6722. Were there any places besides the "Angel" where tickets were exchanged for money?—I sat at the table and wrote the tickets, the same as you might be now sitting at that table. I kept writing as parties brought these papers in. I sat and wrote and did not take any account of them whatever. I wrote the numbers.

6723. That is no answer at all. I ask you whether there were other houses besides the "Angel" where tickets were exchanged for gold?—Very few of those tickets were exchanged at the "Angel." I do not think any of them, or very few. They went down to certain houses in different wards. There were different houses in different wards where they went to for the money.

6724. Jones sat at the "Angel?"—First of all he went down to Cattermole's, at the "Army and Navy" tavern, I think on the Monday night. He was there from about 7 to 11, I think.

6725. And were the tickets exchanged for gold at Cattermole's?—Yes.

6726. Upon the Monday night?—Yes.

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6727. And upon the Tuesday night?—I do not know. He arranged with parties where to go to the next night. I did not stir away; I gave those tickets only as parties called for them.

6728. Who gave the gold in exchange for the tickets at Cattermole's?—Jones.

6729. And anybody else?—Not that I am aware of. I did not go down there.

6730. Who sat with Jones at Cattermole's when he gave the gold?—I think Moore did. I can only give it by hearsay.

6731. You know Jones was a stranger in Yarmouth?—Yes.

6732. And there must have been somebody with Jones to tell him that the person was the person that he represented himself to be?—I think Moore was, but I cannot speak to having seen him.

6733. Tell me another house where gold was given in exchange for tickets?—Well, I heard something about Wright's, but I do not know what Wright. I only heard it at the time.

6734. Is that Richard Wright of Church Plain?—That I do not know. I heard them say, "Go down "to Wright's." I was busy looking over things and seeing how things went on, and so I did not pay any regard to it.

6735. Will you swear you do not know that it was Richard Wright's, Church Plain?—I do swear. I suppose that was the Wright. They said, "Go to "Wright's."

6736. Was it Wright of Church Plain?—I think so. I should not like to swear it. I merely heard them say, "Go down to Wright's."

6737. Who paid the money at Wright's?—I suppose Jones. He had said he was going down to Wright's. When Jones went out he always left word where he was going to, along with one of the runners or some one else.

6738. Did you ever hear him say he was going to Wright's?—I did not hear Jones say so, but some of the parties told me at the door that Jones was gone down to Wright's.

6739. Who told you so?—I cannot tell. There were several doorkeepers.

6740. Doorkeepers, where?—At the hotel, at the "Angel," at the committee room.

6741. The doorkeeper told you that Jones had gone up to Wright's?—Yes, I understood one night he had gone up to Wright's.

6742. Did you ever hear of Charles Botwright?—No.

6743. Do you not know the tickets were exchanged for gold at Charles Botwright's?—No.

6744. Did you never hear Jones say he was going there?—No, only the principal place.

6745. Just answer my question. You never heard Jones had gone to Charles Botwright's?—I might have heard it, but if I have I have forgotten it.

6746. Is the name familiar to you now?—No, I do not recollect ever hearing talk of Charles Botwright.

6747. Of Regent Street?—They had a room there, but whether they went there I do not know. I did not even hear they had a committee room there till the election morning.

6748. Who had the room at Botwright's?—Our party had.

6749. You swear you do not know if Jones was ever there?—I do not know that Jones was ever there.

6750. Or anybody besides Jones was ever there to exchange tickets for gold?—No. I never went into the room only once in my life that I know of, and that was upon the election morning, about 12 o'clock, where they were getting the state of the poll. That was the only time I was in the house in my life.

6751. James Holmes Thompson, opposite the "Angel?"—Yes.

6752. Did you ever hear of Jones being there?—No.

6753. You never heard of tickets being exchanged for gold at Thompson's?—No.

6754. That you swear?—That I swear.

6755. Do you know if they had a room at Thompson's?—Yes, I think they had a room at Thompson's. I am pretty sure they had, but I never was up in it.

6756. You do not know what that room was used for?—No, I never was there.

6757. Did you never hear what the room was used for at all?—No.

6758. That you swear?—That I swear.

6759. Did you ever see Jones pay any of this money away?—No.

6760. Never?—Never.

6761. That you swear?—That I will swear.

6762. Do you know who was with Jones at the "Angel" when he paid the money?—I do not know, I was not in the room, I do not know that any one was.

6763. Did you never hear Jones say?—No, he was at the "Angel" I believe the night before the election.

6764. Did you never hear him say that Edwards was with him?—I never saw Mr. Edwards with him.

6765. I ask you did you ever hear him say that Edwards was with him?—No, I do not think I saw him after the election day, and that was a busy day. I do not think I saw him after.

6766. Did you ever hear him say Neave was with him?—No, in fact I heard Mr. Edwards ask him where Jones was and he said he was gone, and I was astonished.

6767. What number of tickets did you write altogether?—I think I wrote about a hundred, I might write more, but about a hundred I think I wrote.

6768. Will you swear you did not write 1000?—Certainly, nor yet 200.

6769. Will you swear you did not write 200 tickets?—Yes.

6770. And you do not know that anybody but yourself ever did write a ticket?—No; Jones said I had better write the whole of them and he should know my handwriting.

6771. Have you got any tickets left?—No.

6772. Is that about the size of the ticket?—I think about half that size, some might be a little larger than others. I merely took a card and cut it into 7 or 8 pieces or 10 perhaps.

6773. Were Parker and Seago the only men to whom you gave a considerable sum of money to buy votes?—Yes.

6774. That you swear?—That I swear.

6775. And you did not write as many as 200 tickets?—Yes.

6776. And you also swear you cannot remember the names of any other men to whom you gave either tickets or money?—Not at the present time I cannot, if I should recollect I will write them down and give them to you.

6777. Will you undertake now as far as your memory will enable you to do it to make out a list and come with it before the Commissioners?—Yes that I will undertake to do if I can recollect any of them. I lost nearly all my men that had promised me.

6778. I will not believe for one moment that if you like to do so you cannot. You can furnish us with many additional names, and you now say you will undertake to do so if you can?—All that I can recollect. You know what it is when you are writing in a hurry, some of them scrambled for 5 or 6 and some for 8 or 10,

6779. I will never believe you cannot remember more?—If I paid them myself I should have recollected them, although I wrote those tickets I did not give them to a single individual.

6780. Now I will go back to the election of 1859, what were you doing at that election?—I never took any account any more than I did at this.

6781. I will remind you, Watkin and Young were the Liberal candidates in 1859.—Yes.

6782. Did you spend any money in their interest at that election ?—No, not in their interest.

6783. In whose interest did you spend it ?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

6784. They were the Conservative candidates ?—They were the Conservative candidates.

6785. Did you at that election work for the other side ?—I was always a Conservative.

6786. Till this time ?—Till this time.

6787. What made you change your political principles ?—I had a reason for so doing, a private reason.

6788. Will you be good enough to give me your private reason ?—Am I bound to answer it ?

6789. Yes.—I went away 7 weeks and 2 days when the petition was on and they never paid me my expenses, and so I changed my colour.

6790. Did you receive anything yourself at this election for having changed your principles and having voted for the Liberal candidates ?—Not one penny.

6791. You never received a farthing ?—No, I would not have accepted it.

6792. You neither took a sum of money nor a ticket ?—Nor a ticket, nor yet anything else.

6793. I suppose you have not got the tickets for 1859 have you ?—No.

6794. Did you receive money ?—Yes.

6795. Who from ?—Some I received from Richard Yaxley and some from Mr. Shuckford.

6796. What sum did you receive altogether ?—I think I received 80*l.* from Mr. Yaxley first and I think I had 40*l.* afterwards ; I think I had 40*l.* from Mr. Shuckford but I cannot exactly say, I taxed my memory this morning but I had nothing to go by and I could not recollect.

6797. You are certain you received a sum of money from Mr. Yaxley and another sum from Mr. Shuckford ?—Yes.

6798. And did you spend that money in buying votes ?—I did.

6799. Was that all the money you received at that election ?—No, I cannot say. I think I received some from Mr. Shuckford's clerk, I will not be certain. I know I was backwards and forwards there.

6800. How much do you think you received from Mr. Shuckford's clerk ?—I am not certain whether I had any or no. I do not know, I could not swear whether he gave me any or no. I think I had 20*l.* or 40*l.* from him, I do not know which.

6801. What is the name of Mr. Shuckford's clerk ?—I cannot recollect his name.

6802. Do you know if he is alive now ?—No, he is dead, he died the year after the election, his name was Robert Clark.

6803. You cannot remember receiving any further money at the election of 1859 ?—No ; I was trying to recollect, but I cannot recollect about 5 or 6 votes. I was taxing my memory where I spent it.

6084. I am not going into the detail of the election of 1859 at present, I will now go back to 1857. Then McCullagh and Watkin were elected and Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker were defeated ?—Yes.

6085. Are you certain you received no money ?—I am certain I received no money, I do not think there was any spent at that election.

6806. Did you receive any money for your own vote either in 1859 or 1857 ?—I never received a penny in my life.

6807. Did you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker in 1857 ?—That I cannot say.

6808. Was 1859 the first occasion on which you had ever spent money at an election ?—No ; Lennox and Coope was the first election.

6809. I understand you to say, you are certain that you received no money to disburse in buying votes in 1859 ?—No, in 1859 I told you I did.

6810. I expect you, if you can, to make a list of any men to whom you gave either a ticket or money on the last election ?—Yes.

6811. (*Mr. Slade.*) You told us that you and Jones concocted a scheme when you were taking a drive on the Sunday afternoon ?—Yes.

6812. Give us a general idea of the scheme ; what passed between you and Jones ? —He said, How are we to manage this, Downing, and I said, It will not do for me to pay any money away, because I know they will be down upon me directly ; they will watch me like a cat would a mouse. He said, How can we manage it ? he said, I do not know anyone. After some little time, I do not know how it came about, I said, if you take tickets with the numbers that will do. He said, how are we to do about the amounts ? I said you can understand an initial, and we planned that A should be for 10*l.*, B 15*l.*, and C 20*l.*

6813. And D ? — No D. I think that was going quite far enough, and I was determined, in fact I told Mr. Brogden the morning of the election that his election was gone. I knew it was lost, so that I did not take any interest whatever in it. I knew it was of no use. I knew it had gone.

6814. How do you know that ?—I knew all our parties that I had arranged with were swept up by the other side. I knew the whole of the men I had arranged with, or most of them, were gone.

6815. When did you find that out ?—I found that out on the Monday morning ; 60 per cent. of them were cooked.

6816. On the Sunday night you were quite hot upon this scheme ?—On the Saturday I arranged with 50 or 60, or 60 or 70 that they should have 15*l.* a piece when I got the money, but if the others came out with 20*l.* I would give them 20*l.* ; and when I went to them on the Monday morning they most of them turned round and said, You are rather too late, so I lost most of my men, and I knew the election was gone, and I did not trouble any more about it ; there were a good many that I had arranged with.

6817. You arranged with them before the Sunday ?—I arranged with them on the Saturday.

6818. Were they all arranged with on the Saturday, or did you arrange with some of them on the Friday? On Saturday morning Jones said, You had better go and arrange and secure them. I did not promise them actually they should have the money, but if there was anything stirring they should have the money. I arranged with them if there was anything going forward they should be the first on the list, and I booked them as such, and I booked each man's name. I lost a great many of them, 60 or 70 per cent.

6819. Did you show that list to Mr. Jones ?—Yes; I found out Saturday night they had been doing a little, but very little, only something like 200*l.* They did not spend any money on the Saturday night.

6820. Did you take a list out of your pocket ? — Yes.

6821. Let me look at it ? — That is, most of them that I had seen and talked to about it. There are some few names there I did not see, but other parties saw for me, but I could give you an account of most I saw myself.

6822. There are 52 names here ? — Yes, but some of them I did not see.

6823. I observe to some of these names the letter C is appended ? — That was those I lost, and those C, L, where they had been done twice over.

6824. I see Adcock has got two C's ; I suppose that means twice 15*l.* ?—No, that is twice 20*l.*

6825. And an L ? — He was sugared twice by the Conservatives, and once by the Liberals.

6826. Do I understand C in this list to mean 20*l.*, or Conservative ?—Conservative.

6827. They had promised for the Conservatives ?—No, they are men that had promised us and voted against us. I only made that as a rough calculation in my own mind this morning. I did not make it to bring here.

6828. This is not the list you showed to Jones ?—It is nearly the list. It is of all I could make up from memory. Those are what I said I could get, but

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there were more than that; I think I had between 90 and 100 that were ready, if I had had the money on Saturday morning.

6829. Those were the doubtful voters? — There are about 600 doubtful voters in Gorleston and Yarmouth.

6830. Did all those men slip through your fingers? —I tell you there are about 9 or 10 that I did not go near myself, but other people did; a great many of them I did. I can point out all that went through my hands; I will make a cross against them.

6831. We shall be much obliged to you if you will?—(*After marking the list.*) Those are the ones that went through my hands.

6832. All you have ticked off you saw? — I saw them, and they promised me.

6833. And those were the men you went to on the Monday and found they were bought on the other side?—Yes.

6834. All of them?—I do not mean to say I went to them on that particular day, but I went to them as I could see them.

6835. Before the polling day?—Before the polling day.

6836. Did those men all tell you individually that you were too late? — Some of them said it was of no use, and some of them said it was too late. There were a great many I cannot recollect.

6837. They all gave you to understand that? — They all made excuses; they said you should have come before, or, you are too late.

6838. Did all those men to your knowledge vote for the Conservatives?—I only know from the poll book.

6839. You cannot say?—I say I only know by the poll book.

6840. Now go on with what you and Jones arranged about the ticket scheme.—Well, as we rode along we arranged that I should write all the tickets, so that he should know my handwriting. I told him I would not have anything to do with taking the money, and I do not think, except so far as one, two, or three cases, that I took any money. In fact I was very cautious about taking any money, except going to get it. I merely went to another room for it and carried it to Parker; that is all I had to do with it, going into another room and bringing it down to the public room.

6841. Did you write the tickets on Sunday night? —No, on the Monday afternoon after they decided they would poll. It was not determined till after 4 o'clock, and there was not a shilling paid till after 6 at night. It was all done in a hurry; it was not determined till four whether they would spend the money or no, and I began to write these tickets directly after. Some of them kept flustering about, and I did not know what I was after scarcely.

6842. Did people in the room take tickets away from the table where you were writing?—Yes, people from the different wards.

6843. Tell us who they were?—I told you as far as my memory goes who I think was there.

6844. Nelson Ward, Barber, Fill, and Stone?—Yes.

6845. Did those men carry off tickets?—I do not think they had them from me; I think they must have taken them from some one else.

6846. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I want to know did you canvass at all?—Yes.

6847. Do you know whether any of the parties named in this list had promised Mr. Brogden?—Yes, some of them.

6848. A great number?—I do not think there were a great many; most of them are open votes. I know of three or four there that did promise without anything, but still they changed afterwards.

6849. The great majority of them had not promised at all?—No, the greater part of them were open votes; there were about 600 Not Promised.

6850. You have belonged to both sides of the question; what is your opinion with regard to these doubtful votes if there had been no money spent on either side?—I should have calculated if they had all voted, 400 out of the 600 would have voted Liberal.

6851. Are you sure of it?—I am quite sure of it.

6852. Were you of that opinion at the last election? —Yes, I always did say so, though I voted the other way, and was always satisfied if there was no money spent they could never win an election, though I was of their side.

6853. Do you think they would have voted for Sir Edmund Lacon, considering that he is resident here? —No, I do not think so, because he is generally disliked in Yarmouth.

6854. When this class of voter promises do they generally keep their promise; I mean suppose money is not in question?—They will not promise if you go to them; they say, No, I have not made up my mind.

6855. What I want to know is this: supposing these voters whom you say are doubtful had promised Sir Edmund Lacon, and no money had been spent on either side, do you think they would have kept their promise?—I do not think some of them would have changed.

6856. If they had been offered money on the other side, do you think they would have broken their promise?—I daresay they would. I do not pay any regard to a certain amount of promises. There are a certain amount of their promises I would not believe. I know they would go either way for money. I told Mr. Marshman when he first came, the truth. I told him, If you come here you must be prepared to spend a lot of money, and you will find after the canvass is made up you will have 600 that will not promise, and I said, They will want more money than they did at the last election.

6857. Was it on that Monday afternoon that you sat with Jones writing these tickets?—Yes.

6858. You began about four o'clock?—We began from four to half-past four.

6859. How long did you go on?—I went on to about six.

6860. Was Mr. Jones with you the whole time?— No, I fancy not. I fancy he was getting ready for something else.

6861. Then when the ticket writing was over at six or seven, and you said there was a bag of gold on the table at the side of you, how many voters do you think were paid then?—There was nothing paid then.

6862. You said there was a bag of gold?—No; that was afterwards, not then. I never took a penny piece that night at all.

6863. Did Mr. Jones go away about six or seven? —He went away at six or seven, I understand, down to the "Army and Navy" tavern.

6864. We heard he went to Gorleston that evening, Monday night; is that so?—I do not know. If he did I am not aware of it. I should not think he did, because I understood when he came home he had been to the "Army and Navy" tavern. If he went down to Gorleston it was before he went there. It was unknown to me if he did go down to Gorleston.

6865. What did you do on the evening of that day? —I went to look round and see how the thing stood, to see what voters there were.

6866. To give them tickets?—I did not give any tickets.

6867. You took the tickets to Walsh that night?— Yes, I think I took his.

6868. Cannot you recollect anybody else you took tickets to?—No; he did not come up to the committee room.

6869. The others came?—The others came.

6870. How soon did it get abroad that the tickets were in process of distribution?—They had been waiting from seven o'clock on Monday morning to know when they were coming. They thought all day they were coming. As soon as they found the other side began they began to think there would be some on our side. That accounts for Walsh saying he was very near tired of waiting. I could not give him any tickets till Mr. Jones gave the order.

6871. Mr. Jones did not disburse any money known to you on that Monday?—No, not a penny piece; he told me he was going down to the "Army and Navy" tavern, and to send every one there.

6872. What did you do on the Tuesday morning?—I went round to different people to see how we stood.

6873. When was it you and Jones were together, and the money was in the bag?—I used to go into his room, and the money stood close by him.

6874. I want to know when?—On the Tuesday. I never saw any money on the Monday.

6875. On the Tuesday?—On the Tuesday.

6876. Had he a room to himself at the "Angel?"—I do not know that it was his room where he had the money. All I know is, the room he sat in was a private room, and he kept the door locked, and no one was allowed to go in with him.

6877. Any man that had a ticket, I suppose, came in on Tuesday?—No, the tickets were not given there. I had another room when I gave them the tickets.

6878. You told us you gave all the tickets on Monday; it was on the Tuesday morning those tickets were exchanged for gold. I want to know what took place?—The tickets were exchanged on Monday night.

6879. Not at the "Angel?"—No, at the "Army and Navy" tavern.

6880. At the time the gold was in the bag on the Tuesday morning?—There was nothing exchanged at the "Angel."

6881. Was exchange going on there?—No, not at the "Angel;" nothing was exchanged at the "Angel" till 10 or 11 o'clock the night before the election.

6882. I caught you to say, before you wrote tickets and in one or two cases, you took money out of the bag and paid it?—You must have misunderstood me.

6883. That was not at the same time?—I wrote these tickets on the Monday; if parties brought me a list on Tuesday morning I wrote the tickets, but the tickets were not exchanged at the "Angel." Jones went to certain houses at certain times; I cannot tell you to what particular houses he went, and at what certain times. It is fresh in my memory that on the Monday evening he was at the "Army and Navy" tavern, but how many tickets he exchanged there I cannot tell, whether 50, or 60, or 100. I know a great many he exchanged that night.

6884. And on Tuesday night at the "Angel?"—I think the election was on the Wednesday; the polling was on the Wednesday; then we could not attend any more to it, we made a push. He had a back room somewhere at the back part of the "Angel" and what tickets were out he told the parties to send them up to him there, and some he paid without tickets. I have not the least doubt that he did.

6885. Upon the Wednesday?—Upon the Tuesday night; it was about 10 o'clock; he had been out somewhere before.

6886. Was anything done upon the day of the poll?—I think I stated, "It is no use your spending this "money, the election is gone." I believe they would have gone on and spent the whole if I had not stopped them.

6887. Had you any idea of the amount of money spent?—I think what Mr. Brogden told you was perfectly true. I do not know that he would tell you a penny wrong. I never mentioned it to him; it was not my place to do so. I never mentioned it to Mr. Brogden, though I have seen him since, and he never brought it up to me. I saw him several times in London.

6888. Very nearly 4,000*l.* has been returned in the account to him as having been spent in bribery?—Yes, that is very likely.

6889. In buying a large number of votes at 15*l.* a piece?—You see some of them had 20*l.*, and some were bought who did not vote for him. You will find that the case, that we did lose ten per cent.

6890. Have you ever had any opportunity of estimating the number of bribed voters upon your side?—No, I never cast them up; I never thought about it; in fact, I knew Monday morning the election was gone, and I took no interest in it whatever. I knew giving the tickets away was like throwing the money into the river. In fact, I told Mr. Brogden the election was gone, and I said to Mr. Jones, "Do not "spend a penny, it is of no use." I was an advocate for not spending a penny.

6891. Did you tell that to Mr. Brogden?—I did not personally tell him not to spend a penny. I said, "Mr. Brogden, go to the poll, but your election is "gone." I told him as plain as I could tell him without trying to criminate one another. I knew what their intention was; they thought about spending money, and I told him as plain as I could tell him. I did not wish to go into detail and say, "I know you "are going to spend some money; do not spend it."

6892. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did any man receive more than one ticket for his vote?—No, that was what it was done for, so that he might not receive the money twice over. I know at some elections a man would go and get 20*l.* from one, and then 20*l.* from another; but if it was all paid by Mr. Jones, he kept a book, and he would run down it and see if he had paid it or not.

6893. How came Mr. Jones to know your writing?—I wrote and showed him it.

6894. You gave him a specimen?—I wrote several of the tickets and showed them to him.

6895. Did everyone receive a ticket and money for his vote?—Not that I heard of. I do not think we had a single case where one man received it twice over. I could not hear of a single case.

6896. Those men to whom you gave money instead of a ticket were men that objected to going up and receiving their money?—I do not recollect only one whom I did give the money to, and he brought it back to me on the morning of the election. I was very careful in giving money. I did not pay much regard to him. I saw him just before the election, and he said he wanted a pony, that his pony was getting old. I asked how much he thought it would cost to buy one.

6897. So far as you know, no man received more than 20*l.* for his vote?—No; so far as I am concerned.

6898. (*Mr. Slade.*) You will go over that list and let us have it?—Yes, I will think of what I can. If I had given the money myself I should have had some idea of whom I gave it to. It was not like my giving them to single people. People took them up as I wrote them, and took them away. If I can recollect any names you shall have them.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

NINTH DAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 25th August 1866.

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T. B. Edwards.

25 Aug. 1866.

THOMAS BOOTH EDWARDS sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

6899. What are you?—A tailor and draper.

6900. Living in this town?—In Regent Street.

6901. We hear that you kept the canvass book of the Liberal party at the last election?—I attended them on the canvass.

6902. And kept a book?—Yes, and kept a book.

6903. What has become of that book?—I kept it for a week; when I say a week, rather over; and Mr. Marshman copied it every night, or the first thing every morning, until Mr. Edwards came, then Edwards had the books, and I never saw any more of them. I kept a fresh book, and that book afterwards was given to Edwards, and I never saw any more of it.

6904. When did you give that book up to Mr. Edwards?—The first or second day he came. The first book I am speaking of.

6905. Can you fix the time?—I cannot say any particular date. I suppose we begun about the 12th or 14th of June, it must be. I do not know the day that fell upon.

6906. You do not know what day of the week it was?—No.

6907. Tell me about what day of the month it was?—I should say somewhere about the 20th, something like that, as near as I can tell.

6908. About three weeks before the election?—Yes, somewhere thereabouts.

6909. That was a week after Edwards came?—No, not a week after.

6910. How long after?—Almost directly he came.

6911. Directly he came you gave it up to him?—Yes.

6912. When you gave up the canvass book to Edwards, did you give up your position as canvasser?—No; I continued that all the time out of doors, I may say, with the candidates.

6913. And did you bring any reports to Mr. Edwards daily?—Yes.

6914. Then I presume you had a private canvass book of your own all that time?—No other canvass book but what I took and delivered in there; no other canvass book.

6915. How did you carry in the promises to Mr. Edwards?—In this book.

6916. That you gave up to him?—Yes; it was a little four-penny memorandum book.

6917. I thought you said you gave up your book to Mr. Edwards as soon as he came?—Yes.

6918. After that you went on canvassing?—Yes.

6919. Did you not have a book for that purpose?—Of course I had.

6920. What became of that?—They were all given up to him, that is to say, Edwards was going to take a copy of the canvass of yesterday, and he would ask me for that book. Of course I could not wait till he had done with that book, therefore, I must have another to go on with.

6921. A fresh book every day?—If it so occurred; or if he did it over night and took the canvass, I would go on the next day, and would not require a fresh book.

6,922. Have you any book or memorandum left of what you did at the election time?—Not a fraction of anything.

6923. Did you canvass all over the town?—Yes.

6924. And Gorleston?—And Gorleston too.

6925. Who assisted you in your canvass?—Messrs. Brogden and Marshman; and after Mr. Marshman left, Mr. Vanderbyl, and sometimes one and sometimes another of the others.

6926. Did you always attend Mr. Brogden?—Always.

6927. Did you never canvass at all alone?—Never; at least I will not say for that. If I met anybody in the street that we had called upon and not seen him before, I might have asked him what he was going to do, and so on.

6928. Did you do it?—Yes.

6929. Give me some of the names you canvassed when Mr. Brogden was not with you?—That would be impossible for me to do.

6930. Did Downing assist in your canvass?—He was with us sometimes.

6931. Did he go with Mr. Brogden?—He went with the party of course.

6932. Did Mr. Moore assist you?—Mr. George Moore?

6933. Yes.—If he did it was very little; so much so, that I scarcely recollect his being there. I will not say he was not there, but I cannot remember seeing him.

6934. Waters?—Never.

6935. Fill?—No, I do not know that Fill did. I believe we passed Fill one day when we were canvassing upon the Quay, but I do not remember seeing him canvass.

6936. Livingston?—Livingston constantly.

6937. After Mr. Edwards came and took the management in his own hands, were you appointed to the North Ward?—I was merely appointed upon it because I resided in the ward at that time.

6938. I do not know why, but you were?—I tell you why.

6939. And with you was Mr. Neave and Mr. Skinner?—Yes.

6940. Had you a committee room there?—There was a committee room there; the North Ward committee room.

6941. Where was it?—At Wright's the shoemaker's, in Church Plain.

6942. What business was transacted at Wright's?—I do not know that I was there above twice, and then I do not believe above ten minutes.

6943. What day was that?—That must be on the day of the election; for I must tell you, although I was appointed on that committee, I had little or nothing to do with it, I may say nothing.

6944. What were your duties?—My duties were to be with the candidates.

6945. To show them the voters?—To show them the voters and to take down in the canvass-books; therefore, it is impossible for me to have been in the other place you know.

6946. Who was with you at Wright's on the day of the election?—There were several parties in the room.

6947. Were Neave and Skinner there?—I believe they were. Two Neaves and Skinner. James William Neave and Joseph Neave.

6948. What time in the day was it?—It might be about eleven o'clock I should think when I first came.

6949. You are talking of the polling day?—Yes; that is the polling day. I do not remember having been there before at all.

6950. What did you go there for on the polling day?—To inquire whether a certain party had voted. That was the truth of it.

6951. Who was that ?—I cannot tell you now I am sure.

6952. Do you mean one man ?—Yes, one man.

6953. What do you know about the tickets ?—I only know that I had about a half dozen of them, that is all I know.

6954. Who gave them to you ?—I took them off the table.

6955. That is what Downing told us yesterday ?—I asked Downing for the use of them "to give to parties ;" he said, "Yes ;" then I said, "I will take half a dozen."

6956. Who were they for ?—I will tell you that afterwards, before I have done.

6957. Was this at the "Angel ?"—This was at the "Angel."

6958. On which day ?—That must be the Monday evening some time.

6959. Downing was writing out the tickets ?—Yes, Downing was writing out the tickets.

6960. Who was at the table with him ?—I am sure I can hardly tell you.

6961. Jones ?—Yes, Jones was, I think.

6962. Mr. Edwards ?—I think Edwards might be there. I will not swear he was there, though I know there were not above one or two in the room, or two or three in the room at the minute. I think Downing and Jones, and I will not swear there were any more, not at that time, but myself. Of course I was there.

6963. What did you go to the room for ?—I went upstairs to speak to Edwards.

6964. What about ?—That I cannot tell you.

6965. Yes you can.—I cannot indeed. I had so many questions to ask him in the course of the canvass it is impossible for me to know what I went down, each time to ask him.

6966. Tell us what happened about the tickets. Did you know what they were for ?—Oh, yes.

6967. How did you know that ?—I had an idea.

6968. How did you have that idea ?—That is a question I can scarcely answer.

6969. Do not fence about it.—I am not fencing about it.

6970. Tell us what you know. We know money was spent ?—I knew they were intended to give to parties as a sort of recommendation to Jones.

6971. Who told you that ?—I jumped at that myself.

6972. Nothing passed between you and Downing ?—There might be. He might tell me what they were for.

6973. Did he ?—I think he did.

6974. Did he say, "Take these tickets and give "them to somebody ?"—He did not say "Take these "tickets." I said, "Can I have half a dozen ?" and he said, "Oh, yes, if you like."

6975. Did you take more than half a dozen ?—I do not think I did ; I do not really think I did.

6976. Did you not go to the "Angel" to get these tickets ?—Yes, certainly.

6977. You knew they were going to be there ?—I knew the tickets were going to be there ?

6978. Yes.—That I did not.

6979. But you went to get them you say ?—Of course, that was the place. The candidates were there, the committee rooms, and everything was there, and therefore did not go expressly for those.

6980. You stick to what Downing said yesterday, "I fancy Mr. Edwards took some off the table" ?—Yes. I did take them off the table.

6981. Do you mean by that, that they were not given to you by Downing ? or, do you mean that he said "Take them ?"—I asked him if I could have them. I said, "What are they to be used for ?" Says he, "They are the number on the register of the different "parties who have not promised."

6982. Did he say they were ?—Yes.

6983. He said they were vouchers for money ?—Give one of those tickets to a man, and he would bring that to Jones.

6984. Were they A, B, or C ?—They were A, B, or C.

6985. Which did you take ?—A, B, and C.

6986. Tell us who you gave them to ?—Charles Ives Garwood.

6987. As you go on tell us the letter ?—How do you mean the letter.

6988. A, B, or C.—C. Then Henry Soanes, C. That is Henry Soanes of Rainbow Corner.

6989. Go on ?—John Adcock.

6990. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was that C ?—Yes ; C. James Grimes.

6991. What was his ?—C. And Joseph Foulsham.

6992. (*Mr. Slade.*) You seem to have got hold of a nice set there ?—Yes ; I think two of them voted against.

6993. Joseph Foulsham, was he C. ?—I will not swear that I gave Foulsham a ticket, but I recommended him to Jones. I might give him one, but I would not swear. C it was if I gave him one at all, that is all I know.

6994. That makes five ?—That makes five.

6995. Where is the sixth ?—The sixth ticket.

6996. Yes ?—I destroyed it, I believe.

6997. Could you not find any gentleman who would accept it ?—I did not try, if they did not come in my way. I did not run after them far, I can assure you.

6998. What day did you give these ?—Mostly on the Monday ; I think all on the Monday.

6999. The Monday night ?—Yes.

7000. Did you call on them, or did they come to you ?—Foulsham I met, and Griffiths I met.

7001. In the street ?—In the street ; the other three I think I called on in passing that way. I did not go expressly for the purpose.

7002. Then you did not go expressly ?—No.

7003. Did you not go on purpose to give them a ticket ?—I did not go on purpose, but going that way I happened to think of their names and called.

7004. In fact, you left your card upon them ?—You may call it so, if you please.

7005. Did these gentlemen all get their money ?—I do not know.

7006. Did you see any tickets exchanged for money ?—Never.

7007. Did you go to the "Angel" on Tuesday ?—Yes.

7008. Did you go to Mr. Jones's room ?—Yes.

7009. Were many people there ?—In Mr. Jones's room ?

7010. Yes.—I did not see only myself there.

7011. What are you looking at there ?—This is a poll-book ?

7012. Your own ?—Yes.

7013. Let me look at it, and that paper too. (*The witness handed the poll-book and a slip of paper to the learned Commissioner.*)

7014. When did you make this note ?—Since the inquiry has commenced.

7015. What day ?—It might be the day before yesterday. I think it was the day before yesterday.

7016. Now look here, upon your solemn oath, are these the only men you gave tickets to ?—They are the only men to the best of my recollection I gave tickets to.

7017. Yes or no, on your solemn oath are these the only men you gave tickets to ?—Those are the only men I gave tickets to.

7018. The only ones ?—To the best of my recollection.

7019. I do not care about your recollection, but will you swear you never gave any to anybody else ?—I am not aware of it.

7020. Listen to these names, Samuel Aldridge, did you give him a ticket ?—I think I did.

7021. You know you did.—I had quite forgotten it at that time.

7022. No, you had not.—Yes I had, indeed.

7023. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What was the value of it ?—I think it was C.

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7024. (*Mr. Slade.*) Now recollect these men will be called, and therefore, you be careful. Benjamin Ashby, George Street ?—Yes.

7025. What was it ?—C.

7026. Robert Bacon, of Caister Road ?—I do not think I gave him one.

7027. Will you swear you did not ?—I would not swear ; I do not think I did.

7028. What ticket was it ?—I do not think I did give him one.

7029. If you gave him one what was it ?—If I gave him a ticket it would be a C., I believe, but I have no recollection of it.

7030. Robert Bacon of Howard Street ?—No.

7031. You did not ?—No.

7032. That you swear ?—That I swear.

7033. Thomas Barber, of the Market Place ?—I do not remember giving him one.

7034. Do you know Thomas Barber ?—Yes, I know him very well, but I do not remember giving him one.

7035. Supposing he comes here and swears you did ?—I cannot help it if he does.

7036. Would you swear you did not ?—I would not swear I did not, but I have no recollection of it.

7037. Do you mean to say you gave so many that you cannot recollect ?—No.

7038. You just now swore that you only gave these five ?—To the best of my recollection.

7039. No, it was not.—It was to the best of my recollection till I was refreshed.

7040. How dare you come here to tell this falsehood ?—I did not.

7041. If I had not had this list given to me, you would not have mentioned these names ?—I did not give you the names.

7042. But this list which I have in my hand. Be careful ; you came here to swear to only that that Downing swore to yesterday ?—I did not.

7043. You know you did.—I beg your pardon.

7044. Thomas Barber, you might have given a ticket to, you say ?—I might.

7045. What would it be ?—It would be a C, I believe, if it was anything.

7046. James Barber, of Howard Street ?—No.

7047. You swear you did not ?—I swear. I do not know the man.

7048. John Bell of South Market Road ?—I do not know him.

7049. Charles Bellamy, of the Caister Road ?—No.

7050. Do you know him ?—I know him, but I did not even converse with him on the election.

7051. Did you give him a ticket ?—Of course I could not if I did not converse with him.

7052. I do not want your reasons, but answer my question ?—I did not.

7053. Then say so.—I do say I did not give him a ticket.

7054. James Blogg, Church Plain ?—No.

7055. You did not give him a ticket ?—No.

7056. Do you know whether Blogg got a ticket ?—I do not know him.

7057. David Bowen of George Street ?—I never spoke to the man in my life.

7058. Edward Brady of Row No. 60 ?—I do not know the man.

7059. Benjamin Brown, Northumberland Place ?—I do not know him either.

7060. You heard the names I mentioned ?—Yes.

7061. Were these men in the North Ward ?—Brown would be in the North Ward, and Ashby, and one of the Bacons, Robert Bacon, would be in the Regent Ward, I think.

7062. Bellamy in the North Ward ?—Bellamy in the North Ward.

7063. Blogg ?—In the North Ward.

7064. Bowen ?—In the Market Ward.

7065. And Brady ?—Brady would be the Market Ward.

7066. Robert Smith, Church Plain ?—I do not know a Robert Smith in Church Plain.

7067. Do you know any Smith in Church Plain ?—Robert Smith in Church Plain, would be the man who keeps the eating-house. I am not aware of any other Robert Smith.

7068. Do you know any Smith in Church Plain ?—There was, but there is not now.

7069. In Market Road ?—In Market Road.

7070. Is that the one ?—That may be the one, but I did not give him anything, not even a ticket.

7071. Did you give any man of the name of Smith a ticket ?—No.

7072. That you swear ?—That I swear ; to the best of my knowledge I do not believe I did. I am sure I did not.

7073. How many tickets did you give away altogether ?—I really cannot tell you.

7074. You swore to six just now. You said you gave away five, and you destroyed the other one; how many did you give away ?—I cannot tell you.

7075. Was that true when you told me you destroyed the remaining one ?—I thought so.

7076. I wish you would try and recollect, and not come to swear to what is false.—I will not do that.

7077. You swore to me that you destroyed that ticket, was that true or false ?—I fancied I had a recollection of destroying it.

7078. You know, Mr. Edwards, you have already perjured yourself by saying you destroyed that ticket, and now it is proved you gave tickets to other men. I caution you, you will be prosecuted for perjury as sure as you stand there if you do not look out, and be sent to prison for a good many years too. Now, Mr. Cooper, do you know any man of the name of Cooper to whom you gave a ticket ?—No.

7079. William Cooper, of near Fuller's Hill ?—He is a shoemaker. I did not give him a ticket.

7080. Do you know whether he got a ticket or not ?—I do not know.

7081. Used you and Neave to go about together ?—Not that I am aware of, I do not remember anything of the kind.

7082. Do not talk that nonsense ; you can remember fast enough.—I really do not.

7083. Say yes or no.—I say no.

7084. You swear you never came out with Neave ?—I have no recollection of it.

7085. That will not do.—I have not.

7086. Do you mean to take your oath you do not know whether you went about with Neave or not, at the election time ?—If Neave went it was with the party generally.

7087. Did you go about with Neave ? — Not individually.

7088. Did you go about with Neave ?—Never.

7089. You never saw a voter in company with Neave ?—I do not remember one.

7090. You were employed to work in the North Ward ?—No, I was not employed to work in the North Ward. I was employed to attend the candidates.

7091. Were you not on the committee of the North Ward ?—Yes ; but I told you I acted very little there.

7092. Did you act at all ?—Once or twice.

7093. Who was with you ?—No one.

7094. Alone ?—Yes.

7095. Do you know a man named George Clements ?—Yes.

7096. Who is he ?—He keeps the " Saracen's Head."

7097. In Queen's Place ?—No.

7098. Where ?—Church Plain.

7099. Do you know a man of the name of George Clements in Queen's Place ?—Yes, the father of the present one ; that is, one keeps the " Saracen's Head," and the other lives in Queen's Place.

7100. That is the father ?—Yes, that is the father.

7101. Have you seen him since the election ?—I have seen him frequently.

7102. And spoken to him ?—And spoken to him.

7103. Did you ever tell him that you and James Neave were at work in the North Ward the last two or three days previous to the election ?—I am not aware that I did.

7104. If he comes here and swears that you did, he perjures himself?—I will not swear that.

7105. Then did you tell him that?—I might tell him so.

7106. Did you?—I really cannot recollect whether I did or did not.

7107. Did you tell him or not; yes or no?—Possibly I might.

7108. Then you did?—I might, but I have no recollection of it.

7109. Do not shuffle in that sort of way.—I really am not, upon my honour.

7110. Did you and Neave work together in North Ward, three days previous to the election?—I have no recollection of that.

7111. You told me just now you might have told that to Clements?—I might have said it.

7112. Would you have told Clements a lie?—No.

7113. What did you mean by saying you might have told him?—I have no recollection of being with Neave in the North Ward, and I have no recollection of having told Clements that, but I might have said so.

7114. Would you have told him so if it was not the fact?—Perhaps; but I should think not.

7115. Then you did work with Neave?—Probably I might, but I have no recollection of it.

7116. Did you work with Neave at all during the election?—I might have been to Neave's or gone down the road with him, or anything like that, but as to working with him, I really do not comprehend it.

7117. Did you ever see a voter in the presence of Neave?—I am not aware of it.

7118. Will you swear you never did?—I will not swear to it, but I have no recollection of it.

7119. You never saw a voter in Neave's presence?—No.

7120. Will you swear to that?—No, I will not swear to that.

7121. Did you see voters in his presence many a time?—I am not aware of it.

7122. Will you swear to that?—No, I will not swear it.

7123. Do you know the man I mean by Neave?—There are two Neaves.

7124. James I am talking of?—Yes, James Neave.

7125. Was he appointed to the North Ward with you by Edwards?—Yes.

7126. And what were you to do?—I really cannot tell you. Of course it would be to work the ward.

7127. That you say?—Yes.

7128. Who told you that?—What was the committee but for that purpose.

7129. You were appointed for that purpose?—Yes.

7130. Did you do so?—I think I did.

7131. Then, in fact, you and James Neave did work the North Ward?—He might take one part of it and I take another.

7132. You took one part and he another?—Yes.

7133. Did you ever work together?—Not that I am aware of.

7134. Did you ever work in company with James Neave?—I cannot tell you.

7135. Will you, upon your oath, say you never did? I would not do such a thing.

7136. Will you swear you did not?—I will not swear either way about it; for this reason, if we met on the road and a party came up, he and I might go up, and that would be in my company.

7137. Do you say you worked one part and he another?—I would not swear that.

7138. You have sworn that.—No.

7139. You said, "He took one part and I another."—To the best of my knowledge.

7140. Have you any doubt about it?—I have no doubt about it.

7141. You know you did?—I think that was the way we did work.

7142. You took one part and he another?—Yes.

7143. Which part did you take?—I think I took down the road; it is a straight road.

7144. Whom did you see?—Ashby and the man you have just named.

7145. Just the few names I have put into your mouth?—Yes.

7146. Nobody else?—Yes, there is Jeremiah Fransham, in Apollo Walk.

7147. Jeremiah Fransham, I think, was bribed many years ago, was he not, in the election of 1859?—I think he was.

7148. Did you bribe him in that year?—I think I did.

7149. What letter did he get at this time?—C.

7150. Did you see anybody else?—Chestney.

7151. John or Everson?—I cannot say.

7152. Of the Caister Road?—Yes.

7153. John E. Chestney?—Yes.

7154. What letter?—C.

7155. Go on?—William Riches.

7156. Of the Caister Road?—Yes.

7157. Did you give him C.?—Yes.

7158. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you give these tickets yourself?—Yes. (*A pause.*) Are you waiting for me, sir?

7159. (*Mr. Slade.*) I am?—John Gillings.

7160. Of the Caister Road?—Yes.

7161. What letter?—C., and James Francis. You will find him in the Gorleston Ward. He was then removed to Garrison Walk, but he was on the register for the Gorleston Ward.

7162. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was that a C.?—Yes.

7163. (*Mr. Slade.*) It is John Francis in Gorleston?—I thought it was James Francis.

7164. John Francis, "alehouse and house in succession, back way to pier, and High Street, Gorleston?—I did not know where the man lived, or what premises he occupied in Gorleston.

7165. He is the man who is on the register for Gorleston at this time?—I do not know where he is now.

7166. At that time where did he live?—At Garrison Walk, North End.

7167. There is George Francis of the Caister Road?—No, not him.

7168. Is the man alive?—This James Francis, I think his name is James?

7169. Is he alive?—I have not seen him since.

7170. Do you say he lives in Gorleston now?—No; he is on the register for Gorleston, but had removed to Yarmouth, living in a cottage in Garrison Walk in fact. I think he lived on the twine ground; he was a twine spinner.

7171. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he keep an alehouse?—I do not know.

7172. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was he a voter?—He was a voter.

7173. John Francis, of High Street, Gorleston?—That must be him.

7174. And he voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes, I think he did.

7175. And that was a letter C.?—Yes. Then there is a George Francis, North Ward.

7176. George Francis, of the Caister Road?—Yes. His was a B. ticket. I believe that constitutes the lot. I do not remember any more.

7177. Just try?—I do not, indeed; I do not remember any more.

7178. You have given us ten names, and you had previously taken your oath that you had not given anybody else a ticket?—I do not think I swore to that, not having given anybody else a ticket, to the best of my knowledge. I have only my recollection to go by.

7179. Have you any doubt you gave these men tickets?—Not now I have not.

7180. Try and recollect a few more?—I cannot recollect any more; if I can you shall have them.

7181. When?—When you please to call for them.

7182. I wish you to be kind enough to bring them as soon as you possibly can?—You shall have them.

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7183. Then I may take it now it was untrue when you told me you destroyed that sixth ticket?—I did destroy *a* ticket.

7184. Did you *?*—Yes.

7185. What letter was on the ticket you destroyed ?—That I could not tell you.

7186. There was a number upon that ticket?—I could not even tell you that.

7187. Why did you not give it to the man?—Because I had not seen him.

7188. You have given us a great many more names now than you recollected first. Can you say now whether you went about with James Neave or not?—I cannot say that I did.

7189. Do you know a man named Henry King ?—No.

7190. Of the Market Place ?—No.

7191. A man who used to keep the "Half Moon ?"—I know there was such a man, but I never spoke to him.

7192. Had he a ticket ?—I do not know; not from me he had not.

7193. Not to your knowledge ?—No.

7194. James Last, of North Gate Street ?—Yes.

7195. He had a ticket ?—Yes.

7196. From whom ?—Me.

7197. What letter ?—I think it was C.

7198. William Longhurst, Charlotte Street ?—No.

7199. Had he a ticket to your knowledge ?—Not that I know of at all.

7200. James Morl, of Charlotte Street ?—No.

7201. Had he a ticket ?—Not that I know of.

7202. James Roling ?—No.

7203. Had he no ticket ?—No.

7204. Charles Tooley, of George Street ?—No.

7205. Had he no ticket ?—Not from me.

7206. Had he from anybody else ?—I do not know.

7207. Is there any other man you gave a ticket to?—I do not remember any more now.

7208. You gave John Gillings a ticket, did you give George Gillings a ticket ?—No.

7209. That you swear ?—That I swear.

7210. Did you give him any money ?—No.

7211. Did you ever give any voters any money ?—Yes.

7212. Let us have it ?—Those three that I have there.

7213. What three ?—On that piece of paper I gave you.

7214. Henry Crucknell, 10*l.* ?—Yes.

7215. Daniel Gravener ?—20*l.*

7216. And William Wright, 15*l.* ?—Yes.

7217. Which Wright is that ?—William Wright, of the Marine Parade.

7218. Were all these three men bribed on the other side ?—Gravener was, I believe, and Crucknell.

7219. And Wright ?—I think not Wright.

7220. You think not ?—I have no knowledge of it.

7221. Where did you get that 45*l.* from ?—From Jones.

7222. What day did Jones give you the money ?—I think it was on the Monday.

7223. Did you go to him for the money for these men ?—Yes.

7224. Why did he not give you the tickets ?—I happened on these men and asked them whether they had promised, and what were their requirements, and they told me, and I went to get the money to give it them.

7225. The ticket system was going on at that time ?—Yes, there were tickets.

7226. Had you taken the tickets you had spoken of from Mr. Downing before you got this money from Jones?—Yes.

7227. This was on the Monday ?—This was on the Monday that I drew this money.

7228. What time of the day ?—It might be 7 o'clock in the evening probably.

7229. Who was in the room when you asked Jones for the money ?—Only Jones.

7230. Did you have any money from Jones besides that ?—Yes, there was Robert Richmond.

7231. How much ?—20*l.*

7232. Robert Richmond, of Howard Street?—Yes.

7233. Anybody else ?—Griffiths, of St. Peter's Road.

7234. Alfred Griffiths ?—Yes.

7235. How much ?—15*l.*

7236. Any more ?—I think that is all. I have no more recollection of anything. I just wish to mention I think I could not have had the tickets till after. I must have had the money first, and then the tickets afterwards.

7237. What makes you think that ?—Because I think I should not have troubled myself with the money if I had had the tickets.

7238. That is exactly what I ask you, I suppose that was it ?—Yes ; if I had had the tickets I should not have troubled myself with the money.

7239. Did Jones give you any more money besides the 80*l.* ?—I am not aware of any more.

7240. He gave you the money at 7 on the Monday evening ?—Yes.

7241. It could not be that, because the tickets were going then ?—So they might, but I might not have them then.

7242. At that time Jones was going to exchange tickets for money, therefore it is not likely he would have given you money then ?—He did not refuse giving me the money if I thought proper to go and lay it out, and he would not have refused giving me the money or any one that he knew.

7243. Was he giving money to everybody ?—Not everybody, of course not.

7244. Who did you see him give money to besides yourself ?—I never saw him give money to any one besides myself.

7245. It was on Monday evening at 7 o'clock that you went to get the tickets from Downing ?—As near as I can tell you. I think it was somewhere about that time. I am not sure to an hour.

7246. Was it at the same time, and the same hour, you got the money from Jones ?—No, I do not think it was. It was after that. I think it might be an hour after that or more.

7247. That you got the tickets ?—Yes, if I had got the tickets at that time, I should not have troubled myself with the money.

7248. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You got the money first ?—I got the money.

7249. (*Mr. Slade.*) When did you first learn about the tickets ?—When I saw what's-his-name writing them; Downing writing them.

7250. How came you to know what they were for ?—I asked him what they were for.

7251. I thought you told me just now you knew what they were for without asking him ?—I had an idea, but I asked him to make myself sure of course.

7252. Then you did not ask him, I suppose ?—Yes, I did, I asked him what those were. He said to give to parties in lieu of giving them money, and Jones will pay them money upon those tickets.

7253. How long before the time that you got the tickets was it that you got the money from Jones ?—It might be an hour.

7254. When you got the money, did you go out and bribe these men that same night ?—I think that was on the Tuesday.

7255. Then you had the money and the tickets both in your pocket at the same time ?—But having got the money for these parties, I did not part with it until I saw them.

7256. But you had the money and the tickets in your pocket at the same time ?—Yes.

7257. Do you know a man named John Bitton ?—Yes.

7258. What did you give him ?—5*l.* I think it was.

7259. When did you give him that ?—I think it was the Tuesday morning.

7260. What for ?—Of course it was for his vote.

7261. Did you ever give any other man 5*l.* for his vote ?—I do not remember.

7262. Perhaps you would remember, the sum was rather a curious one was it not ?—No, not at all.

7263. Were there men bribed with 5*l.* ?—There was something peculiar about Bitton's circumstances; very needy, and I do not know what it was, but there was something. At all events I gave him 5*l.*, that is all I know about the case.

7264. Robert Nobbs, of Charlotte Street, did you give him anything ?—No.

7265. Do you know Matthew Curson ?—I know him.

7266. Did you give him anything ?—No.

7267. Did you give Nobbs a ticket ?—No.

7268. William Holmes, Row No. 70 ?—No.

7269. A ticket ?—No.

7270. Joshua Shearman ?—No.

7271. Barker Crisp of the Caister Road ?—I think I gave him a ticket.

7272. What letter ?—C.

7273. Thomas Duffell, George Street ?—No.

7274. John Diboll, of Northumberland Place ?—No.

7275. Do you know either of these men ?—Neither of them.

7276. You canvassed neither of them ?—Only with the party.

7277. Did you canvass them with the party ?—With the party I think we did.

7278. How do you know ?—Because I kept the book, of course.

7279. You recollect the book do you ?—I fancy we should have canvassed them in our round in the town.

7280. Because they are on the register ?—Yes.

7281. No other reason ?—No other reason.

7282. You do not know the men ?—I know of them.

7283. I thought you said you did not know them?—I said I had nothing to do with them.

7284. You canvassed them ?—Yes.

7285. Did you know they wanted money ?—Not then.

7286. Did you afterwards ?—No.

7287. What do you mean by saying "not then"?—I never spoke to them on the subject of money, that I can swear to.

7288. Do you know whether they got money or not ?—I do not know.

7289. Did you never hear ?—I never heard.

7290. Freeman ?—No.

7291. Do you know him ?—Which one is it ? What Freeman is it ?

7292. How many do you know ?—I know one Freeman of Charlotte Street, Charles Freeman. He had nothing to do with me or I with him.

7293. Matthew Gurney of Whitehorse Plain ?—No.

7294. Did you canvass him ?—Only in the general canvass.

7295. Never spoke to him about money ?—No, not that I am aware of.

7296. William Hewitt of Church Plain ?—Yes.

7297. A ticket or money ?—A ticket.

7298. What letter ?—C.

7299. William Houghton of North Quay ?—No, I had nothing to do with him.

7300. Was he canvassed ?—I believe he was.

7301. Who do you believe he was canvassed by ?—I do not know, but I never knew him to vote without being bribed.

7302. He voted on your side ?—I am sure I do not know.

7303. Charles Houchen ?—No.

7304. Do you know him ?—I know him, but I had nothing to do with him.

7305. William Howes of Apollo Walk ?—Yes.

7306. How much ?—C.

7307. John Jackson of Moat Road ?—Yes.

7308. C ?—He had 10*l.*

7309. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) A ticket or 10*l.* ?—No, I gave him the money. I will not be sure whether I gave him the money or whether I gave him a ticket for that amount. I would not be sure of that.

7310. (*Mr. Slade.*) You either gave him a letter A. or 10*l.* ?—Yes.

7311. We have got about 20 more names now, you having previously told me that you had not bribed a single man ?—I did not tell you I had not bribed a single man.

7312. You gave me a list of those to whom you gave the 15*l.* tickets, and one was left, and that was destroyed, and you could not recollect anybody else, and now you recollect 20 people. Do you recollect any more ?—I cannot at present.

7313. Then I may take it now that you took more than half a dozen tickets from the table that night from Downing ?—I must have done so.

7314. Can you give us any idea how many you took ?—No, I cannot.

7315. Did you take 100 ?—No, bless you, no.

7316. Did you take 50 ?—No.

7317. Did you take 20 ?—Yes, I must have taken 20.

7318. What did you mean by saying you may have taken half a dozen ?—I really do not know the exact number I did take.

7319. You thought half a dozen might stand for 20 ?—I really do not know the number I did take.

7320. And according to that 20 might stand for 100 ?—Yes.

7321. You told me at first they were B and C ?—A, B, and C.

7322. You did not say A ?—Did I not ?

7323. No, and you have given me I find one B ?—Is that all ?

7324. You had forgotten that, I suppose ?—I made that.

7325. Made what ?—I made a ticket, put my initials on it, and the number on the register, and gave it to the man.

7326. By whose authority ?—I had no authority for it.

7327. Where did you make that ticket ?—At the man's house, I daresay ; I have no doubt of it.

7328. At George Francis' house ?—Yes, I believe so. His would be a B ticket.

7329. You say you made it ?—I think I did.

7330. At his house ?—Yes ; a piece of card that I had in my pocket ; I cut a piece off it, and put my initials and the number of the register, and the letter.

7331. Was that the only one that you made ?—I believe that to be the only one. I have no recollection of any other.

7332. Can you tell me, was that the only one you made ?—I could not tell you.

7333. Upon your oath did you not make more ?—I do not think I did.

7334. Will you take your oath you did not ?—No, I would not swear to it certainly.

7335. You did then ?—I would not say that I did either. I would not say that I did or I did not. I would not swear to it.

7336. What card was it ?—One of those cards used in the canvass.

7337. A canvassing card ?—Yes.

7338. Did you cut it into a square piece ?—I took a knife and cut the piece off.

7339. What initials did you put in the corner ?—My own intitials.

7340. T. E. ?—T. B. E.

7341. Did George Francis get his money ?—I do not know.

7342. Have you any doubt that he got it ?—I have no doubt ; but I do not know that he got it.

7343. He never told you he had not got it ?—No.

7344. How about the A ticket, did you do that yourself ?—I think I must have paid that in money.

7345. Did you ever give away any A tickets ?—No, I do not think I did.

7346. What made you tell me just now that you gave him either 10*l.* or an A ticket ?—Did I tell you that ?

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7347. Yes; you said "I thought John Jackson had 10*l.* or an A ticket."—Or a ticket, I am not sure which. (*A portion of the previous evidence was read to the witness.*)

7348. Would not 10*l.* be represented by the letter A?—Yes, it was one or the other.

7349. Now you say you never gave him a ticket with the letter A upon it?—No, I say I do not know which I gave him. Understand me.

7350. Is it possible that you could have given a ticket with the letter A upon it?—If I gave him a ticket it would have a letter A upon it.

7351. If you had no ticket with the letter A upon it you could not give him a letter A ticket?—Then I made him one.

7352. Did you make him one?—I fancy I did.

7353. Then you gave him a ticket with the letter A upon it?—Yes.

7354. Did you put your initials in the corner?—It is so long back I really forget, I do indeed.

7355. Did you put your initials in the corner of that ticket?—If I gave him a ticket I put my own initials to it.

7356. Did you make any more tickets?—I am not aware of it.

7357. You swear those are the only two tickets you made?—I do not swear it; I have no recollection of any other.

7358. Did you make any offer of money to men without giving it to them?—No; I do not think that I ever made any offer; I would ask them what they required.

7359. Let us have that. Who did you ask?—I did Houghton.

7360. William Houghton?—Yes.

7361. What did you offer him?—I did not offer him anything.

7362. What did he say he wanted?—He wanted 30*l.*; that is all he wanted.

7363. Is Houghton dead?—Yes, he is dead.

7364. Who else did you ask?—I cannot tell you unless you lend me the poll-book or something; it is so long back that I cannot recollect. (*A copy of the poll-book was handed to the witness.*) Robert Balls, I asked him; he is, unfortunately, dead also; he was alive then.

7365. What did he want?—I think he wanted 30*l.* at that time.

7366. Charles Barham?—I also asked him.

7367. Both these men were bribed the other side, were they not?—I did not bribe them.

7368. What did Barham ask for?—Barham wanted 20*l.* Elijah Davey I also asked.

7369. Is that Elijah Davey, junior?—Yes.

7370. What did he want?—I think he wanted somewhere about 25*l.* That is all that I can see.

7371. When was it that you asked these four men what they wanted?—On the Monday or Tuesday.

7372. Was that the time that you had the money in your pocket?—No; before I had the money in my pocket.

7373. What time of the day?—I can hardly tell you what time of the day; it was some time on the Monday or the Tuesday.

7374. If it were on the Tuesday you would have had the money?—Yes; it must have been on the Monday, surely.

7375. Are you sure it was not a week before?—No; I think not.

7376. Are you sure it was not?—I think I may say I am sure it was not.

7377. Will you say so?—Yes.

7378. It was not a week before?—It was not a week before.

7379. Did you see a man named Jabez Eastick?—No.

7380. Do you know him?—I know him very well.

7381. Did you ever make him an offer?—Not at all.

7382. Did you canvass him?—I think I did; I think I asked him which way he was going to vote, and that was all.

7383. What did he say?—He said he thought he should have to go on the Conservative side.

7384. Why?—He did not tell me why. Some transactions in business or obligation that he was under to somebody; I do not know who it was. He led me to suppose it was something of that kind.

7385. Did you say anything to him about any sum of money?—No.

7386. You asked him to vote for you, you said?—No, I did not ask him to vote; I asked him which way he was going to vote.

7387. Did you offer him 25*l.*?—I did not offer him anything.

7388. Did you keep any memorandum of these men that you had given tickets to?—I think I did at the time.

7389. As you distributed the tickets you ticked the men down?—Yes.

7390. Did you give that memorandum in to Jones?—I think I did.

7391. When did you give it to him?—It was after the election.

7392. What day?—I cannot say exactly what day, I am sure; the election was on the Wednesday; it might be on the Thursday.

7393. The election was on the Wednesday?—Yes, and the declaration on the Thursday; it might be on the Thursday; I think it is very likely.

7394. You gave it him on the Thursday?—Yes.

7395. Where?—At the "Angel."

7396. In his room?—In his room.

7397. Jones was then squaring up the accounts?—Yes, I believe so.

7398. Who was in the room?—Him and Edwards.

7399. Who else?—I do not remember anybody else.

7400. Was nobody else there?—No; I think not.

7401. Is that your poll-book (*handing the book to the witness*)?—Yes.

7402. Put it in your pocket and go home, and bring us on Monday morning all the names that you can recollect that you gave either money or tickets to, or promised money or tickets to, or men whom you knew to have been bribed on the other side; that will be a nice long list?—It will.

7403. It will take you this afternoon; do not work on Sunday at it; but be here at 11 o'clock on Monday morning. What did you get for your business in this election?—10*s.* a day.

7404. If you tell us the truth we will pay you for your time in staying here?—You shall have all I know; that is all I can say. I do not wish to keep anything back from you.

7405. I thought you did at first?—I do not indeed.

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JOHN CLARK MARSHMAN, Esq., sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

7406. Will you tell us what you are by profession?—I have no profession at present, I have retired. I have been about 12 years from India. I am living without a profession. I am of course member of several of the East India Railway Boards; but that is all my present occupation.

7407. We hear that you were introduced to this borough by Mr. Watkin?—I was.

7408. Is Mr. Watkin an old friend of yours?—Not a very old friend of mine; but I became acquainted with him down at Staleybridge, and as he is connected with the Canada Railway, which is managed in this country, I have had several interviews with him, and got valuable information from him with regard to the mode in which the Canada Railway is managed, in reference to the management of the East India Railway. That is my chief connexion with Mr. Watkin.

7409. Can you tell us how it was Mr. Watkin came to introduce you to Great Yarmouth?—When Lord John Russell brought in his Reform Bill, he proposed

to give the franchise to the Borough of Staleybridge, and the next morning I went down to Staleybridge to feel my way there.

7410. What Reform Bill do you allude to?—I cannot recollect; of 1860, I think. The last but one. You remember he brought in Staleybridge as one of the boroughs, and I went down the next morning in order to feel my way, having a number of friends at Staleybridge; and I found that Mr. Watkin had come down on the same errand, and I addressed the townsmen, and he on the next evening. But they seemed to give him the preference, and I returned to London. That was the origin of my connexion or acquaintance with Mr. Watkin.

7411. Is that one of the three attempts to become a Member of Parliament that has been alluded to?—No.

7412. Will you tell us where you were a candidate before this?—I canvassed the Borough of Ipswich in 1857, and the Borough of Harwich in 1859; and I was a candidate for Marylebone, I think in 1861, on the retirement of Mr. James, but I did not go to the poll.

7413. Are you a member of the Reform Club?—I am not a member at present of the Reform Club.

7414. Will you tell us, if you please, how the present negotiation with Mr. Watkin arose, about the last election?—I happened to meet Mr. Watkin at dinner at a friend's house, and he asked me whether I had any borough in view, and I told him that I had not. He then asked whether I was disposed to try Yarmouth, and promised to send me the papers that he had received from Yarmouth with regard to the state of the registration, more especially a letter from Mr. Livingston. I afterwards saw Mr. Watkin again in company with Mr. Brogden at the Reform Club, and we agreed that Mr. Brogden and I should come down here to feel the borough, and to see exactly how matters lie, with the understanding, that if we did not consider this examination satisfactory, we should at once retire.

7415. That I take it, from Mr. Brogden's evidence, must have been about a week before you came down?—I think it was on the Wednesday, and we came down on Monday. I should mention, that Mr. Watkin said, that for introduction to the borough, it was necessary there should be a requisition from the chief members of the Liberal party, and he did not receive that requisition, I think, until Saturday morning. He then sent me a copy of it, and Mr. Brogden a copy of it, and we came down consequently on the Monday.

7416. That was the 10th of June?—I cannot identify the date, I cannot exactly say. If you have got an almanac, I can tell you exactly whether it was the 10th of June.

7417. It does not matter?—You can easily ascertain, I came down on the Monday.

7418. However, you came down with Mr. Brogden and Mr. Watkin at the same time?—Yes, with Mr. Brogden and Mr. Watkin.

7419. And that evening you addressed a meeting, did you not?—When I came here I found that a meeting had been convened of a hundred or two hundred of the Liberal party at the "Angel," that we were expected to address them that evening, and Mr. Watkin introduced us both, and we gave them an idea of our politics and principles at this meeting.

7420. And a resolution was passed that you should canvass the borough?—That we should canvass the borough. I forget now exactly the terms of the resolution. That we should canvass the borough, and I believe they pledged themselves if we found the canvass satisfactory, to stand by us.

7421. And the next day you issued a joint address?—I did not intend to issue an address, because I was anxious not to commit myself so far, before I had an opportunity of examining the state of the borough; but I was assured by the chief members of our party, that it was absolutely necessary that we should issue an address. And I consequently drew up the address which Mr. Brogden and I signed; but in this address, I have not a copy of it, but as far as my recollection goes, it was distinctly said that we should canvass the borough, and I forget now exactly the terms of it.

7422. There is a copy of your address (*handing it to the witness.*)—"After having heard our address, "which was received with so much cordiality, the "meeting passed a unanimous resolution requesting "us to place ourselves and our views before the body "of the electors."

7423. You then proceeded on your canvass?—The next morning.

7424. With Mr. Brogden?—With Mr. Brogden.

7425. And you canvassed in his company for about 10 days?—Sometimes in his company, and sometimes we separated from each other in order to save time.

7426. Then I believe there was another meeting at which Mr. Brogden said he would go to the poll, but at which you were not quite so explicit. Do you remember that?—I remember this: When I began canvassing, I found the borough very unsatisfactory. I came down here on the assurance of Mr. Livingston that there had been a hundred more voters placed on the register than the number that turned the previous election, and that there was every probability therefore, that the Liberal party would win chiefly through that one single circumstance. But the very first day that we began canvassing with Mr. Livingston, I asked him particularly as we went from house to house, whether they were new or old voters, and I found, to my surprise, that in reference to a large number of those whom he had put upon the register himself, that they refused to pledge themselves to us. They said they had not made up their minds upon the subject. I asked them when they would make up their minds upon the subject, and they said immediately before the poll, which of course is perfectly well understood in electioneering tactics. I saw from the circumstance of the state of the registration, which in all other boroughs, and especially in the two boroughs I had previously canvassed, was the basis of all our calculation, it was utterly useless in a borough like Yarmouth, and that we could not depend on any of the 200, or any large number of the 260 members I think, that Mr. Livingston had put upon the register. I am stating the circumstances as they occurred to myself.

7427. I understood you to say it was 100 Mr. Livingston told you?—100 was the number that had turned the election against Mr. Watkin, and 160 I think was the majority against Mr. Watkin, and Mr. Livingston had been able to put 260 or 270; I am speaking from distant recollection of the registration. I told Mr. Brogden from the very first that I was dissatisfied with the state of the borough, but as we pledged ourselves to canvass the borough to our Liberal constituency, it would be unfair to come to any decision until our canvass was completed. We visited, or we met, for we sometimes met the voters in the street, somewhere about 1,300 of the electors. We canvassed I may say both parties. We canvassed every elector as we passed down the different streets. We received, I think, from 60 to 70 promises more than had been given to the opposite party, but still there were more than 300 who had been considered doubtful, that is who made up their minds just before the polling. I considered this a most unsatisfactory state of things; but what decided my mind more particularly, was a remark that was made by one of the voters, belonging, I will not say to which denomination, that he was ready to lay down his life for Jesus Christ, but he did not consider it a sin to take money for his vote.

7428. What was that gentleman's name?—I do not remember his name, and if I did perhaps it would be as well not to mention it in this audience here. I sat down after we had canvassed for 10 days, and I spent the whole day in making up our book, as it was called, and I found, as I told you that there were 300 doubtful, a sufficient number of course to turn the election, and I communicated this to Mr. Brogden and told him that I was anxious to retire.

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7429. What day was that ?—I was there the Monday or the Tuesday fortnight, and we came down, I think it was the Tuesday fortnight, but Mr. Brogden had gone up to London, and came down in the morning by the morning train, and I communicated this to him ; I have not a copy of my letter, but if you will permit me I will read you a copy of the address I then proposed to Mr. Brogden to issue to the electors.

7430. Was it issued ?—No. Shall I read it ?

7431. Yes ; if you please ?—"To the Liberal electors " of the Borough of Great Yarmouth. I was honored " by you with an invitation to canvass the borough " in the Liberal interest, and at a crowded meeting, " on Monday evening the 12th June, was requested " to place myself before the electors by a personal " canvass, and you were so kind as to pledge your " support in the event of my consenting to contest " the borough ; I have accordingly been laboriously " engaged during the last fortnight," that almost fixes the date, " in making the canvass, and have " been happy to find that Liberal principles are still " predominant in the borough. Your registration " has been greatly improved, and the promises of sup- " port have greatly exceeded the refusals of it. But " on making up the returns on Saturday I regret to " find that a large body of the voters, sufficient to " turn the scale, are resolved to postpone the declara- " tion of their sentiments till the day of the poll, and " it is manifest that the election is not to be won " without a dole of secret service money. Highly as " I should value the privilege of representing you in " Parliament, I cannot conscientiously adopt this " mode of obtaining the seat, and it appears, therefore, " advisable, in reference both to the moral interests of " the town, and to my own character, to retire at " once from the contest, but I cannot do so without " offering my most grateful acknowledgements for " your confidence and cordiality, and many thanks for " the courtesy of our opponents."

7432. Did you show that to Mr. Brogden ?—Yes.

7433. Did you give it him ?—Mr. Brogden read it, and said he thought it was premature until Mr. Hammond had gone over our election returns and sifted them, because he was so much more acquainted than we could be with the character of the voters.

7434. Then you told Mr. Hammond ?—I almost think Mr. Hammond was there at the time, but of that I will not be perfectly certain, perhaps he was not ; I think it must have been only Mr. Brogden.

7435. Do you know whether Mr. Hammond saw him ?—I am not aware that he did ; not at that time.

7436. I mean at any time ?—I shall come to that subsequently. I mean at the time I showed it to Mr. Brogden, I am not aware that Mr. Hammond was present. I speak with some degree of doubt, because I saw Mr. Hammond in the course of the day, once or twice ; but I almost think Mr. Hammond was not present when I gave this to Mr. Brogden. After that, I went up to London and remained there several days. I communicated to Mr. Watkin what were the circumstances in which we were placed, and sent to Mr. Watkin the returns I had made up. I consulted him, and he said, if I were to retire immediately, it might be injurious to the interests of Mr. Brogden if he chose to remain, and might possibly be injurious to the party ; and then I agreed with him that I would postpone the announcement of my retirement for the present, but giving him and Mr. Brogden clearly to understand that I should not go to the poll.

7437. What day did you return to Yarmouth ?—I came back on Monday the 3rd July.

7438. And you went away on the Saturday following, you finally left on the Saturday ?—I will mention the circumstances connected with the subject of that week. I came back on Monday the 3rd July. Then either Tuesday or Wednesday, I think it was Tuesday, we had a meeting of the party, at which there was present, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Clowes, Mr. Fill, Mr. Mainprice, Mr. Livingston, and the two candidates. At this meeting the whole question of the election was discussed, and Mr. Hammond, who was considered the leader of our party, after having carefully sifted the returns, gave it as his opinion that the election could not be carried without a large expenditure of money. I told our friends that I was conscientiously opposed to all bribery, and that I could not, under those circumstances, continue my canvass in the borough, and that I must retire.

7439. You have given us, I think, the names of four gentlemen ?—No ; five.

7440. I have Hammond ?—Mr. Hammond, Mr. Clowes, Mr. Fill, Mr. Mainprice, and Mr. Livingston ; I happened to take down the names at the time.

7441. Were they the only persons present ?—Besides the two candidates ; there were seven of us present.

7442. Did Mr. Hammond state this openly at the meeting ?—Yes ; he did.

7443. Everybody heard it ?—Everyone there must have heard it.

7444. Did the other gentlemen present agree with him, or was there any discussion on the subject ?—I do not exactly recollect that ; the subject was generally discussed, and we all agreed the state of the borough was most unsatisfactory ; I remember more particularly Mr. Hammond having said that at the time. It was there that Mr. Brogden stated to me for the first time that he authorized Mr. Costerton to see whether there could not be a compromise.

7445. Did he say what the compromise was ?—That there should be one and one, and I agreed then to withhold the notice of my retirement until the result of the compromise was known.

7446. And did Mr. Brogden state that openly ; did other people in the room hear that ?—Yes ; I believe they did ; I believe they must all have heard that.

7447. Did Mr. Brogden say to whom he had made this offer ?—To Mr. Costerton.

7448. To Mr. Costerton ?—Yes ; that Mr. Costerton had been authorized, as Mr. Costerton, I believe, was well acquainted with Sir Edmund Lacon, by him to see whether there was not a possibility of a compromise in order to save the morals of the town.

7449. Was Mr. Chamberlin's name mentioned ?—I do not think it was ; all I can recollect is, that Mr. Costerton was the gentleman through whom it was to be done. Mr. Brogden then, on the Wednesday, went down to Peterborough, and everything remained in abeyance, except that I showed that address, for the first time, to Mr. Clowes, and Mr. Clowes and I walked down with it to Mr. Shelly, who was formerly a leading member of the Liberal party, but who had been absent for some time. Mr. Shelly said it was all that could be desired, and he could not but think it would be an advantage to the borough if there was no contest at all, and the borough was allowed to lie fallow. That was on the Wednesday ; on the Thursday we understood that Mr. Costerton's overtures had failed.

7450. How did you understand that ?—I think it was through Mr. Brogden, because I did not see Mr. Costerton.

7451. Mr. Brogden told you ?—I think Mr. Brogden told me ; at least it was distinctly understood among ourselves that it had failed, whether I heard it first from Mr. Brogden, but it was talked about among those who had been present at the time. Mr. Brogden stated that Mr. Costerton had been authorized to do it. It may have been mentioned to me by Mr. Clowes, Mr. Livingston, or Mr. Brogden ; but it was understood thoroughly on Thursday that the negociation had failed.

7452. On hearing that, what did you do ?—I do not know that we did anything on the subject that day, the Thursday, but on Friday morning Mr. Brogden went up to London and brought down Mr. Vanderbyl on Friday evening, and on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock I turned my back on Yarmouth.

7453. And the reason for your retirement was what you told us ?—Yes, exactly.

7454. Which reason was perfectly well known to all the heads of your party ?—Perfectly well known ; they must have been known in the last week.

7455. Then it was arranged by the Liberal party that if the borough was to be won at all, it must be won by bribery?—That was arranged.

7456. It was understood?—I think it must have been understood.

7457. Was it ever suggested in your hearing, Mr. Marshman, as to what sum it would require to carry the election of the Liberal party?—No, nor was even the subject of bribery mentioned on our side, that is to say, there was not even a hint given in my presence of any disposition or any determination to bribe on the part of the Liberals; Mr. Brogden never even dropped a hint to me; only it was the subject of general conversation among us that the election could not be carried without bribery.

7458. When you arranged in your own mind and with Mr. Watkin to stand for Yarmouth, what did you put down as the probable expense you would be put to?—I asked Mr. Watkin what would be the probable expense; of course, I meant only the legal expenses; and he said the election might cost between 700*l.* and 800*l.*, and I stated to him I was ready to go to any expense legally that could pass through the the hands of the returning officer.

7459. Was anything said about the illegal expenses at that interview with Mr. Watkin?—Nothing; it was on the ground that I was to come down and see the state of the borough before I declared myself a candidate.

7460. I suppose you discussed the borough with Mr. Watkin previously?—It was simply Mr. Watkin said that he thought there was a chance for the Liberals there, in consequence of Mr. Livingston's return, but he made no allusion to any previous elections.

7461. He did not?—No.

7462. Were you aware that Mr. Watkin had spent any large sum of money?—No, I was not; and I must say I was induced to come down here from these circumstances; first, Mr. Livingston's favourable return of the register, and secondly, I thought in my own mind that as 500 or 600 of the freemen had been disfranchised for corruption, it was likely to introduce some degree of purity in the borough.

7463. You heard that for a long time there had been corruption in the borough?—I knew there had been previous corruption in the borough.

7464. As far back as the year 1848?—I was not in this country in 1848.

7465. Were you aware there have been petitions against all the elections?—I had heard so.

7466. And had you also heard that those petitions were on the ground of bribery, treating, and undue influence?—I had to a certain extent, but I had not paid sufficient attention to the subject.

7467. You knew at the time you came down here that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson were in the field?—I knew they were in the field, and I knew that there was a very strong influence against us from canvassing the other boroughs. I knew the most formidable opposition you could meet with was the union of a brewery and a bank, and in addition to that there was all the railway interest of the Great Eastern Company brought to bear against us, and which is so in every borough on the line; but still Mr. Livingston's register, and the register, as I said before, is that on which we base our calculation was so favourable, that I thought we might overcome even those opposing influences.

7468. Did you find out, on the first day of the canvass, that Mr. Livingston had misinformed you as to the feeling of the electors?—Mr. Livingston simply stated that he had put them on the Liberal side on the register. I found that some of those whom he had put down, and whom we supposed, therefore, in the natural order of things, would vote for us, were not disposed to make up their minds, and therefore the favourable idea from the register was a fallacy.

7469. Did you represent that to Mr. Livingston?—We talked about the subject as we moved about, and I thought it very strange.

7470. Mr. Livingston never gave up hope?—Mr. Livingston is the most sanguine man in all Yarmouth.

7471. He buoyed up Mr. Brogden, I presume?—I believe he did him as much as he did me.

7472. Were you, before you left Yarmouth, aware of Mr. Brogden's reserve force he told us of yesterday, Mr. Jones?—No; I never heard his name.

7473. You never heard Mr. Jones's name?—I never heard his name.

7474. Did you see Edwards down here?—Which, the little tailor gentleman?

7475. No, the other man, the man who came from London?—I think he came from Lancashire. We had the Edwards, who went about with me a good deal canvassing, whom you have just had in the box, and a Mr. Edwards whom Mr. Brogden brought down some days after we began.

7476. Did you have any hand in bringing down Edwards; did you suggest that you thought things were not carried on as they ought to be?—No; I never knew of Mr. Edwards coming till I saw him here one morning.

7477. What was the ostensible reason for bringing him down?—Mr. Brogden said he did not think that affairs were altogether well managed; that is not exactly the term; that he wanted better order and system in our canvassing, and he therefore brought down Mr. Edwards, who kept the books, and I gave to Mr. Edwards every evening the books of my canvass.

7478. To whom had you given the books of your canvass before Mr. Edwards came?—I kept them myself. I think he came down four or five days after we began our canvass, but I will not be exactly certain as to the time.

7479. What part did Mr. Clowes take in the canvass?—Very little indeed. Mr. Clowes went with me, I believe, one or two days, but he said I outwalked him.

7480. Then you are not a gentleman of very infirm health?—Not a bit of it. You must allow me to say this, I did several times express to Mr. Brogden that after being on my legs nine and ten hours I felt very much fatigued indeed, and if that went on much longer I should be knocked up.

7481. You could stand nine hours of it?—Not much more.

7482. Did you ever understand from Mr. Brogden that he was willing to stand the whole of the expense himself?—No; it was understood that we were to share the legitimate expenses; but we never even mentioned, in all my canvass with Mr. Brogden, anything regarding any illegal expenses on the Liberal side.

7483. Mr. Brogden brought down Mr. Vanderbyl with an understanding that if they were not returned Mr. Brogden would pay all the expenses, both legal and illegal; and in fact Mr. Vanderbyl only gave Mr. Brogden a cheque for 150*l.*; was it ever suggested to you, if you went to the poll and did not succeed Mr. Brogden should stand the expenses?—The legal expenses.

7484. Legal and illegal, any expenses?—It was understood that Mr. Brogden and I should share the legal expenses, share and share alike, that passed through the returning officer.

7485. I want to know whether Mr. Brogden ever made an offer to you like he made to Mr. Vanderbyl?—No; certainly not; oh, no, because, of course, I should have rejected it at once.

7486. You know the reasons for your retiring, which were, partly, because you objected to corruption?—Because I objected to corruption; but Mr. Brogden seemed to be more sanguine, buoyed up by Mr. Livingston; and I said to Mr. Brogden, I must mention this to you, If you consider that my issuing this notice of retirement will be injurious to your interests, in case you should choose to continue your canvass, I will postpone it as long as you like and stand by you, but to the poll I will not go.

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7487. Did he ask you to stay and secure the second vote?—The second votes?

7488. Yes; did he ever ask you to remain out of friendship to himself and go to the poll to secure the second vote?—No, the subject was never discussed between us at all. When the question of the compromise came up Mr. Brogden said he had authorized Mr. Costerton to propose a compromise with the opposite party, and in the course of the evening I think it was, Mr. Brogden and I discussed the matter, and I said jocularly, "How is it to be, Brogden, if we "do get a compromise?" Well, he began scratching his head. I said, "You know I have stood two election "contests; this is my third, and this will be my last; "and I shall be very glad, if possible, to get a seat "in the House. I think, and so do my friends think, "with my Indian experience, having spent 30 years "in India studying the government, that I could be "of some use in the discussions in Parliament, and I "am anxious to get a seat, and if you choose to waive "your claim in my favour I shall be obliged to you." I said "The firm is Brogden and Marshman and not "Marshman and Brogden, and therefore the junior "must retire. If there is a compromise and you "resign the seat to me it will be an act of generosity."

7489. And he said he would leave it to the feeling of the electors?—Yes, he would leave it to the feeling of the electors. Of course I should never have allowed it to have gone so far as that; I should have retired before that.

7490. Did you understand at any time when this overture was made to the opposite party that Mr. Brogden gave them to understand that if it was not accepted he was ready to spend money?—No, I never heard anything of the kind. He never mentioned the subject of spending money to me.

7491. Mr. Aldred told us here when the overture was made there was a threat held out that unless it was accepted Mr. Brogden was ready to spend 10,000*l.*?—I never heard it till I saw it in the evidence.

7492. (*Mr Fitzgerald.*) And you never gathered from anything that occurred between you and Mr. Brogden that he intended to spend money?—No, I did not.

7493. Do you know whether Mr. Costerton actually had any communication with the other side himself?—I was led to understand that he had and that it had failed.

7494. Did Mr. Costerton tell you?—I am merely speaking of what I heard, that Mr. Costerton had carried out Mr. Brogden's wishes so far as to communicate the proposal of a compromise to the opposite party and they had said it was too late. That was what I heard in the committee.

7495. Was any reason assigned?—None in my hearing. All that I heard was that it had failed and that the opposite party had declined any such negociation under the idea that it was too late.

7496. What did you understand by being too late; did you understand that their canvass had been so good that they considered themselves sure to win?—Yes, I put that interpretation on it.

7497. Did you understand from anything that you heard at that time that it was their determination to carry the election at all hazards by bribery? I mean in answer to the proposal?—No, not in reference to that. But we heard in every direction that they were offering money to the electors.

7498. Before this compromise was talked of?—Before the compromise.

7499. When Mr. Hammond stated that the election could not be carried on your part except by bribery, did he state anything as to his knowing that bribery would be resorted to on the other side?—Yes, I think Mr. Hammond's remarks had reference to the bribery that we all knew and he knew was going on on the other side.

7500. I want you to assist me if you can with regard to the canvass-books; you say you have not got them, they were given to Mr. Edwards?—I gave them to Mr. Edwards.

7501. From your recollection can you tell me the number when that canvass was completed at the time of the completion of the canvass. I understand you to say you ascertained the feeling of the electors, that is, that you had completed your canvass, or nearly completed it, a fortnight before the election?—Yes, a full fortnight before.

7502. Do you recollect how many promises at that time you had received; you have already entered to some extent into figures, that is the reason I ask you?—We had, I think, 500 and odd and they under 500. I think we had 60 or 70 put down in the books as having promised us more than promised them.

7503. You cannot know who had promised them?—They told us so.

7504. Supposing the voter did not tell you true?—I merely tell you what I put down in our books. We went about canvassing at every house.

7505. You know yourself who promised you?—I should say about 520.

7506. I think Mr. Livingston said 540. Mr. Livingston told us there were 540 promises and 40 more names he thought would certainly vote, but who had not promised?—I think that was correct, I am sure it was.

7507. After that, was there any canvassing going on up to the election?—Merely those whom we had not had an opportunity of seeing.

7508. Then you say there were only 500 promises on the other side?—I think under 500, and over 500 on our side, the difference being somewhere between 60 and 70, or thereabouts.

7509. And you would be surprised to hear the other side claimed to have over 800 promises?—I do not see how it was possible.

7510. From what do you judge?—Because we canvassed 1,300 of the electors.

7511. There are 1,647 electors on the list, you canvassed 1,300?—Yes.

7512. Leaving 300 who would not promise?—Of the 1,300, 300 would not promise; out of the 1,300 we canvassed 1,000; the other 300 we could not, because some of them were at a distance, and some of them were not to be found at home.

7513. Of the 1,300 canvassed, you say that there were 540 promises to yourself and under 500 to the opposite party?—Yes.

7514. That would be only 1,040?—Yes.

7515. That leaves 300 who would not promise?—No; who would not promise when we saw them, and then there are 300 names we did not see.

7516. Then there were 600 of the electors, who for aught you know, except from what they told you, might have promised on the other side?—Yes, that might have been the case. I must say they were exceedingly frank with us and told us, all those whom we canvassed, whether they would or not vote on one side or the other. I do not think there was any reservation.

7517. Of the 300 you did not see, I suppose they were not all absent from Yarmouth?—A number of them were absent and some were not at home.

7518. At all events you can give no account of them whatever?—No, but I do not think it was possible for the other side to have gone and seen those 300 when we could not see them.

7519. Were any of them reported to you as known Liberals?—Some of them were; some of the 300 whom we did not see and whom we put down in our books, were reported to us as Liberals.

7520. (*Mr. Slade.*) That is the 40 which Mr. Livingston spoke of; he speaks of 580?—I do not know what Mr. Livingston's books were.

7521. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What did Mr. Edwards do at the canvassing?—I do not know, I made up my own accounts, and then I handed them over to Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Edwards made up an account too.

7522. (*Mr. Slade.*) I want to ask you one question. You say Mr. Hammond was a very active partizan on your part?—Mr. Hammond was considered the head of our party, but Mr. Hammond had very little exertion in the case.

7523. What did he confine his duties to?—He scarcely did anything, except examine the returns.

7524. Did he examine the canvass-book?—I almost think he did; if he did not examine the canvass-book he examined the copy we made of the canvass-book; but whether the original was sent to him or not, or whether we confined ourselves to sending him a copy of it I cannot exactly recollect, but Mr. Hammond did not on any one occasion, as far as I can remember, go about with us.

7525. He attended the rooms?—He attended the rooms occasionally. I sometimes did not see Mr. Hammond for four or five days together.

7526. Did he meet Mr. Edwards in the room?—I scarcely think he did, because Mr. Edwards sat in the next room to our sitting room, and I never met Mr. Hammond except in our common sitting room. I do not think he ever met Mr. Edwards. He may have met Mr. Edwards, but certainly not to my cognizance.

7527. He knew Edwards was managing your canvass-book?—I think he must have known it.

7528. It was known I presume to all the party that Edwards had come down to conduct the canvass?—Yes; I believe it could not have been unknown to them, because we all met Edwards in the room.

7529. In which room was that?—The room next to our sitting room, which was Edwards' room.

7530. Did you all go in there?—No, we very seldom went in there, because the clerks were there, and Edwards was there. We generally met in our own room when we had a meeting, in what you may call the dining-room or sitting-room.

7531. Did Edwards come into your room?—Occasionally, but not regularly. Mr. Edwards came in generally to luncheon; that is the only time on which I saw him.

7532. I only want to know if Hammond must have made a mistake when he told us he did not know anything more about Mr. Edwards; I cannot understand it. I will tell you what Mr. Hammond says. This is a question put to him: "Did you ever hear of "a man of the name of Edwards, who came down to "conduct the election?—No; I told the chairman "before I did not know that there was such a person. "You never heard of him?—No, except Edwards, "the tailor.—Who managed the election for Mr. "Brogden during the last seven or eight days?—I "should think Mr. Livingston."—That is very likely to be true. I cannot say that Hammond was cognizant of Edwards being there. As I say, Mr. Edwards was always in the next room, and I never saw Mr. Hammond in our own room but two or three times, very rarely; and it is quite possible Mr. Hammond did not know the existence of such a person as Edwards. Mr. Hammond did not take any active part at all, and did not seem to take such an interest in the election as I was told he had formerly been accustomed to do.

7533. Now, having heard that, your opinion is, Mr. Hammond did not know of Mr. Edwards existence?—I think it is very likely he did not. If Mr. Hammond says he did not know that Edwards was there, I believe Mr. Hammond is perfectly right.

7534. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you find in canvassing Gorleston any difference between that parish and the rest of the town, with regard to withholding the promises?—Yes, very great. Gorleston is the corruptest of the corrupt.

7535. That conclusion you came to at once?—Yes.

7536. Do you remember the number of promises you got in Gorleston?—I do not.

7537. Did they tell you in that parish those who had promised on the other side?—In Gorleston?

7538. Yes.—Yes, to a certain extent; but in general we found that the people at Gorleston would not make up their minds.

7539. I think you said Mr. Livingston told you that he had put 260 upon the register since the last election?—I think 260 or 270.

7540. Did he tell you the number of new names upon the register at that time?—Yes.

7541. What was it?—700 or 800 new names.

7542. Of those he only claimed 260 as his own?—Yes, 270.

7543. With regard to the rest of them, which is considerably the majority, did Mr. Livingston tell you anything about them?—No, I do not remember.

7544. Did it not strike you as remarkable, that 260 out of 700 was not a great addition to one side?—Mr. Livingston did not allude to the new numbers that had been put upon the register in his letter; but subsequently, during the course of the canvass, I asked him about the changes of the register, and then he mentioned that incidentally after our canvass had begun.

7545. The fact of these 260 of new Liberals having been put upon the register seems to be the ground on which Mr. Watkin told you that the liberal party would have a chance of the election?—Yes, that was the ground of it. I see now exactly the objection you raised to it. It did not strike me at the time, nor did I know that there had been changes to the extent of 800 till after I had begun the canvass.

7546. He never told you anything about whether the rest were doubtful?—No; the subject never came up.

7547. I understand you that Mr. Watkin never alluded to the subject of money having been spent by himself?—Illegally.

7548. Yes, illegally?—No, never.

7549. And you were not at that time aware that he had actually been unseated himself on the ground of bribery?—The fact is, I had not studied the question. I was exceedingly anxious to obtain a seat, and this suggested itself to me to be the very last chance.

7550. Did Mr. Watkin tell you of the disfranchisement of the freemen?—No, I knew that.

7551. That occurred after the election of 1847?—Yes; I heard of it; I knew of that.

7552. (*Mr. Russell.*) I understand you to say you retired because you found the election could not be carried through successfully without the expenditure of money?—Without spending money illegally.

7553. Supposing no money had been spent on the other side, do you then think you could have carried the election without spending illegally?—I almost think we might. My impression was that the Liberal feeling throughout the borough was stronger than the Conservative feeling.

7554. Do you mean that you could have carried both the seats?—That we could have carried both the seats.

7555. Mr. Brogden stated that at the time the compromise was agreed upon he had become convinced that a pure election would result in the return of one and one; that is not your opinion?—No, it is not my opinion; nor did Mr. Brogden ever mention that opinion to me; we never discussed it.

7556. Then Mr. Brogden formed that opinion because he found in the course of his canvass the influence of Sir Edmund Lacon was so great in the borough that it was impossible to contend against it; that he had the public-house interest, and the banking interest, and the shipping interest?—I found that Sir Edmund Lacon's influence in the borough in consequence of his position was very great. I have stated to you that the brewery and the bank are the most formidable obstacles to a candidate, but there is the public-house interest, and what they call here locally the "grains" sometimes. 10 or 20, or 30 of the men said to us, "You know if we give you our vote we "shall not get any more grains." That was a powerful argument; and besides that there was the interest of the bank, and a bank is always formidable; you have only to send a notice round to some of the constituents of the bank, or those to whom the bankers advance small sums of money, two or three days before the

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poll, and ask them to step in and look at the state of their accounts, which is not at all unparliamentary, but is well understood, and that decides the question.

7557. I am now asking about the expenditure of money. Setting aside for a moment the interests of Sir Edmund Lacon, do you think if the election had been conducted purely on both sides, as regards the expenditure of money, it would have resulted in the return of Brogden and yourself?—That was the impression I formed from the canvass, that if money had not been spent the Liberal feeling throughout the borough was sufficiently strong to overbalance the influence of Sir Edmund Lacon's bank and brewery.

7558. Then I infer you imagined that money would be spent on the other side when you determined to retire?—Yes.

7559. Why did you arrive at that conclusion?—That money would be spent upon the other side?

7560. Yes.—We heard it in every direction, that money had been offered upon the other side.

7561. How soon did you hear that?—In the course of the canvass. We were from 10 to 12 days canvassing, and it was in the course of the canvass.

7562. Did any voter in the course of your canvass tell you that he had been offered money upon the other side?—No, not one, as far as I can recollect. All they said was, that they made up their minds upon the day of the poll.

7563. Have you read much of the evidence that has been taken before us?—I have read the evidence in the "Times" down to Thursday, and I have just got the evidence that was taken yesterday. There is some part of the evidence which I have not had time to read.

7564. Is it still your opinion that the Conservative side had made up their minds to resort to bribery at the time you retired?—Certainly.

7565. Had you any grounds for that belief beyond what you have stated?—Nothing beyond what I have stated.

7566. Were you in the course of your canvass asked for money, or was money hinted at at all?—By the electors?

7567. Yes.—No.

7568. You merely inferred that they wanted money by their silence?—Not merely by their silence, but by their replies in the course of the canvass. You can always tell what is the intention of the man.

7569. Do you mean their replies were evasive?—Very evasive; and more especially telling us they never made up their minds till a certain period.

7570. And that a very late period?—And that a very late period; and that to every one who is acquainted with electioneering tactics is perfectly well understood.

7571. You have told us, Mr. Marshman, that you regarded the railway influence of Mr. Goodson as having also a material influence upon the electors?—Yes.

7572. Do you differ in that respect from Mr. Brogden, who regarded the railway influence as very light?—I think, as far as I can recollect, Mr. Brogden said it did not bring more than 10 or 12 votes. I understood that it brought a good many more, and the influence was more powerful than Mr. Brogden supposed it to be.

7573. Do you suppose that the alliance between the shipping and the railway interest, that is, Sir Edmund Lacon having an interest in the shipping, and Mr. Goodson with the railway interest, would have an influence?—Yes, it would be very strong.

7574. Would that be a very powerful combination?—It was a very powerful combination; but at the same time we found that all the shipping interest that was not immediately under the influence of Sir Edmund Lacon was rather annoyed at the introduction of railways into Yarmouth as competitors with their business.

7575. You told us that you never came across the man Jones whom we have heard of?—No; I never heard of him.

7576. I suppose as a matter of fact, as soon as it was known personally to Mr. Brogden that you intended to retire the confidential communications would naturally cease between you?—There was not much that was confidential even before, because we lived in a very free-and-easy style with each other. I do not know that he was more reserved after that.

7577. I infer that Mr. Brogden would not have thought it necessary to consult you upon any matters afterwards?—No; he did not consult me.

7578. After you made up your mind to retire?—10 days before I retired, Mr. Brogden was well aware that I intended to retire, and that I should not go to the poll; and in fact after that, the election was in his hands. I told Mr. Brogden I would stand by his side as long as he considered it necessary for his own interest, if he chose to remain with the sanguine opinion which he had taken of the case.

7579. We had it that Mr. Brogden had something more than 500 promises at the time the compromise was suggested?—Yes.

7580. Had you an equal number?—I have lost all recollection of that.

7581. Mr. Brogden stated he had 500 and odd promises; I forget the exact number?—To both of us.

7582. I asked the question, and Mr. Brogden said, he himself had over 500. I want to know whether you and Mr. Brogden found your canvass to be even?—Very nearly even. I do not think there was a difference of 10 between us.

7583. If Mr. Brogden was ahead, he was very slightly ahead?—Yes, very slightly ahead.

7584. The 300 voters whom you did not see, have you any idea from the register, or any report made to you, what the political feeling of the majority of that 300 was?—Not the least. I naturally inferred that they would just follow the rule of the others, that is, if we had been able to canvass them, we should have found a proportion upon our side, a proportion upon their side, and the same proportion of doubtful men.

7585. And of the 300 whom you found unwilling to pledge themselves at all, have you any reason to think from anything they said, that if no money had been spent on the other side, they would at the last moment have voted for you and Mr. Brogden?—If they had not received any money from the other side?

7586. Yes.—I could not tell that. We saw at once that the 300 were venal.

7587. What is your belief as far as you could collect from what they said, that those 300 men, or the majority of them, would have done, if they had received no money at all?—That is a case that has scarcely ever occurred in Yarmouth, and I do not know they are ever prepared for it.

7588. Could you, from your interview with them, collect that they had any political feeling at all?—Not the slightest. Most of them I put down "v. v.," which meant "very venal."

7589. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You will not go to the extent of one of the witnesses, who said 600?—300 was enough to turn the election.

7590. Were the majority of those 300 Gorleston men?—I cannot be quite certain that they were, because the number of electors in Gorleston is smaller in proportion.

7591. It is 270?—Against 1,400. The majority were not Gorleston men.

7592. Were any of those voters whom you found unwilling to pledge themselves of a class which made you surprised to hear that they held back?—Yes. Some among them were men whom I should have considered well to do in the world.

7593. Not needy men?—Not needy men; men who would take money from avarice and not want.

7594. Were there many men of that sort?—A considerable number.

7595. I suppose the great majority of those 300 were men in poor circumstances principally?—Yes, the majority of them.

7596. Making merely a guess, what sort of proportion do you imagine were a better class of men?—

It is rather difficult to recall that to mind. It did not strike me at the time to make any such distinction, but I should say 40 or 50 of the 300 were men who did not need a bribe.

7597. Did you find any particular trade more venal than another ?—No, I cannot say that I did.

7598. Pretty evenly distributed ?—Yes, pretty evenly distributed.

7599. Were any of those 300 men shopkeepers ?—Some of them, but a small proportion.

7600. And apparently doing a pretty fair business ?—Yes.

7601. Were any of them what may be termed independent men, following no pursuit, being neither shopkeepers, nor workpeople, but independent gentlemen ?—No independent gentlemen among them.

7602. "Gentlemen," perhaps, is rather a strong term. Were any of them men leading lives of pleasure ?—Men independent of business ?

7603. Yes.—None of them to my recollection.

7604. I mean independent of business or of place ?—No. I think the whole 300 we mentioned among the doubtful voters were all of them earning their bread, either in shopkeeping, or in other avocations.

7605. Did you ever express to them your being a little shocked at their not being willing to declare their political opinions ?—No, I never had any conversation with anyone on that subject.

7606. If you felt any disgust you concealed it ?—Completely.

7607. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did the general social condition of the place strike you, as compared with other places you had been at ?—Yes.

7608. Were the working classes, according to your opinion, very well off in this place ?—I do not think they appeared to me quite so well off as they were at Ipswich, but rather better off than they were at Harwich.

7609. (*Mr. Slade.*) We have no more questions to ask you, and have to thank you for the evidence you have given.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

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Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 27th August 1866.

WILLIAM LIVINGSTON recalled ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

7610. I understand you have some statement to make ?—I have.

7611. Will you be good enough to let it be as pertinent and as short as you can ?—I will. Since my evidence was given, and the evidence of my son, reflections, I believe, have been cast upon the character of me as an individual, and likewise the statement of my son. I heard on Saturday, by Mr. John Clowes, in this very place, that the statement that my son had made was anything but the truth, and I explained to him he did not hear his evidence, and the reason that he got into a sort of muddle (but he got right enough at last) was on account of the slips of paper that he was alluding to with the names upon them, but he got right at last, and stated the real facts, which were the slips of paper I had been in the habit of making as soon as I got the canvass-book posted up. That I explained to him ; but this report has got very currently about, that my son has been attempting to undo all I have been trying to do for years past. The consequence was, that it came to the ears of some particular friends of mine, who sent for me and my son yesterday. They could keep it no longer, and they thought the sooner I could clear my character up for my own reputation and my son's the better. I heard the statement they made, which was to this effect, that the evidence which my son gave was not the truth, but that your secretary, at least your messenger had sent and reported to Mr. Reynolds that he thought my son had given a very clear straightforward evidence. Mr. Reynolds made the reply to him to this effect, that so far as the evidence was concerned, that he had in his possession, or they had in their possession, evidence in his own handwriting to show that he had supplied the names of several individuals to betray the Liberal party. Well, that being the case, of course I could not contradict it. I was sent for to the "Angel" yesterday, and I took my son home, and I said, "For God's sake, Billy, if "there is anything you have kept back, whether it is "to screen me or any other individual, let us have "the truth, and let me have the truth whether you "are right or wrong. I will forgive you for what-"ever you have done. To-morrow I shall go and "make a statement to the Commissioners, and let "them know the full particulars." He gave me what he knew of the case. I told him to compose himself, and to sit down in the afternoon, and to put down in pencil or writing the evidence. I must tell you this, it appears that him and Dr. Stafford are very intimately acquainted, and from that acquaintance and intimacy, naturally, one being a strong Whig, and the other a Tory, from some evidence brought up on both sides, it appears it went back to him too, but it shall come out. Well, sir, he sat down here, and I have the whole of it written down here, which I will hand in, if you please ; and he is prepared, and I am prepared to state that there is no truth in the statement that he made to Dr. Stafford, that he gave him a list of names from the information he got from me or anyone. I have got a list of those names that he handed in from a current report, what he picked up from one and the other. If Dr. Stafford asked me if I believed the same parties had been bribed, I should not give an answer to say "Yes," but I say "Very likely :" and here are the names that he gave put down. That is the whole of the information that he handed to Dr. Stafford ; and I must tell you this, it went rather too far, that he got a consideration for supplying this evidence ; but, so far as that goes, I am prepared to give it the most unqualified contradiction.

7612. We do not want you to exculpate your son. Tell us some information about the people who are bribed ?—This is what I am coming to ; this is merely from the statement that Mr. Reynolds made. I am going to deny that, and then I will give you the information. I will give you a total denial of his having written a single document, and I will challenge Mr. Reynolds there to produce it in his own handwriting. If he does I will not say another word about it ; I will challenge him to do it. And now, sir, comes the grand sequel of this mare's nest that so much has been said about. He was in a position, from a conversation he had along with Dr. Stafford, to tell you that not only was there a meeting that Sunday prior to the election, but he will tell you that Dr. Stafford was at the meeting. Now the next is, that that same Dr. Stafford and him have had a conversation together from time to time, and that he acknowledged to him the bribing a large amount of voters in the town, and that he not only did that but he was repaid from the other party for doing so. That is the information. I will hand you in his written statement which he wrote out for my information, and then you can call him up and examine him whenever you think proper.

7613. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What is Dr. Stafford's christian name ? Is he a medical man in this town ?—Yes. I beg further to state that from the very

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first time I heard of this Commission it was my intention to render every assistance in my power; and every single man that has come to me, that has had my advice, or that I have been to and my son, I have told them, "To every question that is put to you answer the truth." That has been my answer to them, and I begged the truth from them; and I am in a position to tell you I am different from those gormandisers that live on the plunder of the candidates, Whigs or Tories. I manage to do the best for them. I have never had a single shilling for what I have done; I never wanted it, and I never had it; and I tell you that, so far as I am concerned, I never paid a shilling of any candidate's money in my life, although I do not wish to convey that I am better than my neighbours because of what I have done in McCullagh's election, but I never paid away a shilling before to Whig or Tory, and I have never paid a shilling to any man, woman, or child.

7614. (*Mr. Slade.*) What is the list that you have there?—This is a list of names he first made that he picked up from Dr. Stafford. This is the information. I will hand it in. This is conversation he had along with Dr. Stafford from time to time for the last 12 months. I will put this into your hands, and you can make what use you please of it, and examine him upon oath upon any of the articles that are there (*handing a paper to the Commissioners*).

7615. This is your son's statement?—Yes. Here is a book in my son's handwriting, and if that man (*pointing to Mr. Reynolds*) will produce that, I will acknowledge it if it is his.

7616. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What book is it?—In my son's handwriting. I challenge him to produce the statement that he is reported to have from my son. If he produces it, and I see it is in his handwriting, I will acknowledge it at once.

7617. What is the ledger for?—Only to show his handwriting. It has nothing to do with it.

7618. (*Mr. Slade.*) We have got the statement, and we will make all the necessary inquiries into it?—I am much obliged to you for your condescension in hearing me, because the sooner I put my character right with my fellow-townsmen the better.

T. B. Edwards.

THOMAS BOOTH EDWARDS recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

7619. Have you been able to recollect any more names since Saturday night?—I have; but will you please to allow me to apologise for the backward way in which I gave my evidence on Saturday. It was thoroughly on account of being unnerved. I assure you that I could not possibly help it if you had killed me. I could not have thought of it at the time, and I also beg to make a remark upon the ticket business. I have collected my thoughts on the subject, and my first statement with regard to what I took off the table from Downing is correct, and the others were given to Jones in a list of what Edwards did. I also gave you a list, with the exception of one or two which I cannot exactly individualize to say who received the tickets; therefore, as I said in the first part of my evidence on Saturday, that I had little or nothing to do with the tickets to the best of my recollection then.

7620. Mr. Livingston told us in his examination the first day he was examined that you were the person who principally assisted Mr. Jones in bribing?—It was thoroughly through that ticket business that it perfectly unnerved me, knowing so little about it; that is the fact. I knew nothing of it, but comparatively speaking, no further than what I told you I took off the table, and I made one or two myself.

7621. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You have not made out a written list, have you?—Yes; I made out a written list of all those I have not reported to you.

7622. (*Mr. Slade.*) And the sums against their names?—And the sums against their names, and their expenses, and everything.

7623. I will read out these names:—"John Newark, "Charlotte Street, 20*l.*; Thomas W. Clements, "Church Plain, 20*l.*; Robert Garwood, Row No. "29, 20*l.*; John Girling, Howard Street, 20*l.*; "Charles Dye, Caister Road, 20*l.*; John Johnson, "Market Place, 20*l.*; George Maystone, North "Quay, 20*l.*; Henry Trainer, Row No. 23, 20*l.*; "Edward Springall, White Horse Plain, 20*l.*; Samuel "Howard, George Street, 15*l.*; Samuel Symons, "George Street, 10*l.*; George Cady, Northgate "Street, 18*l.*; Robert Chase, Gaol Street, 15*l.*; "James Haines, Queen Street, 15*l.*; John Haines of "Queen Street, 15*l.*; Thomas Woolsey, Row No. "106, 15*l.*; Thomas Woolsey, King Street, 10*l.*; "Henry R. Wade, Gaol Street, 15*l.*; William Lee, "Russell Road, 15*l.*; and George Humphrey, Gaol "Street, 15*l.*"

7623*a*. Now here comes a division of the list, what is that?—The first division where the mark is in the margin was paid by Jones, the other part were paid by Edwards, and those which I gave you information of on Saturday were almost all; there may be one or two, I could not speak to that positively, belonging to Mr. Edwards. They were paid by Jones, with the exception of one or two. I can name one, which is William Howes, paid by Mr. Edwards, and there may be another, I cannot say; I would not be particular as to that. Of course, among the number, I could not speak to that. Thomas Deeks of Fuller's Hill, 10*l.*; Noah Laws, St. George's Road, 10*l.*; and Thomas Harbord of Priory Plain, 10*l.*, paid by me.

7624. Those three by you?—Yes.

7625. When you say, "paid by Edwards," do you mean paid by yourself?—No. Those three are only paid by me on that list, and those were paid by Edwards who kept the books, who was at the "Angel."

7626. I thought the first list was paid by Mr. Jones?—Down to the first mark was paid by Mr. Jones, the other was paid by Edwards, who sat at the "Angel," and the three are paid by myself.

7627. In fact, Symonds is the last man paid by Jones according to that?—Yes.

7628. Here is a further division of one man, James Smith, Church Plain, and "canvassed and could not come to terms?"—That is right.

7629. Why do you put him down as a person who accepted a bribe?—Because I saw him on Sunday at the "Angel."

7630. You knew he got a bribe?—I could not swear, but I feel as if I was certain he had, as certainly as I could speak to without swearing it.

7631. You have no doubt he got a bribe?—I have no doubt he did. You asked me to return in those I canvassed on Saturday.

7632. And that is all you can recollect?—That is all I can recollect as far as I know. I have taken the greatest pains; I have been through the book several times, and I think I have done my utmost.

7633. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were all the names you gave us when last examined, except the five to whom you gave tickets, bribed with money and not tickets in the first instance. You say you were right in the statement you first made, that you only took half a dozen tickets?—That is right.

7634. And then you gave us a subsequent list of names to whom you had given tickets, on being reminded?—That was when I was muddled. They were put on to the list and given to Jones.

7635. Were they put on a list by you?—A list made out the same as I have now given in to the chairman, similar to that, with the amount of what they required.

7636. Then, beyond the fact of their having been put on the list, do not you know they received any money?—No.

7637. You do not?—I believe they did; I believe thus far, that if they had not done so they would have seen me again; they would not have gone away

at all without seeing me again; I fancy they would have spoken to me the first opportunity.

7638. Who made that list?—That I gave to Jones?

7639. Yes.—It was merely written down on a piece of paper by myself.

7640. You did then?—As I saw parties, and then I gave it in to him.

7641. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who gave them the tickets?—I do not know.

7642. (*Mr. Slade.*) You gave us the names and the numbers of the tickets?—I told you that the tickets that were given had the numbers upon them.

7643. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You gave us a number of names of people who had tickets with C upon them?—I supposed by the amount that they would have a ticket of that letter.

7644. How do you know they have tickets at all?—That is my object in drawing your attention to that point, by giving the list into Mr. Jones, you see.

7645. You gave a list into Mr. Jones of people who were to have the tickets?—Who were to have the money, and they had no tickets at all.

7646. (*Mr. Russell.*) But, beyond giving him a list of those, you had no knowledge yourself that they received money?—No.

7647. None?—Only as I said before, if they had not, I think they would have seen me on the subject.

7648. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When you gave us C, it only represented what ticket they would have had?—If they had a ticket.

7649. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you tell those men their names were on the list you had handed in to Jones?—No.

7650. Then why did you say you think you would have heard of them again?—Because there was an amount they said they would have wanted, and I said, "You must go to Mr. Jones at the "Angel" and get it."

7651. Then, I presume, they did have this money, because they did not come to you again?—Yes.

7652. How could these men get their money from Jones without having tickets?—Of course, when they go, he would say, "What is your name, so and so?"

7653. And then Jones would refer to your list?—Yes.

7654. And pay him?—Yes.

7655. Then, in fact, some men were paid by the presentation of tickets, and some men were paid by reference to lists that Mr. Jones had?—Yes.

7656. You told us two names to whom you gave tickets that you wrote yourself; were you right in that?—I think I did write two.

7657. And no more?—I think I could swear I did not write more than three.

7658. Do you remember who the third was?—No, I could not tell you. I did not individually know him at all.

7659. Had you authority from anybody to write tickets, or did you take it on yourself?—No, it was only an idea of my own, carried out by what I had seen at Downing's.

Mr. John Edwards sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

Mr. J. Edwards.

7660. Where do you live?—At Preston.

7661. In Lancashire?—Yes.

7662. We hear you came down to Yarmouth at the last election?—Yes.

7663. At whose request did you come down?—At the request of Mr. Brogden, by the introduction of a friend of his whose name I am not in possession of.

7664. How did Mr. Brogden convey his request to you?—In a form in this way, that I was pretty well acquainted with the management of elections, and he desired me if I would to come down.

7665. Did he write to you?—Yes, intimating that I had been recommended by some friend of his whose name he did not make use of.

7666. You have not got that letter, I suppose?—No, I have not.

7667. You have no notion who that friend was?—No, I have not, indeed.

7668. Have you had much experience in elections before this?—Generally.

7669. Have you always gone by the name of Mr. John Edwards?—Always; never adopted a name in my life.

7670. Did you answer Mr. Brogden's letter?—No, I telegrammed to a friend of mine to wait upon him, a private friend, that I should attend to this. It was an intimation to a friend of mine that I would do my best to secure Mr. Brogden's return, if not previously engaged, and I think I was not at that time.

7671. Did you see Mr. Brogden before you came to Yarmouth?—No.

7672. What day was it you came down to Yarmouth?—As near as I can speak from memory about the 20th of June. It would be the Tuesday. I do not speak positively with regard to the day of the week. I do to the day of the month, it was the 20th June.

7673. Did anybody come with you?—No.

7674. Did you see Mr. Brogden when you first came?—On my arrival, at 10 in the evening.

7675. Who was with him?—Mr. Marshman.

7676. Who else?—No one else.

7677. At the "Angel"?—At the "Angel" in their private sitting-room.

7678. Will you tell us what passed at that interview?—The telegram that I was coming down to attend and take the management if the arrangement between Mr. Brogden and myself was satisfactory in a pecuniary sense, and I accepted to take the management, and he said he could not really promise me about the entire management of the election on account of the local gentlemen that were engaged here, but if it was agreeable to me I should take the entire management, and I believe afterwards it became that, that I took the entire management in a general sense.

7679. What was Mr. Brogden to pay you for your services?—Two guineas per day and expenses.

7680. Do you mean personal expenses?—Yes, quite so.

7681. Did you at that interview explain to Mr. Marshman and Mr. Brogden what your usual tactics were in election canvasses?—No; the conversation never dwelt upon that at all, it was merely about what system I should like to introduce in the way, and as to how I should do it; and he said he could not tell me then how matters stood with regard to the canvass, and the canvass arrangements, that was the conversation. It was alluding to the canvass of the borough, the organization of committees and so forth, preliminary to a general canvass. They had, previous to this, I understand, been making a personal canvass, and Mr Brogden had some few local friends here, and he wished to extend it further and make a systematic canvass, if you will call it so. That was the conversation, and the next morning I had to look round to see how they were going, preferring to take it into my hands and see if it was agreeable to the local gentlemen before introducing me to them.

7682. Who were the local gentlemen?—I think Mr. Clowes was one, and Mr. Livingston was another, just the committee gentlemen.

7683. I understand you that Marshman and Brogden at that time kept their own canvass-books?—Yes, putting upon foolscap sheets the result of the canvass; they were termed walking lists at the time. It was made out in memorandum books, taking them haphazard from the register. They posted them up themselves, and I entered the canvass of the whole upon the register in a more systematic way.

7684. Did Mr. Tom Edwards, who has just been examined, keep a canvass-book at that time?—Yes, he used to keep in a small memorandum pocket-book the canvass that he had. He introduced Mr. Marshman and Mr. Brogden to the electors, being a native of the town. He went round more as a matter of

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convenience to show them and introduce them to the electors. He put them in a small book and returned me the result of that canvass for each particular day or a portion of a day.

7685. Did he work under you after you took the management?—Yes, in a great measure, although very often with Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman.

7686. There were a great many clerks under you?—Yes.

7687. Mr. Livingston says, "We had Steele and a dozen other clerks?"—Yes, but that was not from the first. That was as business became busier in preparing preliminaries for the polling day and the nomination day. We had an extra clerk, but as a rule there mere not so many, merely Steele and myself and two or three more, or perhaps only two for a certain time.

7688. Was it your suggestion to divide the canvassing into wards?—Yes, it was a more systematic way of carrying it through, providing they went to a poll.

7689. What opinion did you form from the result of the canvass?—Do you mean the conclusion of the entire canvass?

7690. Yes?—That it was very favourable with regard to the impression by Mr. Brogden himself with the people, but that the election could not really be won without bribery.

7691. On what day did you form that conclusion?—That would be upon Monday, about ten.

7692. The day before the polling?—The polling was on the Wednesday.

7693. I mean the Monday before the polling?—Yes, quite so.

7694. Had you not come to that opinion before?—No, the promises were very favourable indeed with regard to Mr. Brogden, very favourable; in fact, he made a personal canvass of the entire constituency almost.

7695. Mr. Marshman had retired on the Saturday?—He retired on the Friday evening, and Mr. Vanderbyl came down on the Saturday morning by the early mail. His address was prepared. I was waiting to receive Mr. Vanderbyl, and the printers were waiting, and his address was printed and on the walls on the Saturday morning.

7696. Mr. Marshman had come to that opinion about bribery before you?—Yes, quite so. That was the Sunday previous. He merely expressed that to me as he was going through the canvass, that there were many who remained open, or who "Won't promise, gentlemen," and he thought those were a class of people who were venal.

7697. Did you agree with him?—Yes; but they were only a portion of the constituency. The others, many of them, promised without any reservation.

7698. Was there not a portion large enough to turn the election?—Yes, quite so, there might be. I cannot speak exactly to the number. I think it was over 200.

7699. And did you not then come to the opinion that bribery would be necessary?—Not then.

7700. Did you tell Mr. Marshman you did not agree with him?—I told him I did agree with him that these non-promises were sufficient to turn the election, and they were a venal class of voters, but there was a probability from rumour that Mr. Goodson was very shaky, and probably might retire or very likely compromise.

7701. You knew before Monday that Mr. Goodson had no intention of retiring?—It was a common rumour amongst our party that Mr. Goodson would not really go to the poll.

7702. Up to the Monday?—Up to the Monday, and the rumour was pretty general on the Saturday evening.

7703. You knew Mr. Marshman retired before he anticipated bribery would have to be resorted to?—Yes; then we came to the conclusion to go to the poll when bribery would have to be resorted to.

7704. What day was that?—That we came to the conclusion, if we went on, do you mean?

7705. Yes?—That was between the Sunday preceding and the Sunday before the election. In the course of the week.

7706. You came to the conclusion, if you went on, you would have to resort to bribery?—Yes, to go to the poll.

7707. But, as Mr. Brogden has told us, the decision to bribe was not come to till Monday?—I told you so, and gave that in my evidence.

7708. Still your opinion was bribery would have to be resorted to the Sunday week previously?—Yes, from what I found of those who would not promise; open voters.

7709. Which number you put down as 200?—I think it was about 200.

7710. Have you any memorandum left of that election?—Yes, which I intend, after giving my evidence to offer to the Commissioners for their inspection.

7711. We should like to know accurately how the canvass stood?—I am afraid I could not give you that, but I daresay before the close of the thing among my papers at home I could find such a thing. I was not aware I should be asked those questions, or I should have been too happy to have brought it, but I undertake to produce them before the Commission closes.

7712. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You have the canvass book?—Yes, I have the general register in which I posted the promises, which I have here, and which I shall hand to the Commissioners.

7713. (*Mr. Slade.*) Let us see it now; it will help us—(*The witness handed it in.*) That is the result of the entire canvass, but the total does not happen to be posted in that book, though it was posted in a memorandum or on a sheet of note paper at the time. You observe this, all the private memoranda connected with the election was brought in by the canvassers. I posted it up with the result of the polling pretty accurately, as clearly as I possibly could, from our poll-books and the check clerk's books, and also opposite each name you will observe on the right of each name an initial letter of the alphabet, A, B, C, or D, you observe.

7714. What does that refer to?—That is connected with those who have received money, indicating the amount.

7715. What does D stand for?—20*l.*

7716. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When did you consider your canvass completed?—On the Monday morning, as near as possible.

7717. Did you carry on the canvass the whole time up to the morning?—Up to the morning. There were intervals with Mr. Brogden being away on account of parliamentary business.

7718. Mr. Marshman told us he considered the canvass completed nearly a fortnight before the election?—He could not do so. If he came to that conclusion it was an erroneous conclusion.

7719. Between the time Mr. Marshman mentioned and the Monday were there many parties canvassed?—Not very many. The excitement was very great.

7720. Mr. Marshman was right then in saying the canvass was sufficient to enable him to draw a result?—He was drawing a conclusion from a comparison up to that time of those that remained of the open voters that would not promise as against the actual promises. That was his conclusion.

7721. The actual promises you received afterwards were not many?—Yes, they were pretty fair during the week preceding the Monday I am speaking of.

7722. Mr. Marshman told us the result of the canvass was, about 540 had promised a fortnight before the election?—I think, as nearly as I possibly can tell, it was about 580 or 590 were the absolute promises of the entire.

7723-4. Or, as Mr. Livingston told us, parties who would certainly vote for you who would not promise?—Including those who would vote for a pecuniary

reward and those without. The entire result, both venal and non-venal.

7725. Do you mean to say at that time there were parties who had promised ?—Irrespective of reward ?

7726. And some on condition of being paid ?—Yes, if bribery was resorted to.

7727. When you say the result of the canvass was 580, were you including those who promised on condition ?—Yes, or promised with a kind of reserve; the inference was such.

7728. How many do you suppose there were ?—That were owing to that ?

7729. Yes ?—I could not tell, but there are some private memoranda in that book, that for the information of the Commissioners would show how it would be.

7730. Have you told us the names ?—I possibly have them at home, but you shall have them. They are not here. I mean in Preston.

7731. I observe you enter in your manuscript the promises on the other side ?—Yes.

7732. How did you ascertain they had promised the other side ?—If Mr. Brogden asked the sentiments of a voter, he would ask if he would give him his pledge, and he would say "No, I am pledged the other side."

7733. Then you enter this as a promise the other side ?—Yes; that is the result of the voting, the right hand side. (*The witness explained the book to the Commissioners.*)

7734. (*Mr. Slade.*) You have no promises the other side ?—These are the promises to Brogden and Marshman in the two first columns.

7735. There are four columns then ?—Yes, you will find four in the voting result as well.

7736. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That canvass is the result up to the end ?—Yes.

7737. The only means you had of ascertaining what promises were given to the other side was the statement of voters at the time ?—At the time of canvass we took care never to put down any promises of that kind unless they were certain.

7738. Did you find in the last week of your canvass that those statements by the voters that they promised the other side were more frequent or not ?—Will you repeat that ?

7739. Did you find the promises you were enabled to put down as made to the other side were more than during the other weeks of your canvass ?—No, I do not think they were.

7740. On the other side they say they had over 800 promises ?—Yes, but I do not believe it.

7741. I see, in comparing one list, that some parties promised both sides ?—Yes.

7742. Do you believe that ?—No, not in the canvass, but in the visiting, when they found money was being received; and I quite believe they obtained money from both sides.

7743. But no money was spent until after the Saturday night ?—Not until Monday by our party.

7744. And not until Saturday night by the others ?—I do not know about it, but I heard on the Friday and Saturday and Sunday they were pretty liberal. Then it was commencing.

7745. On the Saturday night ?—The Saturday night. I heard it the Saturday, the Saturday night and Sunday night.

7746. Do you know any case in which money was given on the Friday ?—No, I cannot give you that; but I can give you my authority, the name of the canvasser that reported to me.

7747. But you cannot supply the Commissioners with the means of ascertaining whether any money was given the Friday or the Saturday morning ?—No, but I daresay I could give you names from whom my authority was.

7748. At present the Commissioners are satisfied that Mr. Nightingale's money was the first that was spent, and he gave that on the Saturday night ?—On the Saturday and Sunday one or two of our canvassers came to me and said, "We must commence immediately if we intend going to the poll, otherwise we should lose the election if we did not go to work at once."

7749. Who told you that ?—Downing was one.

7750. Who else ?—A person from Gorleston, I rather think his name was King. I do not speak positively, but I rather think King; and I believe it had commenced very heavily down at Gorleston and Southtown.

7751. (*Mr. Slade.*) That would be on the Saturday ?—On the Saturday.

7752. That would be late on Saturday ?—Yes.

7753. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That agrees with the evidence on the other side ?—It would be, as near as I possibly can tell, 9 or 10. I cannot speak to the other.

7754. That agrees with the evidence on the other side, that Mr. Rivett had 1,500*l.* on the Saturday ?—I think it was then.

7755. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you recollect what you put down as the promises to Lacon and Goodson in your own mind at the time of the election ?—No; but I shall be able to supply the Commissioners with the figures I took at the time, before the Commission closes. But my impression is that they stood, at the time of the election, ours from 580 to 590, and the others were 500. I could not tell the exact figure, but they were very near.

7756. Still you had a majority ?—No; the other side had a majority of promises, that was so far as the canvass had been taken. There were many undecided and "won't" promises.

7757. And you are speaking of the Monday before the polling ?—Yes, quite so.

7758. Will you tell us, if you please, who sent for Mr. Jones ?—Me.

7759 And what is the gentleman's real name ?—Satterthwaite.

7760. What day was that ?—I cannot speak to it. I expect him here to-day. I cannot speak as to the day of the week, but my impression is he was here a week or ten days before the election, as near as I can tell; he will speak of that probably; that is a week or ten days up to the polling day.

7761. That would be the Monday or the Tuesday of the previous week ?—Yes. I do not speak confidently to the day, but he will give you that.

7762. Were Mr. Salmon and Mr. Johnson at Yarmouth at that time ?—Yes.

7763. Were you in communication with those two gentlemen ?—Yes.

7764. At the time Jones came down to Yarmouth was the 6,000*l.* in the hands of Mr. Salmon and Mr. Johnson ?—No.

7765. You do not know ?—I rather think not.

7766. Do you know when they received that money ?—No, I could not speak to the time.

7767. You brought Jones down of course for the purpose ?—I wrote for him to come. I wrote or telegrammed, I forget which.

7768. For the sole purpose of organising the matter of spending the money ?—Oh, dear, no.

7769. What did you send for him for ?—I sent for him to be of use to me, because he was almost as well versed in election matters as myself, and we had not come to the determination of bribing when I sent for him, or whether we should go on with the poll or resort to illegal practices. He waited my pleasure till Saturday, and I was inclined to return him back again on the Saturday. He had not really received an engagement. He came down if I wanted him. He was returning; in fact he had packed his portmanteau to return somewhere on Friday or Saturday preceding the election.

7770. That was because Mr. Brogden had not given the order ?—There was no decision arrived at.

7771. What did Mr. Jones arrange with you when he came down because you had got the whole thing, as far as the canvass was concerned, in very good order ?—He asked me what he had got to do. I said I could not tell him yet; he must wait my pleasure; because for him to wait at a distance if I wanted him the next day

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or two days would be a waste of time, and he enjoyed himself on the beach coming in merely, as I might say, as a friend of mine, not as an engagement.

7772. Did you introduce Mr. Jones to Mr. Brogden ?—Yes, as a friend of mine.

7773. Did you say you had brought him down for the purpose of the election ?—To render me any assistance I might want.

7774. Did you introduce him to Mr. Livingstone ?—Yes.

7775. And to Mr. Marshman ?—No. I think Mr. Marshman never saw him, not that I am aware of. I did not introduce him.

7776. Do you know Mr. Hammond ?—Yes. You mean Mr. Hammond, our chairman.

7777. Yes ?—Yes, I know him.

7778. Did you talk to Mr. Hammond about the election ?—No. I had very little communication with Mr. Hammond; he became very much aloof from us. I was surprised to find the chairman do so. I thought it was owing to personal friendship to parties he knew in the borough, although his only feeling was very much in favour of Mr. Brogden. In fact we had very few committee meetings, and he attended very few of them. I think I scarcely saw him during the whole of the time at our committee room twice.

7779. Did you ever speak to him ?—Just ordinary conversation we were getting.

7780. Did he know you were Mr. Brogden's agent ?—Yes, Mr. Brogden introduced me. I forget whether he introduced me as Mr. Edwards, or a mere introduction without a name. I find, in reading Mr. Hammond's evidence, that he has said he does not know. He said that, I believe, from some wrong impression. I had some little communication with him. Perhaps if I were introduced to him he might know me from sight, that is all. It was not a knowledge from a general introduction.

7781. Mr. Hammond was your chairman, and you knew him to be such ?—Yes.

7782. And he says this about you : "Did you ever "hear of a man of the name of Edwards, who came "down to conduct the election ?—No. I told the "chairman before I did not know that there was such "a person" ?—I daresay not. I had such little communication really with him, it was left with the management more to me than with the committee, although in fact he was the chairman. We did not make much use of committees.

7783. "You never heard of him ?—No, except Ed- "wards, a tailor."

7783*a*. "Who managed the election for Mr. Brog- "den the last seven or eight days ?—I should think "Mr. Livingstone ?"—We worked together in a general way. Mr. Hammond at the time, perhaps, would not understand the difference. I can only understand that answer in that way.

7784. Did Mr. Jones canvass with you at all ?—No, I did not canvass.

7785. You stayed in the room ?—Always. Pretty generally at the central and head committee room at the "Angel." Mr. Jones generally was with me, except he took an occasional visit outside.

7786. Then I understand that Mr. Jones did nothing until after the Monday ?—Nothing really until the Monday.

7787. His operation began on the Monday evening ?—I rather think the Monday afternoon, but I am not positive.

7788. After one o'clock ?—After two o'clock.

7789. Mr. Brogden tells us that Mr. Jones was your reserve force ?—Yes ; that we arranged on the Monday, that I should have to call his services into request if we commenced the bribing, and I should introduce him a man who would carry out what was intended of the illegal practices.

7790. Had you made any plan with Mr. Jones before the Monday as to how you should do it ?—No ; he arranged the system himself with regard to how the money should be paid to the voters. I presume you mean that.

7791. He arranged that himself ?—Yes.

7792. Did he communicate it to you at all ?—He communicated to me the system he was about to adopt, and I gave my consent.

7793. Describe that system ?—That the voters would have a ticket from some one, or write out a ticket as a check upon the money. That ticket would bear a number upon it of the register, A, B, C, and D, the number being the number on the register of the voter who intended to receive the bribe, and A, B, C, and D, representing the amount ; A representing 5*l*., B representing 10*l*., C representing 15*l*., and D representing 20*l*.

7794. Nothing higher than D ?—Nothing higher than D. We did not make tickets higher than D, although more cash was paid to individual voters.

7795. Thomas Downing, whom you have mentioned, has given us a different sum to these letters ; he says A represented 10*l*., B represented 15*l*., and C 20*l*.?—No ; my version is the correct one. Mr. Jones will give you that in evidence. I think it has been with a wrong impression on Downing's part.

7796. Who wrote the tickets ?—Sometimes I wrote them and sometimes Jones. If a voter came up and I had not time to attend to him I wrote him out a ticket, and Jones would cash it, and he probably would know the place where Jones was, and would go and get it cashed.

7797. Did nobody else write tickets except you and Jones ?—Yes, I have found others, but I could not speak as to who wrote them.

7798. I will read what Downing says : "It was "arranged between I and Jones, that I should write "all the tickets, so that he should not pay twice "over. Did you write all the tickets ?—Yes, to the "best of my knowledge, I did ?"—Then that was the arrangement between Jones and he, but I made a different arrangement with regard to myself. I paid money sometimes to individual voters without any ticket at all, which I used a certain discretion in doing, and the names of which I have and shall hand in to the Commissioners, and the amounts. That may be quite true with regard to the arrangement between Jones and Downing as to the writing of those tickets.

7799. I suppose that Downing spoke of one particular ward he wrote all the tickets for ?—No, I do not think that. I think voters would apply in the other wards, but, perhaps, more particular in the one.

7800. How can you tell me you and Jones wrote all the tickets when Downing wrote some ?—I do not say I wrote all ; I say I occasionally wrote a ticket. They sometimes took them from Jones to me and I cashed them, and he sometimes cashed mine ; and if Downing wrote a ticket I drew my own conclusions whether it had been written by anybody else.

7801. Had each ticket got the initials in the corner ?—No, the number on the register, as far as I can remember, with the A, B, C, or D, but I am not quite positive whether Mr. Jones put his initials at the back of the tickets. I saw very little of the tickets. I merely asked Jones for this ticket system, merely for my own guide, not that I should adopt it, allowing him at his own discretion to adopt it.

7802. It was Jones' own suggestion ?—Yes.

7803. But you approved of it ?—Yes, but I did not say I should follow it out.

7804. Did you know at that time who to go to for money ?—Yes.

7805. Who would you have gone to ?—To Mr. Johnson or Mr. Salmon on Monday.

7806. How long before the Monday had you learnt Mr. Johnson and Mr. Salmon had the money ?—I think perhaps the Thursday or Friday before the election, that is if I wanted it.

7807. You understood the money was there ?—Yes.

7808. Did they tell you what sum ?—No. I have only learnt since the inquiry what the sum was, but I learnt the amount that had been spent, somewhere near 6,000*l*. or over 6,000*l*.

7809. How far were you prepared then to spend money on the Monday ?—There was never any sum mentioned. I think on the Monday we stopped and considered whether we should give it up altogether, and I think there were some few hundreds left, and so we went on further, but I did not hear what amount had been spent. Up to that time I heard 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.*

7810. Was there any sum you were limited to in in your own mind ?—Yes, I fancy the impression was about 3,000*l.*

7811. Who conveyed that impression to you ?—That 3,000*l.* would be spent ?

7812. Who had told you the 3,000*l.* was there if you wanted it ?—There was never any amount specified, and we drew the conclusion 3,000*l.* would be sufficient to win the election.

7813. From the number of voters that you could bribe ?—That we might bribe.

7814. That was on the Monday you came to that conclusion ?—Yes, the Monday early, or, perhaps, in the day of Monday. We thought if that was not enough it would require very little more.

7815. Something very near 3,000*l.* you mean ?—We calculated if 3,000*l.* was not sufficient it would require but very little more ; perhaps some hundreds.

7816. Then you and Jones were at the "Angel" together on the Monday afternoon ?—No, we went up, I forget into what ward you term it, what the "Army and Navy" is in.

7817. You went to Mr. Cattermole's ?—Yes, but he was not there ; he moved about.

7818. Did you always accompany him ?—No, I never was with him at all. He took his own course of action.

7819. Did you never see Jones give any money except for tickets ?—No, I never saw him pay a voter at all, or even give a ticket. I did on the first onset see him in Cattermole's room making the preliminary arrangements for the payment of the money to the voters; nothing more than that. I went out before that commenced.

7820. But you gave money yourself in exchange for tickets ?—Quite so.

7821. Who paid money in exchange for tickets besides you and Jones ?—No one.

7822. Only you two ?—Only us two.

7823. Then, of course, you never acted together, you were always in different places ?—Oh, yes.

7824. Where did you exchange tickets for money, at what place ?—At the "Angel," one portion.

7825. On what day was that ?—That would be about the Tuesday, or perhaps Tuesday or Wednesday, but I really forget whether I did pass money on the Wednesday ; I am not positive, but Tuesday I am.

7826. Where else ?—I paid cash at Gorleston on tickets. I did not adopt the ticket system at Gorleston.

7827. What house did you go to at Gorleston ?—It was a private house ; I could not tell you.

7828. On what day was that ?—That was on Monday night late. Do you want the hour.

7829. Yes, if you can tell us at all what the hour was ?—I can tell you as near as possible. I am not quite sure whether it was not 11 or 12 perhaps. I know it was early in the morning when I returned.

7830. There was Gorleston and the neighbourhood, and where else ?—No where else.

7831. You knew hardly any of the voters before by sight ?—Very few.

7832. Who assisted you at Gorleston ?—A person named King. I am not positive of his christian name, and a person named Warner. You will allow me to observe to the Commissioners I am answering as near as I possibly can from memory.

7833. Do you know whether it was in King's house that this took place ?—I am not quite sure. My impression is that it first was at King's, and then at another ; and that the house was either King's or Warner's. They will tell you that I was an entire stranger down there.

7834. Who took you down to Gorleston ?—Mr. King ; no, I met him there by appointment. I believe I went down in a cab.

7835. To King's house ?—He met me on the road.

7836. You went down in a cab to Gorleston, and King met you on the road ; you got out of the cab and went on with him ?—Yes, to his house—I did not drive right up to the house, that is what I mean.

7837. You got out in the road ?—Yes.

7838. How much money did you take down with you to Gorleston ?—I am not sure whether I had not 500*l.*, I rather think so. Perhaps to save you some trouble I may tell you that I paid 420*l.* on that visit.

7839. Did you pay this 420*l.* to the voters themselves ?—Personally. I beg your pardon ; perhaps in one or two instances I handed it over to King, that he would guarantee seeing them paid, but only one or two instances which I will give you the names of.

7840. Can you tell us the names of men you bribed that night ?—Nineteen bribed, or whose names were given to me who would receive it by transferring a nod, or whatever it might be. It was passed through King or whoever I paid it to. There were representations for 19 voters.

7841. Who introduced the men to you ?—Occasionally King, and occasionally Mr. Warner.

7842. Were the names mentioned to you as they came in ?—At the time of introduction ?

7843. Yes ?—No, they were merely introduced into the room. Then I took the number on the register, put it down, and the amount paid to him. He was not introduced as a voter, but the arrangement was, a voter was to be sent in to me.

7844. Were they sent in singly ?—Yes.

7845. You never saw two together ?—No.

7846. Then you, King, and Warner were in the room together ?—Merely the voter and me ; he stood outside, keeping the door, introducing the voters to me, and then I paid him, and then he retired.

7847. Did you pay every man in gold ?—Yes.

7848. Now, perhaps, you will give us their names ?—Quite so, merely the name ; I cannot give you the residence. I can give you the number on the register and the name.

7849. That is what we will have, the number on the register, the name, and the amount ?—No. 1,429, William Cole, 20*l.* ; 1,467, W. Fisk, 20*l.*

7850. That is William Fisk ?—Yes. No. 1,381, C. Ball, 20*l.* ; No. 1,456, R. B. Dye, 20*l.*

7851. That is Robert Barrell Dye ?—Yes. No. 1,717. I do not appear to have the christian name — Suffling, 20*l.*

7852. Jeremiah Suffling ?—Yes. No. 1,316, James Blake, 20*l.* Bye and by, would you allow me to remark with regard to No. 1,492, James Hart.

7853. We have not got him yet ?—Then I have missed that. I will give it the next.

7854. We will have it now ?—I have a memorandum that I rather think I paid money to King to convey to him, either King or Warner, but I think King.

7855. How much ?—20*l.*

7856. Now the next ?—1,636, either Welton or Walton, I cannot say which, I have not the christian name, 20*l.*

7857. John Welton ?—I daresay that would be the name.

7858. The next ?—The next was a person named Warner, No. 1,633.

7859. Robert Rogers Warner ?—Yes, he was a man who received 40*l.*, 20*l.* for his services, and 20*l.*, I presume for his vote.

7860. The next ?—1,380, Ballard, 20*l.* ; I have not the Christian name.

7861. Joseph Ballard ?—Yes.

7862. How much ?—20*l.*

7863. The next ?—1,515, King, I find the christian name is George King ; that is the King I made mention of once or twice ; he received 40*l.*

7864. That is the man whose house you went to ?—Yes.

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7865. 20*l.* for his vote, and 20*l.* for his services?—I presume so.

7866. The next?—1,520, Edward Lee, 20*l.*

7867. The next?—1,567, J. Read, 20*l.*

7868. John Read?—Yes.

7869. The next?—1,630; I rather think it is Vincent; I am not quite positive.

7870. James Vincent?—Yes.

7871. How much?—You will observe these are in pencil, and some of them are almost erased.

7872. How much, 20*l.*?—Yes.

7873. The next?—1,443, Robert Denton, 20*l.*

7874. The next?—1,442, Samuel Denton, 20*l.*

7875. The next?—1,457. W. J. Eidsforth, 20*l.*

7876. It is W. S.?—W. J. S. I have it.

7877. High Street, Gorleston?—That was conveyed through some voter, I think it was Eastick; I rather think that was his name; I did not give it to the voter.

7878. Was he there?—He was introduced as a relative of the voter, that I might be sure in trusting it in his hands; it would be conveyed to him; he had nothing to do with the election at all; he was introduced as a relative so that I might safely trust it in his hands to be conveyed to the voter it was intended for.

7879. Eastick was a voter himself?—I am not aware of that whether he was or not.

7880. Now the next?—1545, C. B. Moore, 20*l.*

7881. Charles B. Moore?—Yes, that was the result of my first visit there.

7882. Is that 19 or 18?—I rather counted them 19; did I not give 1,630, Stone.

7883. No?—Thomas Stone, 20*l.*

7884. That is 19, that is correct?—Yes, that is 19.

7885. Did you pay Gorleston a second visit?—Yes.

7886. When was that?—I cannot speak whether it was early in the forenoon or not, or in the morning; but I know on my return the nomination was just being held. When I returned from Gorleston they were speaking on the hustings; it was on Tuesday.

7887. Was that on the Tuesday?—I rather think it would be about half-past 2 when I returned; I fancy so, as near as I can speak to it.

7888. What time did you go down there?—I rather think it was 11 o'clock in the morning, but I am not quite sure; perhaps King will be able to speak more precisely with regard to the time I met him again.

7889. Did you go to the same house?—No.

7890. Whose house did you go to at that time?—I think it is called the "Barking Smack." I am not sure. We called there, but we did not stay; we went further into the village. I believe it was a neighbour's house, a neighbour of King's or Warner's.

7891. Did you meet Mr. Warner there?—I met King and Warner there.

7892. What did you go to the "Barking Smack" for?—As far as I understood the occasion of the stoppage there were some voters there who wanted attending to, and they were told they must follow us. We did not stay there, we merely called there with the cab.

7893. I think the name of the house is the "Barking Fishery?"—I do not know the name.

7894. Do you know if it belonged to a man named George?—It was rather at the junction of two roads, one coming from the seaside and the other from the town.

7895. And then you went on to a private house?—Yes.

7896. And did exactly the same thing happen?—Yes, the same process over again.

7897. King and Warner introducing you to the voters?—King and Warner introducing me to the voters as usual.

7898. What sum of money did you take down in your pocket the second time?—Perhaps the result of what I had in my pocket from the previous occasion. I find I paid 763*l.* in Gorleston altogether to Gorleston voters. I might have a balance and then have got some more; I will not be positive, but I find that I did disburse that amount.

7899. Have you a list of the names you paid money to the second time?—Quite so.

7900. Will you give us the names?—1,644, C. Woods, 20*l.*

7901. Charles Woods, senior?—It is 1,644, I do not know his name.

7902. The next?—1,510, Kemp. I rather think it is R. Kemp, 20*l.*

7903. The next?—1,498, Humfrey.

7904. John Humfrey?—Yes; 20*l.*

7905. The next?—1,477, William George, 20*l.*

7906. The next?—1,374, Robert Annison, 20*l.*

7907. The next?—That is all at those places, Warner or King's house.

7908. 100*l.*?—I have not totaled it. I have the names of three voters here that I was told if I would wait upon them personally they hoped to receive the money, and I visited them I rather think at their own houses. I forget the name of the party who introduced me. 1,487, Hammond, 15*l.* I am not sure that is in Gorleston or in Yarmouth.

7909. 1,487 is Richard Hammond?—Yes, 15*l.*

7910. The next?—1,459, James Ellett, 15*l.*

7911. The next?—1,421, Clement Burton, 18*l.*

7912. How do you make out the sum of 18*l.* Was there any reason for giving him that odd sum; did you bargain with him?—I knew we had some conversation; I rather think it was done at a public-house; he was waiting there, and he begged hard for 20*l.* I thought he was not quite safe, and I agreed to give him 18*l.* and he accepted; he was hesitating whether to vote or not; I fancy he was under some influence, or something of that sort.

7913. He voted all right?—Did he; I was not aware of that.

7914. Did you make any bargain with these men when they came to you?—No; the price had been made by them and I tried to reduce the amount.

7915. And did you in any case reduce the amount?—I thought it was an exorbitant sum, 20*l.*

7916. In those cases, when you gave 15*l.*, you reduced it from 20*l.*?—No; it was the price they asked. Probably I might have said it was the market price at that time. My impression was that all the voters down in Gorleston had arranged among themselves that 20*l.* was to be the figure, neither more nor less.

7917. Did King tell they would want 20*l.*?—Yes; and I found it was useless trying, they would receive no abatement.

7918. Then you tried it?—Yes.

7919. Those are eight more?—Three more, I think.

7920. When you paid those three men personally, it was on that same Tuesday morning?—Yes; on that same visit or at noon, I forget which. I went down, I believe, as far as I can recollect, to Gorleston first, and then came back to this end, to what is termed the Southtown end.

7921. Still that same day?—Quite so.

7922. Did you come back to "the Angel" after you had seen those three men personally?—Yes; that would be about the nomination time.

7923. Did you go down to Gorleston again?—No, I think, I finished then. I do not remember going down. I have a list of names which I intend to give you now which seem to me to have been paid by a Mr. Brand. However, I paid Mr. Brand this amount of money, and he conveyed it, I presume, either directly or indirectly to the voters.

7924. Did Mr. Brand give you a list?—Yes. I have got them here, which I intend giving you.

7925. Is that William Jermyn Brand?—I could not tell what his christian name was. I am not quite sure whether he is a professional man or not.

7926. Does he live at No. 1, Westbourne Terrace, Southtown?—Perhaps Mr. Livingston can tell me.

7927. (*Mr. Livingston.*) Yes, William Jermyn Brand?—Yes, that would be the man.

7928. (*Mr. Slade.*) Southtown and Gorleston are both in St. Andrew's Ward, are they not?—Yes.

7929. Will you give us the list Mr. Brand gave you?—1,432, — Cooper; I have not the christian name.

7930. Henry Cooper?—Yes, and 492, Fulcher; those are bracketed together, and 25*l.* I suppose that is intended for the two. 492 would be in the Yarmouth list. I rather think it would perhaps be better not to put down 12*l.* 10*s.* each; it does not follow he divided it.

7931. Quite so. We will ask Mr. Brand himself?—1,499, Therrell, I think, 20*l.*

7932. Robert Therrell?—Yes.

7933. The next?—1,496, W. D. Humphrey, 20*l.*

7934. Willim Dixon Humphrey?—Yes, that is it.

7935. The next?—1,601, Snell, I think.

7936. William Snell?—Yes.

7937. How much?—20*l.*

7938. The next?—1,403, Isaac Bradnum, 15*l.* I will not be positive whether it is included in Brand's list or not.

7939. How much, 15*l.*?—Yes.

7940. Any more?—No. I think you will find that amounts to 763*l.* as I first represented.

7941. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) 100*l.*?—Yes; 100*l.* to Brand.

7942. (*Mr. Russell.*) That leaves 95*l.* to make up the 763*l.*, the first sum amounted to 420*l.*, the second 148*l.*, and this to 100*l.*; it leaves a balance, I think, of 95*l.*?—That seems to be the addition. I have not tested it. I supposed that it represented the same there.

7943. The 420*l.* you have made out, not the 343*l.*; there are still 95*l.* short?—It seems so.

7944. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) There were other voters bribed in Gorleston besides those you bribed?—Yes, Mr. Jones was down there. I was speaking of that amount, taking it from that book as having been paid. That is why I come to that conclusion of 763*l.* I have given you all the names.

7945. (*Mr. Russell.*) There is 95*l.* unaccounted for?—You will allow me to say I take it as the additions of those sums having been paid, but you say that account is 95*l.* short.

7946. As I understand, you spent 763*l.* in Gorleston?—Yes. I have not referred to my book. Taking these as the totals, these names would add up to that, that is the reason I took it as such.

7947. (*Mr. Slade.*) You do not say it comes to 763*l.*, you say you thought it did by those additions?—Yes. I see it is in my own figures. There is 420*l.* on the opposite page, and another addition of 343*l.*

7948. (*Mr. Russell.*) It comes to 668*l.*?—Yes.

7949. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you hand over any money to any other person to disburse?—Not there. I have to others in Yarmouth.

7950. Now go on and tell us what money you spent yourself in Yarmouth; have you done with Gorleston?—Yes, I believe I have done with Gorleston.

7951. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You gave nothing to Benjamin Bradnum?—No. Isaac Bradnum I gave you the name of.

7952. (*Mr. Slade.*) You did not go to Gorleston yourself again?—No, I am pretty positive that was the last visit.

7953. Now go on and come to Yarmouth?—Yes.

7954. On Tuesday, you say, you were at the "Angel?"—Yes, this would be on the Tuesday. Possibly I may have paid on the Wednesday, I rather think it was completed on the Tuesday.

7955. What men acted the same part that King and Warner did at the "Angel?"—They came in more indiscriminately there. There were no persons appointed.

7956. No door keepers?—No; their getting into my private room was sufficient. They had been sent up by some canvasser or other, I could not say who sent them up. They announced themselves as before, and finding they were voters I paid them.

7957. What time of the day was it?—It commenced, perhaps, from 9 till 7 or 8 o'clock at night; at intervals during the day.

7958. From 9 in the morning?—Yes. I did not wait there continuously during the day. I had other matters to attend to as well. If a voter came and wanted the money of course I paid him. I did not devote my special attention all Tuesday to the bribery, as I had done on the previous night and morning at Gorleston. I had the other election matters to attend to, and other arrangements as well. I was backwards and forwards.

7959. In what room was it?—An upper room.

7960. Was that the same room as Jones gave money in?—I am not aware that he paid any in my room.

7961. Did you and Jones have separate rooms?—I am not aware that he had. I had a private room and a bed room adjoining, and I paid some in the bed room, and some in what I termed my office. I am not aware Jones had any room; he may have paid them in that room during my absence, or anything of that sort. He never paid any in my presence.

7962. Now will you give us the names; it is a long list, I suppose?—Yes, it is pretty long.

7963. You have a list, I suppose, of the Yarmouth voters?—Yes. I have four names here which you will be kind enough to couple together, 1,079, E. Routledge, 18*l.*

7964. Edward Routledge?—Yes.

7965. The next?—1,595, Charles Smith, 15*l.*

7966. The next?—1,081, Samuel Rudd, 15*l.*

7967. The next?—1,337, Woods, 1*l.*

7968. John Woods?—I have this memorandum: he was an invalid, and it was 1*l.* paid for a Bath chair, not in the shape of a bribe. Those, coupled together, seem to be paid to Thomas Kelf, who had to convey the voters.

7969. Thomas Kelf, of Charlotte Street?—I rather think that is the man.

7970. Did you give that 49*l.* to Thomas Kelf?—Yes, that amount bracketted together.

7971. The next?—342, C. R. Crickmer, 10*l.*

7972. The next?—1,344, Worledge, 15*l.*

7973. William Worledge?—Yes. If you will be kind enough to put the name of Hickling against it; I rather think the money was conveyed through his hands.

7974. The next?—287, Claxton; that is through Hickling also, 15*l.*

7975. James Claxton, junior, 15*l.*?—Yes.

7976. Was that by yourself, or through Hickling?—I rather think it is through Hickling; I have the mark of H opposite to it.

7977. The next?—542, Gravener, 15*l.*

7978. Daniel Gravener?—Yes.

7979. Was Gravener through Hickling?—No, only those two cases I have given at present; there may be more arise.

7980. What is that letter next to Gravener's name?—That is a memorandum not with regard to voting.

7981. What is it?—It is with regard to those whom we considered were not to be much depended upon, that might be approachable to bribe.

7982. Do you know whether he was bribed on the other side?—No, I do not.

7983. Does B stand for bribe?—No, it is the letter T; it is the term they use in this borough, T for tinning; that was not reliable at all, I found afterwards.

7984. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is a memorandum of yours?—That is a private memorandum of my own.

7985. (*Mr. Slade.*) In this list I observe D?—That is the initial letter of the bribe. Sometimes you may confound it with the letter T.

7986. I observe your account tallies with this?—I do not know. I have never tested it; that is generally going through from our poll books who has received money.

7987. It does tally. Now the next?—382. This is a Deeks, paid extra 5*l.*, and they are bracketed together.

7988. Thomas Deeks ?—Yes. He must have received a bribe previous through some other hands; probably he may have received 10*l.* or some other sum, and then 5*l.* afterwards. It may have come through Mr. Jones or me. I say, paid extra 5*l.* Those two are bracketed together.

7989. Which two ?—Gravener and Deeks.

7990. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say he got 20*l.* ?—Gravener got 15*l.* and Deeks 5*l.* It may be 10*l.* or 15*l.*, and another 5*l.* Perhaps I shall be able to offer you further information in a short time.

7991. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you recollect the case of the man Deeks ?—No, I do not, just at the moment. I will make some further inquiry from the canvassers, or those who introduced him. Perhaps I can give you a little further information, which I shall only be too happy to do.

7992. The next ?—420, A. Easter, 10*l.*

7993. Augustus Easter ?—Yes.

7994. The next ?—94, S. Bayfield, 15*l.*

7995. Shearman Bayfield ?—Yes.

7996. The next ?—241, William Butcher, 10*l.*

7997. The next ?—541, Gowing, 20*l.*; and I have the name of Downing opposite to it, and I am not quite sure whether I paid him personally or through Downing's hands.

7998. How much ?—20*l.*

7999. The next ?—554, I think Alfred Griffiths, 15*l.*

8000. Through whom was Alfred Griffiths paid ?—I have T. E., I rather think Thomas Edwards. I am not sure.

8001. The next ?—There is also 1,356, William Wright, 15*l.* Those are braced together, and I think they were both through Edwards.

8002. The next ?—274, Robert Chase, 15*l.*

8003. The next ?—1,338, Thomas Woolsey, 15*l.* I am not positive whether I paid this personally or no. I do not think I have any memorandum of it.

8004. What makes you think you did not pay it personally ?—In this book I generally put my initials. I do not see my initials opposite to this. It is my opinion they received it through some other hands.

8005. The next ?—1,339, Thos. Woolsey, 10*l.* I rather think it is senior and junior.

8006. Thos. Woolsey, 1,339; did you give him any money yourself ?—No, that is in the same predicament; they do not seem to have my initials. I omitted it at the time. I found them in Edwards' list. Let me ask the question of Mr. Edwards; did you convey the money or me ?

(*Mr. T. Edwards.*) You.—Then I must have paid them personally.

8007. (*Mr. Slade.*) Now the next ?—246, Cady, 18*l.*

8008. George Cady ?—Allow me to observe in this case. I remember that he had also been paid by Jones, and at the time after the election was over there was some difference as to him and some other names. We both had the names, having paid them the same amounts. It rests with the Commissioners to find out what were the amounts and which of us paid, and test it in that way.

8009. I see here he is put down as a D., 20*l.* ?—Yes.

8010. How came that to be 20*l.* ?—That is my memorandum here, though I am not quite positive about it. I have a memorandum paid by Jones, and I wish you to make a memorandum and see what Jones says, if Jones makes any explanation.

8011. Now the next ?—789, Will. Lee, 15*l.*

8012. The next ?—1,272, this is erased. I will give you the memorandum. Wade 15*l.*, and then I cross it and say paid by Jones; that will remain to be explained afterwards.

8013. Henry Rice Wade how much ?—I have 15*l.*; but I have crossed it out and said paid by Jones, that remains an open question. I am not quite sure who paid.

8014. The next ?—1,056, Richmond, I think, 20*l.*

8015. Robt. Richmond, did you pay that yourself ?—Yes.

8016. The next ?—573, James Haines, I rather think 15*l.* 574 is J. Haines also.

8017. Jn. Haines, junr. ?—Yes, 15*l.*

8018. The next ?—674, George Humphrey, 15*l.*

8019. The next ?—665, James Howes, 15*l.*

8020. The next ?—1,304, F. J. Weeds, 15*l.*

8021. The next ?—I rather think that is 14 I have given you now.

8022. (*Mr. Russell.*) It is 23, exclusive of the four men for whom you gave money to Kelf ?—Yes, that is right.

8023. (*Mr. Slade.*) Now the next ?—356, S. Culham, 5*l.*

8024. Stephen Culham ?—Yes. You will please to make a note here. I have the memorandum. He was twice paid.

8025. By you ?—I am not quite sure. By our side rather.

8026. Do you mean twice paid on your side ?—Yes. Perhaps in Jones's examination this will come out; that is why I give you the remark, to test it.

8027. The next ?—369, E. Davey, junr., I think it is.

8028. How much ?—20*l.*

8029. The next ?—810, W. Longhurst, 20*l.*

8030. The next ?—987, A. Pettingill, 15*l.*

8031. Alfred Pettingill ?—Yes. You will please to take a note here that I have here some names bracketed together, and I have also to offer some explanation about them.

8032. Is Pettingill one of the names bracketed ?—Yes.

8033. The next ?—741, William Killett, 15*l.* I have also here 357, Curson; perhaps Carson.

8034. Matthew Curson ?—Yes; 5*l.*

8035. The next ?—366, Darnell, 10*l.*

8036. William Darnell ?—Yes; those are all braced together, and I have the remark Hickling against it; you had the name Hickling before.

8037. Those four ?—Yes.

8038. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) They all voted on the other side, did they not ?—Indeed, I am not aware.

8039. (*Mr. Slade.*) The next ?—345, Crisp, 15*l.*

8040. Frederick Crisp ?—Yes. I have not my initials against it, I wish to observe; so that I could not actually vouch it, although I have not the slightest doubt the money has gone through my hands.

8041. The next ?—581, Hallams, 15*l.*

8042. Robert Hallams ?—Yes.

8043. The next ?—617, Hastings, 20*l.*

8044. Richard Hastings ?—Yes.

8045. The next ?—748, King, 15*l.*

8046. William King ?—Yes.

8047. The next ?—526, Henry Gooch, 15*l.* My initials is not opposite that.

8048. The next ?—756, Lacey. I rather think it is 15*l.*

8049. Christopher T. Lacey ?—Yes.

8050. The next ?—717, James Johnson, 15*l.*

8051. The next ?—1,237, Todd, 15*l.*

8052. John Todd ?—Yes.

8053. The next ?—408, Duffell, 15*l.*

8054. Thomas Duffell ?—Yes.

8055. The next ?—472, William Fox, 15*l.* I rather think that was paid through other hands, though the money was paid by me.

8056. The next ?—51, William D. Baldwin.

8057. How much ?—15*l.*

8058. The next ?—69, Barber, 15*l.*

8059. James Barber ?—Yes.

8060. The next ?—There is also a memorandum of two names coupled together; one seems to be erased. I will give the names of both of them—1,231, Thurlow, and 409, George Dunnell; they are braced together, 15*l.* You will observe these transactions were at a time of great excitement, and perhaps they have not been kept quite as accurately as they ought to have been.

8061. We understand that. Give us the next ?—511, George Gillings, 15*l.* I have the name of Hickling also against that.

8062. The next?—358, Henry Curtis, 15*l.* I have the name of Downing also against that. I mean when I have the name of Downing opposite it is possible the money may have been conveyed through his hands.

8063. We understand that. The next?—1,148, Smith, 15*l.*

8064. William Smith, Northumberland Place?—Yes.

8065. The next?—890, J. Newark, 10*l.* I think that had been paid through other hands.

8066. John Newark?—Yes.

8067. The next?—I think that concludes as far as I am able at present to afford the Commissioners any information. Robinson's expenses two guineas, I have a memorandum here. I think that would be expenses for a man coming down from some other town.

8068. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) A voter?—Yes, a voter.

8069. (*Mr. Slade.*) What expenses were they?—They would probably be personal expenses. They could not be put into the legal return of expenses.

8070. What is his christian name?—I think William; I am not quite sure. If you go to the number on the left-hand page, you will find perhaps that he was out of town. This was in addition to the railway ticket. The Act allows the railway ticket, but no other expenses, and I paid him those expenses in addition to the railway ticket.

8071. Is it Samuel Robinson, of Manchester?—Yes, that would be the man.

8072. Do you recollect; did this man come down from Manchester?—I am not quite sure. I know he came a distance.

8073. Instead of giving him the railway ticket you paid him in money?—This would be in addition to the railway ticket, for his personal expenses. We cannot do more than give them the railway ticket. They must have a ticket or a railway pass; we could not give them cash. Then there is another similar circumstance. I rather think I gave a man of the name of Goldsmith 3*l.* My impression is this man came down from London, and we gave him 3*l.*

8074. Samuel Goldsmith?—Those last two were not paid in the nature of bribes, but for their expenses.

8075. The next?—There seems to have been only two paid in that manner for their expenses, or something of that sort. Then I have a memorandum here, "Cash with regard to myself in hand, 2*l.* 18*s.* 0*d.*" That I think will be all the information that I can impart to the Commissioners at present. With regard to the amounts I have given previous to my retiring, I may say that I received 1,750*l.* and disbursed it.

8076. How did you disburse it?—Those amounts do not exactly come out; but I think Mr. Salmon, Mr. Brogden's private secretary, tested these accounts afterwards between me and Jones, and brought it to 1,662*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* That is the amount I gave to Mr. Brogden, and there was a certain discrepancy.

8077. There is Salmon's account (*handing it to the witness*)?—Yes, it is 1,662*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*, and, if you will allow me, the testing, or rather the auditing of these monies received and disbursed, never brought out the original sum of 1,750*l.*, from some omission of mine for which we never could account. I offered Mr. Salmon at the time the best explanation that I could, and he was satisfied. It could not really be explained. With regard to the 1,662*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* and the 1,750*l.*, whatever the amount was, it has never been gone into any further since; it has been considered disposed of, so far as the accounts are concerned. I may be called again, and I shall be very happy to offer any information I can give.

8078. I can tell you exactly how it stands; you received 1,750*l.*, and you have accounted for 1,398*l.*?—Mr. Jones' accounts and mine rather clashed. There was some little irregularity, after coming to me and getting paid, then going to him and getting paid.

8079. You received 1,750*l.*?—Yes.

8080. You have accounted for 1,398*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*; deducting 1,398*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* from 1,750*l.* there remains 352*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* to be accounted for?—I think, upon further remembrance, I may be able to furnish that perhaps.

8081. When did you and Mr. Salmon make up your accounts?—A few days after the polling day. I am not quite sure whether it was the day after we commenced to do it or not.

8082. Did you give him the accounts from the book which you have been referring to?—He audited it from my memorandum here.

8083. The same book?—The same as I have read from, in fact these are his totals at the bottom, these figures. He kept them after the election, and he has handed them to me since I have been at Yarmouth.

8084. We have nothing to do with the auditing the accounts between you and Mr. Salmon; all we have to find out is, the men to whom you gave bribes to?—Yes.

8085. Have you given us all the names?—As far as I can think of. As there is a difference of 352*l.*, I am trying to remember. I remember the circumstance that I gave 100*l.* for three names, but whether I have the memorandum as to it I do not know; I will be sure to bring it if I have it. Then there is another 195*l.* or 198*l.* which I gave, which will reduce that 352*l.* so far.

8086. Where would those memoranda be of the names?—I am not quite sure whether I have it in my pocket-book at the hotel or not.

8087. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Probably Mr. Salmon can give it us?—No, I do not think he would be able; but I have an impression that I gave a receipt to Mr. Salmon for a certain amount, which represented three or four voters of 100*l.* which I gave to an individual to convey to those voters. I will take care to supply you with the person to whom it was paid, and the names of those for whom it was intended, and Downing will be able to explain the 195*l.* or 198*l.* which I paid him. It was either 195*l.* or 198*l.* I have given you at present all the names to the best of my recollection, and I shall be happy to furnish you with any others.

8088. (*Mr. Slade.*) The prices at Gorleston are 5*l.* higher than the prices in Yarmouth?—Yes. If you remember, I told you, by some means or other, by some combination or other, it was determined the price should be 20*l.*, and none would take less.

8089. When you were at Gorleston on the Monday night, did you learn that bribery was going on on the other side?—Previously to my going down to Gorleston. I heard it upon the Saturday or Sunday.

8090. Did you hear what prices the Conservatives were giving?—I heard it was 20*l.*, and some 25*l.* It was mere rumour, nothing more than that, and if we did not immediately commence we should be too late in the field. I was also told on the Monday morning that we were just too late in the field, and it was quite an open chance even then upon the Monday morning.

8091. Did you ask the price of the voters in the borough of Yarmouth when you began your operations; did you ask what the price would be?—Well, I really could not speak positively. I rather think I did do so.

8092. Did you have a list given you of men who had been bought at previous elections?—No. The remark which I told you in my private ledger as to the letter "T" I may have got it from hearsay that those were open to mal-practices from some one or other, and, if we really intended to proceed, those might be approached for the purpose.

8093. You pretty well knew what men were to be bought?—Yes. Those are the men supposed to be ticked off as men that we could get.

8094. Who gave you the information that made you put "T" to the names?—It came first from one source, and then from another, in the course of the canvass. There was no remark made in the canvass-book, but the language of the man, and his deportment at the time of being waited upon for his promise, and in asking the question whether they

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would really vote so-and-so, and they would not promise. When asked for the reason, the inference was that he was really open.

8095. Was this your canvass book (*referring*)?—That is my private register, copied from the register brought in by the canvassers, or from small bits of paper; but I made another set of canvass books afterwards, which do not happen to be in my possession. I did not consider it necessary to have them after the election was over; I considered that they were utterly worthless.

8096. Against many of these names here there are the initials "C" and "D"?—That is the alphabetical letter relating to the amount of bribery.

8097. Were those letters put against the names before you gave the bribe, or afterwards?—They have been posted in afterwards from the poll book, and from the statements of Jones and other men. To the best of my recollection, that was fairly and honestly done. You may take this as posted up in that book in strict alphabetical order, showing the amount given to those voters in the entire borough of Yarmouth.

8098. Before they had voted had you put the letter down to say how much they would be paid?—No. That was put after they had voted, or, rather, after they were paid.

8099. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) There are two or three names here as to which there is nothing against them, although you have stated they were bribed?—Quite possible. I do not vouch for the accuracy of every one. I say, in the posting from Jones's account and mine, that would be as near as possible.

8100. It may have been an error in the posting?—Quite so.

8101. (*Mr. Slade.*) Has this register been into anybody else's hands but your own?—No. I always make that an essential point, to keep that myself. I may, during the canvass, have laid it upon my table partly open, but it was merely for my own guidance.

8102. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You have had a good deal of experience, you say, in other elections?—Yes.

8103. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you say that you saw Mr. Marshman with Mr. Brogden on the first occasion when you came down?—Quite so.

8104. Because Mr. Marshman tells a different story. He says, "I never knew of Edwards coming until I saw him here one morning;" and in another place he says he only saw you at luncheon time, that you used to come into lunch, and he then saw you, but not on other occasions?—Probably that might be so with regard to coming in at lunch time. He used to be out upon his canvass. We used to breakfast together and dine together. The first time I arrived, upon Tuesday evening at 10 o'clock, Mr. Marshman and Mr. Brogden sat in a private room, and Mr. Brogden then introduced me as Mr. Edwards. It is an erroneous impression upon his part. I do not think he has stated it wilfully.

8105. You are pretty confident Mr. Marshman was present?—Yes, quite so.

8106. When you had concluded your canvass, did you consider that you had then any possible chance of obtaining both the seats, even with an expenditure of money?—Yes.

8107. You thought you could obtain both seats?—Yes. We were under the impression we could get more votes than we did get, and we had more votes than promised, but not sufficient to carry the election.

8108. At the time you began spending the money you thought Sir Edmund Lacon's seat secure?—Sir Edmund Lacon's seat; we considered it a question whether he or Mr. Brogden would head the poll. We thought ourselves pretty safe as to Mr. Goodson's seat.

8109. At that time you regarded Sir Edmund Lacon's seat as safe?—Almost; I will not say quite safe.

8110. That was before any money had been spent?—Yes.

8111. On either side?—No, not on either side; upon our side. This was upon the Monday. I was under that impression preceding the polling day, upon the Wednesday.

8112. You said, "I thought bribery would have to be resorted to on the Sunday week previous?—That was in the ordinary conversation between me and Mr. Marshman upon the posting up of the promises. He asked me, with regard to the "Won't promise," what was the meaning, and I said I rather anticipated it would be bribery.

8113. At that time did you consider that the fight for the head of the poll would be between Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden?—No, we had concluded our canvass books then.

8114. What is the period at which you considered you concluded your canvassing?—The Monday morning; that was the final canvass.

8115. Had anybody but yourself access to that poll book which you have handed in to us?—Yes, I never made it any secret. It was merely as a guidance for myself on behalf of Mr. Brogden's interest.

8116. Was it ever lying on the committee room table?—In my room.

8117. And had the members of Mr. Brogden's and Mr. Vanderbyl's committee access to it?—Yes, many of them.

8118. After you had made the entries "A," "B," "C," and "D"?—No, I made those after the polling.

8119. Those you did not make till after the polling?—Oh, dear no.

8120. Was there any intimation whatever in your book that money had been paid before you made those entries?—No, nothing whatever, merely the initial letter; the "T" for the "tinnable," who were open; not an intimation of the amount they would require, or anything of that sort, but merely that they were voters that were venal.

8121. Nothing that enabled anybody who looked at the book to see that money had been spent or contemplated?—Oh, dear no.

8122. I am not asking you about other elections that you have been acquainted with, but, from your experience of other elections, did you find it difficult to obtain a promise in Yarmouth?—Not as a general rule. There were many offered their promises very willingly. With regard to Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman, they treated us with every courtesy and respect; but still there were a certain number that probably had received money at previous elections waiting to see the result as to what the price would be.

8123. You gained no experience in that respect in Yarmouth that you had not gained in other places?—Oh, dear no. I was rather shocked when I went down to Gorleston at the cool manner in which the voters asked for money down there, and being also determined to have 20*l.*

8124. Was that rather in excess of your ordinary experience at other places?—Yes, quite so.

8125. You said you had not decided upon bribery at the time you sent for Mr. Jones?—No.

8126. "Decided" is a strong term; I suppose you had contemplated it at that time?—No, we really had not. In fact, it was not an engagement between myself and Mr. Jones.

8127. Had you originally sent for Jones simply to assist you in the legitimate conduct of the election?—In the legitimate, or if illegal practices were to be resorted to; because I knew from his experience he might adopt that course if it was wanted, and it would be too late to send for him afterwards.

8128. I will not say you decided upon bribery at the time you sent for Jones, but had you contemplated it?—No. We did not know whether we should go to the poll and adopt the illegal practices. I sent him down, so that he might assist me otherwise, as the case might be.

8129. Did you send for Jones because you knew, if it was necessary to resort to bribery, he would be a useful man to have at your elbow?—Perhaps so. At

that time I had no idea of the bribery that would be resorted to.

8130. Was anybody but yourself present when Mr. Brogden authorized you to make use of Mr. Jones in this way ?—I rather think not.

8131. If anybody was present, can you assure us that you cannot remember who it was ?—I feel almost confident that there was not. I daresay Mr. Jones will be able to confirm that statement.

8132. Do you know if you introduced Mr. Jones to Downing ?—Yes.

8133. Are you sure of that ?—Yes. I introduced Mr. Jones, I rather think, to Downing first; in fact I introduced Jones pretty generally, and, I believe, Downing among the rest; in fact he was an utter stranger, and it must have been by my introduction.

8134. Downing has most emphatically denied that he ever was introduced to Jones ?—I think he must have been under a wrong impression; he has not wilfully stated so, but he is under a wrong impression. There has been a great amount of confusion, I may say, by two Edwards being connected with the affair. That is what has confused Mr. Marshman and Mr. Vanderbyl.

8135. I asked him who introduced him, and he said, " I cannot say; he came mysteriously, and he went " away mysteriously ?"—In fact, I feel almost confident that I introduced Jones to him.

8136. Let me read this, " I must repeat my question: " ' Who introduced you to Jones' ?—I do not think " anyone did. Jones, I think, asked me whether my " name was Downing, and I said ' Yes.' He said ' That " is all I want to know, my name is Jones."—It is not very probable that Jones, having the payment of money, and Downing receiving a sum from him, would do so without my introduction.

8137. I put the question to Downing because I was pretty well convinced in my own mind that you would have introduced Jones to him ?—Quite so.

8138. Did you ever pay a ticket that was not either in Jones's handwriting or your own ?—I am not aware. I could not particularise individual's handwriting at the time, not from memory. I know that I did get a ticket, but whose writing it was I do not know. The great principle was the initial letter that we adopted, and many of the voters did not know what it represented, or what it was.

8139. You would have honoured a ticket in a handwriting not yours or Jones' ?—If it represented the initial letter, which was only cognizant to myself and Jones I should.

8140. As far as you know ?—As far as I know. I am speaking to the best of my recollection.

8141. Have you ever calculated what was the average price paid for votes ?—No, I have not.

8142. You do not mean the sum you have given us represents all the money that was spent in Gorleston, do you ?—That has gone through my hands. Jones, who I expect will come before you, will state the sum that he has paid down there.

8143. As far as you know the entries that you have made in your canvass-book represent all the monies that were spent on your side ?—In this memorandum book, do you mean ?

8144. No; in the canvass-book that you handed in to us ?—Yes; there may be some little importing from this book into that. To the best of my belief it is posted in there as accurately as can be.

8145. Why, in many instances, did you give money instead of tickets ?—Merely as a matter of convenience more than anything else.

8146. Not because the voters objected ?—Oh, dear no; it was to prevent duplicity.

8147. How was it that being prepared with the money, and the means of distributing it, you did not have recourse to it earlier ?—For this simple reason, that we had not really decided whether we should go to the poll or not, or retire from the field, because if we resorted to illegal practices Mr. Marshman said he would not be cognizant of it; and then the question was, whether Mr. Brogden would fight it single handed.

8148. Did the objection of Mr. Marshman to bribery being resorted to have an effect upon you in determining you to postpone the expenditure of the money ?—It had a very great influence upon the election, the retirement of Mr. Marshman. We thought at one time we should retire from the field.

8149. If you had had a colleague of Mr. Brogden's, instead of Mr. Marshman, willing to spend money in bribery should you have resorted to that expenditure at an earlier date ?—We should, as the other candidates had resorted to it.

8150. Then I may take it, it being the original intention of Mr. Brogden to spend the money in this way, that made him determined to spend it when it was too late ?—Quite so.

8151. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know a Mr. Hewitt ?—I do not remember him.

8152. Because I see a note here occasionally "see Hewitt ?"—I will explain that. Those are a class of men in the service of Mr. Hewitt, I think, some gentleman down at Gorleston who is connected with them; I believe they generally go together. It was merely to see him, not with regard to any illegal influence, but to see how he went, and of course they would go with him.

8153. Does that apply also to Mr. Owles ?—No, that was a personal friend of Mr. Owles, whom he undertook to write to to ask for a promise. I think he was then travelling in Germany or Switzerland, I forget which. He said, he being a personal friend of his he would write to him.

8154. I see also Mainprice ?—Yes. I think that will apply to him. I shall have to name Mr. Mainprice afterwards as to a money transaction, when I give you the other papers; I did not give you the name at the time.

8155. Do you know a man of the name of Whiting ?—Will you give his address ? I do not know him by that name.

8156. John Whiting, High Road, Southtown ?—No, I do not remember him.

8157. Do you know Lovewell Blake; he lives in the Sefton Road, Southtown ?—If he is a young fellow, I do; a son of Mr. Garson Blake, I think it is.

8158. Did he do anything in the way of distributing money ?—Oh, dear no.

8159. I understand you are going to give us whatever money you gave to anybody else ?—Quite so.

8160. And you also will refresh your memory in the meantime as to those other amounts ?—Yes. I cannot suggest them at the present moment, but I intend to.

8161. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose in the 1,662*l.* 2*s.*, of which you gave us an account, your services were included ?—Oh, dear no.

8162. Where would it be included; in which item is that ?—It would not be in any of those.

8163. This is extra, besides the 1,600*l.* ?—Yes. Mr. Brogden paid me after; that is not included.

8164. We must have what you received from Mr. Brogden for your services ?—I shall be able to give that.

8165. Can you tell us ?—I forget whether it was two guineas a day. Mr. Brogden paid my hotel bill.

8166. (*Mr. Russell.*) I understand you to say your expenses meant your personal expenses; that it was two guineas a day and your personal expenses ?—Yes, I rather think so; I am not quite positive about it. Mr. Brogden paid my hotel bill at the "Angel," with my own personal expenses.

8167. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you get from Mr. Brogden ?—I am not sure whether it was 49*l.* or 50*l.*, including railway fares and everything; my fare backwards and forwards, and personal expenses, and everything.

8168. 50*l.* ?—It was 50*l.* or 49*l.*; I am not quite positive.

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Mr. William Salmon sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

8169. You are private secretary and clerk to Mr. Brogden?—Yes, I am.

8170. What day did you go down to Yarmouth at the last election?—The first time I came here was Monday, the 3rd July. I arrived here by a late train, I think half-past 7 or 8 o'clock; it might be after, but some time between half-past 7 and half-past 8.

8171. Had Mr. Brogden sent for you?—Yes.

8172. Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman were here by that time?—Yes, they were; at least, I suppose, Mr. Marshman was. I did not see him on that occasion, but I knew generally he was here canvassing with Mr. Brogden; therefore I may say they were both here.

8173. For what purpose were you sent for?—Generally to come down to attend to his private business, utterly unconnected with the election.

8174. Did you stay on from the 3rd July until after the polling?—No, I returned to London on the 6th July with Mr. Brogden. We left here together on the 6th, on Thursday the 6th July. Of course it had come out that about that time Mr. Marshman's retirement was in contemplation. I heard that from Mr. Brogden on our road to London, and I returned to Yarmouth on the 8th, Mr. Brogden returning here on the 7th.

8175. Did you come back alone?—I returned alone.

8176. When did Mr. Johnson come down?—He was saying this morning he came here on the 30th June. Of course he will correct that if it is wrong. I know he was here when I came in the first instance.

8177. He was in Yarmouth when you came?—Yes.

8178. I understand you to have come down entirely to attend to Mr. Brogden's private correspondence?—No, I did not say entirely, I said mainly. Perhaps if I were to state what I did in connexion with the election it might save considerable trouble. Mr. Brogden has already expressed what I did in the matter. That was, Mr. Johnson, in the first instance, had charge of certain monies, to render them into my hands, and this money, as detailed by Mr. Brogden in the statement he made the other day, was handed over to Jones and Edwards; that is the whole I had to do with the election in Yarmouth, and as my name has been mentioned naturally enough in the evidence, the Court has had a wrong impression about me, and, if you will allow me, I will clear up some difficulties, and put clearly aside any mythiness as to myself. A note of the evidence of Mr. Clowes on the first day, as reported, was handed to me, and the question was put to Mr. Clowes, "Was Edwards ever known as Mr. Salmon?" Of course that does not imply that I was known as Edwards, but it did convey to my mind this idea, that the question suggested that Edwards and I might be playing with each other's names, and I should like to clear that up, that I did not pass under the name of Edwards to anyone else; no one knew of me except by my proper name. Then, I see, there is another matter. Mr. Vanderbyl is asked whether he knew me here. He did not. The only occasion on which I saw Mr. Vanderbyl was after the election, when he was addressing the people from the balcony of the "Angel." That was the first time I saw him. I had nothing whatever to do with the conduct of the election, or the management of the election, or the committee, not until after the election, when I stayed behind to square up certain accounts. There is another matter. Mr. Brogden was asked by one of the learned Commissioners whether I was present at the committee meeting on the Monday. As I said just now, I was not present at the committee; I did not know of any meeting; I took no part in it. My operations, until after the elections, were confined in Yarmouth in distributing a certain portion of these funds. It was a very unpleasant duty, but of course I did it to Jones and Edwards.

8179. That money came down in two sums of 4,000*l.* and 2,000*l.*—No, it came down in various sums, but the total was 6,000*l.* that came down. That I know for a certainty, and I may say I know it in this way, that, although Johnson had the cash in the first instance, he handed over to me the balance after distributing sums to Jones and Edwards; and I have no hesitation in saying 6,000*l.* was the sum, because he handed over the balance that came into my hands, and I hold myself responsible for the sum; therefore I can speak definitely that that was the sum.

8180. We want to know what day the money came down to Yarmouth?—I believe the first came down on the 3rd of July.

8181. Who was that consigned to?—It went to Mr. Johnson's hands.

8182. It came down in gold?—It came down in gold, the whole of it came down in gold.

8183. How did it reach Johnson's hands?—I brought it down myself in the first instance, and delivered that to Mr. Johnson himself.

8184. The first day you came down you brought some money with you, how much was that?—1,000*l.*, I believe.

8185. You went up to London on the 6th July, and came back on the 8th?—Yes.

8186. Did you bring down some money on the 8th?—I think I did, but I will not be certain; and I also went down on the Monday following, and brought some down then.

8187. On the 8th, and the other day?—The 3rd, the 8th, and the 10th, and that will confirm, if necessary, what I said about not being at the committee meeting. I was in London at the time it was held.

8188. Can you specify how much was brought down on the 8th, and how much on the 10th?—I do not remember that; my impression was, I should bring down altogether from 2,000*l.* to 2,500*l.*, but I do not distinctly remember the circumstances.

8189. On two occasions?—On three occasions.

8190. How did the balance of 6,000*l.* come down here?—It came by other parties, I presume.

8191. Can you inform the Commissioners what other parties brought down the money?—If you ask me the names I should like to give them to you privately. Is it necessary to give them?

8192. If the gentlemen who brought the money were cognizant of what it was to be applied to we must have the names, but if you can tell us positively that they were perfectly ignorant for what purpose the money was to be brought down, you may give us the names privately?—I think I may state, of course without asserting it as an absolute fact, that they would not know what it was, and they might even not know that the parcels contained money.

8193. Then just hand them in on a piece of paper; but before you write the names down I will give you a name, and if it was that gentleman's name you must say whether it was or not; was it Mr. Brogden's own brother?—I believe that he did bring some down, but I cannot swear to that; but I believe he did, and that would be one of the names I should have given you. Do you ask for the other names?

8194. Yes, give me any other names?—My reason for asking to give them privately is simply not to introduce the names of gentlemen who had nothing to do with it.

8195. You understand the Commissioners reserve to themselves the right to read the name out publicly if they think it right?—I am perfectly aware of that, and also that it is my duty to give you an answer to any question. I may state, generally, I should be most happy to answer any question you think fit to put. It is simply to avoid any needless names being mentioned. I believe those are the whole of the names. (*The witness wrote three names on a piece of paper, and it was handed to the Commissioners.*)

8196. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is the third name you mentioned there a clerk?—Oh, dear no. That is a

name certainly I should like to make the most private of the trio. He is not in the slightest degree connected with Mr. Brogden or any of his family.

8197. Is that the one of whom you say with most certainty he could have known nothing about it?—I think he would have known nothing about it.

8198. The other two, I think, it is possible must have known?—I simply gave it as my opinion, as I said in the first instance, I would not swear distinctly to that.

8199. (*Mr. Slade.*) We know nothing about the the third name you have put down, but the other two names the Commissioners are of opinion you must mention openly?—Very well, then, of course I must do so. I never hesitate about obeying your orders, Mr. Charles Tahourdin and René Tahourdin.

8200. Are they both solicitors?—No, René is not a solicitor; he is studying.

8201. In his father's office?—Yes.

8202. Mr. Charles Tahourdin is Mr. Brogden's solicitor?—Yes.

8203. (*Mr. Russell.*) Can you add any description of the third person for our guidance? Can you write any further description?—Yes, I can do so.

8204. For our own private guidance?—That I understand.

8205. With the understanding that we shall not make use of any name except we think it necessary for the interest of the inquiry; at present, we know nothing of that gentleman to guide us at all?—I will do so. (*The witness handed a slip of paper to the Commissioner.*)

8206. (*Mr. Slade.*) Where did you get that 1,000*l.* that you brought down the 3rd of July?—That I should like to give you, in the first instance, privately.

8207. We are bound, under our oaths, to find out everything that we can?—I do not ask for anything that is unfair.

8208. It is necessary we should be able to trace that money?—I brought it from the bank.

8209. What bank?—The Imperial Bank.

8210. Has Mr. Brogden an account at the Imperial Bank?—No.

8211. How did you obtain the money?—He has explained it. I do not remember what he said in his examination by the transfer of consols. I may say at once the whole of the money came from the same source—the 6,000*l.*

8212. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was it all paid into the Imperial Bank in the first instance?—That I cannot say.

8213. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Mr. Brogden open an account at the Imperial Bank?—I think I can answer the question of the learned Commissioner. I think it was a loan on the transfer of consols, obtained in that manner from the bank in the nature of a loan.

8214. You mean to say there was 6,000*l.* placed to Mr. Brogden's credit at the Imperial Bank?—Yes.

8215. Which he drew out?—Which were drawn for the purposes of this election.

8216. Drawn out by cheque?—No, I think not; I never saw any cheque.

8217. In what manner did you obtain payment of it?—From instructions being given to the bank to answer my request so far as I drew. I did not draw the whole of it out, and I cannot say who drew the remainder. But probably, as you had the names of those parties, you will be able to see; but I know the whole has come from that bank, and I debit myself for the manipulation of it. I debit myself with the responsibility for that 6,000*l.*

8218. The 1,000*l.* you drew out yourself, how did you obtain that?—From the bank.

8219. In what manner?—Mr. Brogden was present, if I recollect; I am not positive on that point. If not, it was obtained by his instructions. I am wrong in saying Mr. Brogden was present, but I obtained it from instructions he left at the bank. I did not present a cheque.

8220. Did you take a letter from Mr. Brogden?—No, I did not.

8221. Were you personally known at the Imperial Bank?—Oh, yes; and you might see a discrepancy where you asked if Mr. Brogden had an account there, and I said no. The firm of John Brogden and Sons, in which he is a partner, bank at the Westminster Branch of the Imperial Bank. We have an account there, but this came direct from the head office.

8222. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I understand 6,000*l.* was placed at the head office of the Imperial Bank to the credit of Mr. Brogden?—My impression is the 6,000*l.* was a loan by the bank upon a transfer of consols to the bank.

8223. A transfer of consols to the bank belonging to Mr. Brogden?—Quite so, of course.

8224. Were you present when Mr. Brogden made the arrangement?—No, I was not. It was with the manager it was arranged. Of course. I knew the facts. I have no hesitation in saying I knew the fact, but I might not know it at the precise moment.

8225. Was it made through any particular parties in that bank?—No, not that I am aware of. I believe the usual custom with that bank as many others is, if you obtain a loan with the security of consols lodged with the bank. I know they have in the London Joint Stock one, two, or three trustees, with whom the loan is made on behalf of the bank. I believe that is the regular routine of the London bankers.

8226. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you aware that the consols which produced 6,000*l.* were transferred?—Yes.

8227. Can you tell me if more than what would produce 6,000*l.* was transferred?—I believe not.

8228. Can you say it was not?—Well, I would not, because I cannot distinctly swear to it.

8229. I thought you knew the transaction?—Still I cannot charge my memory with the exact amount of consols transferred. I believe I did not say it was by a transfer of 6,000*l.* consols, but a transfer of consols to produce the 6,000*l.* loan to Mr. Brogden; but, as I do not remember, it would be folly for me to say. I knew what the precise amount was, but I have no hesitation in saying I know not more than that sum came to Yarmouth.

8230. We want to know how much Mr. Brogden was credited for at the Imperial Bank?—6,000*l.*

8231. 6,000*l.* only?—Yes.

8232. Not more?—No, that I state definitely. I am sorry I did not make myself clear, that the loan was 6,000*l.*

8233. (*By Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was it a common or an uncommon thing for Mr. Brogden to borrow money in this way?—I have no hesitation in saying he did it for the purpose of the election.

8234. Were the bankers aware for what purpose Mr. Brogden was borrowing the money?—I should think not.

8235. I want to know if it was a common transaction for Mr. Brogden to take money in this way?—Of course his financial engagements are very heavy, undoubtedly, in the purchase of consols and the transfer of consols; especially with reference to any parliamentary engagements, they are very heavy indeed, and it is a matter of constant occurrence for us to purchase consols for the purpose of parliamentary deposits.

8236. The fact of Mr. Brogden's borrowing money at the bank would not have looked at all suspicious?—It would be looked on as a very ordinary thing for him to do.

8237. This name that you mention here, has he anything to do with the bank?—Yes.

8238. Then I am afraid you must mention it?—I will mention it if you wish it.

8239. (*Mr Slade.*) Yes, what is he?—He is the manager.

8240. Then we must have his name, Mr. R. A. Bentham?—Yes.

8241. And he brought money to Yarmouth?—Yes.

8242. What amount?—I am not sure whether he brought 500*l.* or 1,000*l.*, one of the two.

8243. And on what day was it?—That I cannot say, but I think I received it on the 9th or 10th, I cannot distinctly say which.

8244. That would be on the Sunday or Monday?—Yes, but I think on the 9th.

TENTH DAY.

Mr. W. Salmon.

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8245. Did anybody else bring down money to Yarmouth for Mr. Brogden ?—Not besides those names I have given you.

8246. You sent in this account to Mr. Brogden ?—Yes, I made it out in London the other day.

8247. Did you receive vouchers for any of the sums that you expended ?—Yes, I got vouchers for those.

8248. 125*l.* 4*s.* ?—Yes.

8249. Did you receive anything in the shape of vouchers from Mr. Jones or Mr. Edwards ?—I think I have a voucher from Mr. Jones that was made some time after.

8250. As to the illegal payments ?—No.

8251. Was any account sent in to you ?—Mr. Jones rendered an account, and so did Mr. Edwards. That is what I had to do with the money; nothing but dispense the money. I remained behind for the purpose of gathering up fragments, and getting such an account as, under the circumstances, could be obtained. Whether that account was strictly correct I had no means of judging. I did the best I could to get a full account.

8252. Did these two gentlemen give you the sums they had paid to each individual voter?—Yes.

8253. Have you any memorandum of that?—Mr. Edwards has it. I sent him an account for his own use, to refresh his memory.

8254. What he read out to us to-day, I presume ?—No, I do not think what he read from is the account furnished to me. Still that was one of the accounts he furnished to me. He wished to refresh his memory, and I sent it to him.

8255. Did you go through this poll book with Mr. Edwards ?—No, I generally accepted all the items they gave me. I simply looked to this to see if there were any duplicate items in Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones' account, and there were one or two, and they were adjusted the same as if they were auditing any other matter. I did not go through it, because I had no cognizance of how money had been employed.

8256. You stayed behind after the election ?—Yes.

8257. And I think you made some payments to Mr. Livingston, did you not ?—There were some payments I made, and I think they are included in that. In fact, if I put into the hands of the Court the drafts as I took them, it will probably be the simplest mode of getting it, so far as they go. (*The witness handed in some vouchers.*)

8258. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are those the vouchers for the 125*l.* ?—Quite so.

8259. Do you know why the items of the 125*l.* 4*s.* did not pass through Mr. Clowe's hands ?—Yes.

8260. Why ?—As Mr. Clowes said he was in correspondence with me, and I met him once or twice with the view of adjusting the legal expenses, those accounts Mr. Clowes considered formed no part of the legal expenses that should be returned to the officer, and therefore they ought not to be included; but I told Mr. Livingston and Mr. Downing, I do not know any more from whom the committees gained information with regard to these accounts, I knew nothing of them, but "if you say they are matters that ought to "be paid, I will pay them without objection." But they were submitted to Mr. Clowes, as he was making out the legal expenses and account, and he said he could not include those, and that is the reason they were not included, at least I suspect not. With reference to one or two items which are for refreshments, I do not know the items with reference to Mr. Brogden's hotel bills, I ever called Mr. Clowes' attention to, but he has those papers.

8261. I presume you were not aware that Mr. Brogden was bound by the Act of Parliament to have sent in to the returning officer an account of his own personal expenses ?—I was not. If it is not included in those expenses it is from my ignorance of the necessity. I do not say it is not, but my impression is it is not, but of course I can get it from Mr. Clowes.

8262. Were you aware you were forbidden by the Act of Parliament to pay anything except through the election auditor, or as personal expenses ?—I was not aware of what the Act was in question, I simply did this. Mr. Livingston was generally there, and Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones. They produced the accounts to me, and said, "These are to be paid." In one instance there was some initials upon them. I said, "I know nothing about the accounts, they may "be true—I believe refreshments for the Committee; "but if you say they are to be paid of course I shall "pay them." I think they are generally for refreshments for the parties employed in connexion with the canvass, as far as I can judge, but I am not cognizant of their true character.

8263. (*Mr. Slade.*) There were payments you made to Mr. Livingston after the election, that are not among the vouchers. To four different men Livingston spoke of, first a man named Newman ?—I think there were, and I may say the reason they are not there is, when I was asked the other day in London to refer to the papers on this matter, I found among the papers that I had not referred to for many months a memorandum that I had not had for some time. I sent for that, and I can give you the information that is referred to. Give me the name you spoke of.

8264. A man named William Newman, 7*l.* ?—He was paid 5*l.*

8265. A man named Miles Juler ?—There is John Julier, 5*l.* for services.

8266. Charles Botwright?—11*l.*

8267. And Thomas Rising ?—10*l.*

8268. Were there any other payments you made besides those of a similar character ?—No, except here is John Hubbard for his expenses to Norwich; what it is I do not know, or who he was.

8269. How much ?—1*l.* Would you kindly call over the names I have given you, and I will tick them that I may be sure. There is Newman and Juler.

8270. Mr. Livingston said you gave Newman 7*l.* ?—5*l.* is here, and I have no doubt it is 5*l.*

8271. And he says you gave Miles Juler 3*l.*, which was 10*l.* between the two ?—It might be in this way. Mr. Livingston might come and say I want 5*l.* to be paid to Newman for something, what I do not know. I have put it down here for services, another for Juler, 5*l.* If it was apportioned by him in any different form I am not aware of it, and I do not know that these parties called on me to get the money.

8272. Charles Botwright, Mr. Livingston says 16*l.* or 18*l.* ?—11*l.* I have.

8273. And Thomas Rising is 10*l.* ?—Quite so. Then there is another, W. Lawrence. I do not know what it is for. I see in the margin of my note-book there is a figure 737; probably it might be for a voter, and I really do not know whether that is the meaning of the figure in the margin of my book.

8274. That would not be Lawrence's number ?—Then I cannot translate it. I have no recollection beyond the fact of its being here.

8275. Did Mr. Livingston tell you that he could not make a claim for those services to the returning officer ?—I have no remembrance of his saying so.

8276. He came to you and said he had expended this money and wished to be repaid ?—He probably might do so, but the fact is, with regard to any of these sums, I know nothing about them. I had no means of knowing it. If Mr. Lawrence came to me and said Miles Juler, or John Jones, or anybody else, must be paid 5*l.*, I should have handed the money because he said so, not knowing anything about the conduct of the election. I took the word of Mr. Livingston, or any such gentleman who would say "so-and-so must be paid," as a matter of course. He might say that to me, but I have no recollection of it. If he did I should have paid no attention to it, because I never made any inquiry. If he said, "There is an account of 5*l.* to be paid," I should have given him the money.

8277. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) The Act of Parliament is "explicit upon that, "That no payment (except in "respect of the personal expenses of a candidate) and "no advance, loan, or deposit shall be made by or on "behalf of any candidate at any election before or "during, or after such election, on account of or in "respect of such election, otherwise than through an "agent or agents whose name and address, or names

" and addresses, have been declared in writing to the " returning officer on or before the day of nomination, " or through an agent or agents to be appointed in his " or their place, as herein provided ; and any person " making any such payment, advance, loan, or deposit " otherwise than through such agent or agents shall be " guilty of a misdemeanour ? "—I have no recollection " or knowledge of any such thing.

8278. Both you and the bankers who made the advance have not obeyed the Act of Parliament ?—My position was, I was left there to square up the accounts, and I knew nothing whatever about them. My apprehension would be that Miles Juler for services was paid 5*l.* for attending to the work of the committee. That would be the impression I should have; but I distinctly state nothing was said to me about these things being matters of bribery.

8279. It is not a question of bribery ; it is a misdemeanor, the payment of that at all ?—As far as my knowledge goes, I had no knowledge of its being an illegal payment ; if I had I should have at once stated, " I shall not pay it." If I have violated the statute it is in perfect ignorance of the statute, and in perfect ignorance of what the payments are for.

8280. (*Mr. Slade.*) You stayed behind at Yarmouth to get up the petition ?—No.

8281. Did you not assist Mr. Livingston ?—I did not stay behind. I came down in the month of December, and I may explain that things got put into a form that they ought never to assume. I came down here to make some inquiry, and I called upon Mr. Costerton, and asked Mr. Costerton what he thought the best plan of procedure in the matter of getting up a petition, supposing he considered it advisable to do so, what mode of procedure would he recommend. He said, " I think the best plan is, if you can stay, make " with Mr. Livingston a few inquiries, and submit them " to me, and see if anything can be got out of it, and I " will take it up afterwards." It was simply at the suggestion of Mr. Costerton I remained behind. I was here two days, and made some inquiries into the matter, but afterwards the thing was handed over to Mr. Costerton, and I had nothing further to do with it.

8281*a*. Did Mr. Brogden send you down for that purpose ?—Yes.

8282. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You have given us the names now of all parties who brought down money ? —I believe I have. I am not conscious of any other. If anything should occur to me I should be very glad to give it you. I believe I have given you every name, I am sure of it.

8283. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you the entire custody of the 6,000*l.* after it arrived in Yarmouth ?—No. As I explained in the first instance, it came to Mr. Johnson's hands. He distributed to the party certain sums of money. Ultimately the balance came into my hands, and then I had the money and debited myself with the 6,000*l.*, because I could take to the credit of that account the advances made by Mr. Johnson to Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards.

8284. You had no check whatever at that time on Johnson ; Johnson disbursed the money to Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards without consulting you ?—Yes. Of course he carried out his instructions, and I have no hesitation in saying the account he rendered to me is perfectly correct.

8285. Had you no instructions from Mr. Brogden as to the disbursement of the money ?—To Jones and Edwards ?

8286. Yes ?—I do not know that I had. I got some instructions I fancy from Mr. Johnson ; but I got to know at all events Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards were the parties managing the election for Mr. Brogden, and unquestionably they got the money from Johnson and myself.

8287. And the bulk of the money had arrived in Yarmouth before Mr. Jones came ?—I know nothing of when Mr. Jones came, but I believe none of it was handed over to Mr. Jones or Mr. Edwards before the Monday. Mr. Johnson was saying so this morning, and I have no doubt will prove it to you when he is called. That is Monday the 10th.

8288. Mr. Johnson would know more of the disbursement of this money than you do yourself ?—Well, he knows nothing about the disbursement, nothing whatever. All he knows is all I know, that it went to Jones and Edwards, but how it was applied neither he nor myself know one iota.

8289. Do you know, or will he know, how it went to Jones and Edwards ?—Do you mean the transit from himself to Jones and Edwards ?

8290. Yes ?—Oh, direct. I thought you were referring to the disbursement by these parties.

8291. No, the mere transfer ?—That is what he will say. It was given direct.

8292. Mr. Brogden said, "It was clearly under- " stood by those people to whom I remitted the money, " that they were not to part with any of it until the " final determination as to whether we would go to the " poll at all hazards was taken ?"—Quite so.

8293. Did Mr. Brogden mean, do you think, yourself and Mr. Johnson ?—Would you kindly read that again.

8294. It begins in these words, " Can you remember " the day when the 4,000*l.* was paid ?—I do not think a " shilling of it would go into Jones' hands till after the " Monday. Have you any reason for thinking that ?— " Yes; because it was clearly understood by those " people to whom I remitted the money, that they were " not to part with any of it till the final determination " as to whether we would go to the poll at all hazards " was taken ?"—I have no doubt that was so ; but probably that is a point Mr. Johnson can speak to.

8295. That is why I put the question to you. I thought you might have received instructions from Mr. Brogden ?—No.

8296. Did you pay the bill at the "Angel ?"—Yes; you will find it included in the vouchers I have put in ; it is the one for 68*l.*

8297. 65*l.* and 8*l.* ?—Yes.

8298. Were the bills delivered in those forms without any items ?—I think there was a bill. I believe it was in this way, but Mr. Garratt will explain that, if my version is not sufficient. I think Mr. Brogden's account and Mr. Vanderbyl's were kept in one together, and 65*l.* is Mr. Brogden's proportion of the hotel charges simply. I have no hesitation in saying they are for the hotel charges and nothing more. The 8*l.* which is on the next sheet you have there following 65*l.* That is James Brogden's hotel bill. He was down here with his boy and nurse, and I paid it, not as a part of the election accounts at all, only as I paid it out of the monies in my possession, as part of the 6,000*l.*, it is put in that form to account for the total money.

8299. So far as you know, no further sum was paid to the "Angel" at all ?—There was money paid for the use of committee rooms; they were included in the legitimate expenses that were paid by the officer.

8300. But entire as hotel expenses, exclusively so ? —Yes; you will find there was one 10*l.* 5*s.*, which is my bill. That I do not look on as election expenses, but as my bill at the hotel purely, the election day, and a few days I was here afterwards, and the use of the rooms for my convenience. It is 10*l.* 5*s.* or 10*l.* 15*s.*, I am not sure which. I think you will find it is 10*l.* 15*s.*

8301. You remember that the 1,000*l.* you first brought down was on the 3rd of July, but you cannot remember exactly the amount you brought on the 8th and the 10th ?—No, I do not; therefore I would not presume to mislead the Court.

8302. They all came from the same source, the Imperial Bank ?—Oh, yes, and the 6,000*l.* was the total. Of that I am very clear and satisfied.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

ELEVENTH DAY.

28 Aug. 1866.

ELEVENTH DAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 28th August 1866.

Mr. Clowes stated, that he wished before the Commissioners proceeded to business, to make an application relative to the present situation of the town, and the inconvenience to persons continuing their attendance during the time of the races which were now taking place. It was the practice of the town to close the public banks, and other places of public resort, from 12 o'clock in the day, and it would add very much to the comfort and convenience of the witnesses attending from day to day if the Commissioners could adjourn until Thursday. To-morrow, being market day, and the second race day, business was entirely suspended in the town; and, if he had been aware of the anxiety there was on Saturday to obtain an adjournment, he would have mentioned it to the Commissioners. He hoped it was not too late now for the convenience of the Commissioners to take that step which would be satisfactory to many persons who were attending as witnesses, and who were anxious to get away. Therefore, he would ask the Commissioners to adjourn from one o'clock this day until eleven o'clock on Thursday, in order that those in regular attendance might have some relaxation.

[*The Commissioners having consulted*]

Mr. Slade stated, in answer to the application of Mr. Clowes, the Commissioners wished to state that they were most anxious to consult the convenience of the inhabitants of Yarmouth, but, at the same time, they must recollect that they were sent down with a staff, and at a great expense to the country, and they felt it their duty, if possible, to prevent any undue delay arising; and also, they felt they ought to take care that no inconvenience should accrue to witnesses who were summoned from a distance; therefore, they thought satisfaction might be given to the parties making the application, by the Commissioners rising at 1 o'clock to-day, and sitting from 10 until 1 to-morrow.

Mr. Clowes replied, that in the names of the reporters, and the townsmen of Yarmouth, he begged to return thanks to the Commissioners for the courtesy they had exhibited in so kindly acceding to their application.

Mr. W. Salmon.

Mr. William Salmon recalled; examined by Mr. Slade.

8303. Have you received a telegram from Mr. Satterthwaite?—No, I have not received a telegram from him, but I telegraphed to him this morning.

8304. Read it out?—This is it, "Salmon, 'Angel' "Inn, Great Yarmouth, to C. Satterthwaite, Fylde "Street, Preston. Telegraph me immediately when "you will be here. The Commissioners will not be "trifled with, and you have nothing to fear." I thought it better put in that way. The reply I received is from Mr. Wilcock to myself. "Mr. Satterthwaite is not at home. Will not be home till Friday night." And I venture to suggest, as he will then be home, and could not be here by Saturday, it is a long distance to travel by London or Peterborough, that you will fix Monday morning for him; and as Mr. Edwards will be returning to Preston if you dismiss him to day, he will make a point of seeing Mr. Satterthwaite, and I have no doubt will be able to produce him before you on Monday morning.

8305. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Edwards gave us an account in the account Mr. Brogden put in of 1,662*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* Did he furnish you with an account?—Yes. He has that account.

8306. Mr. Edwards has that account?—Yes.

8307. Did you return it to him?—I returned it to him since I came down here.

8308. With regard to the amount of 3,912*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* entered here, which Mr. Jones expended during the election, did he render you an account of that?—Yes.

8309. Have you got that account?—Mr. Edwards has it.

8310. The other item of 125*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.* you have already given us?—I explained that yesterday.

8311 I think Mr. Edwards told us there was some little difference in that amount of 1,662*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.* between you and him, some little difficulty in rendering the account accurate, but you were satisfied with it?—I am satisfied in this way; he said, since I came down here, and probably during the inquiry, he may be able to find something that will reconcile the discrepancy; but if not, I am ready to put down the difference as an item that cannot be accounted for in the account he has given. He has put down there all that makes it clear to my mind.

8312. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did all the money that came down to Yarmouth pass either through your hands, or through Mr. Johnston's, before it went into the hands of Mr. Jones?—Oh most decidedly; undoubtedly.

8313. Mr. Jones could have received no money, so far as you know, that did not pass through your hands, or through Mr. Johnston's?—Certainly not.

8314. And you gave no money except to Mr. Jones or Mr. Edwards?—No. I presume that question has referred to the same idea in the mind of myself and the learned Commissioners, as to whether or no any other money came down, that either Mr. Brogden or myself had no account of. As I said yesterday, and I confirm it to-day, I feel positive, that for the purposes of this election not one farthing more came into Yarmouth, as far as Mr. Brogden is concerned, than the 6,000*l.* already spoken of.

Mr. J. Edwards.

Mr. John Edwards recalled; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

8315. You heard the evidence just given by Mr. Salmon, that you have the accounts he rendered to you at the time?—Yes.

8316. Will you hand them in, the account you rendered, and the account Mr. Jones rendered?—Yes; that is the account of Mr. Jones (*handing it to the Commissioners*). I should mention, perhaps, Mr. Jones will be able when he comes here to explain that that is a memorandum I made for him. It was given to me yesterday.

Mr. G. C. Johnston.

Mr. George Collins Johnston sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

8317. Are you a clerk to Mr. Brogden?—I am chief clerk and accountant to the establishment with which he is connected.

8318. When were you first at Great Yarmouth?—I arrived here by the morning train on the 30th June.

8319. Did you come down to Yarmouth in consequence of directions from Mr. Brogden?—On the 28th June I was in the North of England attending to my duties at one of my places there, and I received a message from Mr. Brogden to come down. On the

29th I left, and arrived here on the 30th June, in the morning, in obedience to that request.

8320. And did you stay at Yarmouth, then ?—Yes.

8321. How long ?—I stayed till I think it was the 13th when I left, the 12th or 13th.

8322. That was the day after the election ?—It would be.

8323. Did you go up to town ?—I was not out of Yarmouth all the time.

8324. Will you give us an account of what money passed through your hands ?—3,750*l.* passed through my hands.

8325. When did you receive the first sum ?—On July 3rd.

8326. How much was that ?—1,000*l.* on that day.

8327. Who from ?—Mr. Salmon.

8328. When did you receive the next ?—I think it was on the 6th I received the next.

8329. How much was that ?—That I think was 500*l.*

8330. Who gave it you ?—That would be Mr. Edwards conveyed that to me.

8331. Did Mr. Edwards tell you where he got it ?—No.

8332. When was the next ?—On the next day.

8333. That was on the 7th ?—Yes.

8334. How much was that ?—That would be 250*l.*

8335. The next ?—The following day.

8336. From whom ?—From the nurse of Mr. Brogden's nephew.

8337. What is her name ?—Hunter.

8338. The next ?—The following day ; I received on the 8th and 9th 1,000*l.* each day from Mr. Salmon. I think that will make the sum.

8339. Yes, that makes 3,750*l.* ?—That is the sum.

8340. Was that all the money that passed through your hands ?—All.

8341. What did you do with that ?—2,000*l.* I paid to Mr. Jones.

8342. When ?—I parted with all the money I had in the two days ; and the first money I should distribute would be that advanced on the day of Monday, the 10th, and it all passed out of my hands on that and the following day.

8343. All the money ?—Yes.

8344. You gave 2,000*l.* to Mr. Jones on the Monday ?—Yes, I cannot discriminate between the days on which I gave it.

8345. But you gave him 2,000*l.* altogether ?—I commenced that day, and I quitted all my money in two days. I speak of that entirely from memory, but I am quite certain of that. I gave 2,000*l.* to Mr. Jones, and 1,000*l.* to Edwards, 640*l.* to Mr. Salmon, 50*l.* per his hands to Mr. Brogden for personal expenses, as I can see, and 50*l.* to the same quarter by Mr. James Brogden for the like purposes per the brother for his personal expenses, I understood it was, and I retained 10*l.* I had not cash sufficient to go home, and I retained 10*l.* for travelling expenses to go back again. I travelled about the country to different establishments, and I had not quite sufficient money to do it. That would make up the sum that passed through my hands.

8346. Do you know anything about the rest of the money ?—No, nothing.

8347. You have told us all that you know about it ?—I know nothing at all about anything else but what I have told you. I took no interest in it ; I attended no meetings ; I took no part in it, and had no interest whatever in Yarmouth politics. I was performing a duty, and I did it.

8348. (*Mr. Russell.*) Are you sure it was on the 9th and not on the 10th that you received the third 1,000*l.* from Mr. Salmon ?—I believe it was on the 9th.

8349. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When did you give that 640*l.* to Mr. Salmon ; what day was that ?—I believe it was the afternoon of Tuesday. It was the residue of the money that I then had, and it was out of that money that I reserved the 10*l.*

8350. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you agree with Mr. Salmon that all the money that reached either Mr. Jones or Mr. Edwards passed either through your hands or Mr. Salmon's ?—I have no doubt about it ; I do not speak of it as a fact, but I have no doubt about it.

8351. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Salmon said, that either 2,000*l.* or 2,500*l.* was brought down by himself You have given us 3,000*l.* as brought down by Mr. Salmon and given to you ?—Excuse me, I did not say "brought down," I said "come into my hands by Mr. Salmon."

8352. (*Mr. Russell.*) According to this, out of the 6,000*l.* 3,750*l.* passed through your hands ; therefore, supposing, as Mr. Salmon says, the balance to have passed through his hands, he would have to account for 2,250*l.* ?—Of course I cannot attempt to explain anything that passed through Mr. Salmon's hands. He no doubt can do that. I can only tell what passed through my own. I have no doubt Mr. Salmon can clear up all questions of figures, but I can only speak to what passed through my own hands.

8353. You received no money from either of the Mr. Tahourdins ?—No ; I have given in an account of all that I received and how I received it.

Mr. William Salmon recalled ; examined by Mr. Slade.

Mr. W. Salmon.

8354. Can you explain about that 2,250*l.* ?—What is your question ?

8355. There is a sum of 2,250*l.* which must have passed through your hands to make up the 6,000*l.* ?—If you remember, I said yesterday, in answer to the learned Commissioner on your left (Mr. Russell), that I could not distinctly remember what were the second and third sums that I brought down, and, as I could not, I would not state it ; but that in the aggregate I debited myself with 6,000*l.*, and the statement put in by Mr. Brogden accounted for that 6,000*l.* Therefore, there is no real discrepancy in any shape or form between Mr. Johnston's statement and mine. He speaks as to what came into his hands, and the source from which it came to him, but that has no reference to the mode of its conveyance from London to Yarmouth. But, inasmuch as you perceive I am debited with the 6,600*l.*, the whole of the money that came down—and the statement that you have upon the notes explains the expenditure of that money, with the exception of the balance I retained as a suspense account on Mr. Brogden's behalf—the whole is explained clearly.

8356. The balance is 300*l.* ?—About that.

8357. Within 5*s.* ?—Yes.

8358. (*Mr. Russell.*) I want to trace out the disbursement of the money. Mr. Johnson, so far as he concerned has given us an account of his disbursements ?—Quite so.

8359. You say that all the money that reached the hands of Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards passed through his hands or yours ?—I put it this way. Taking Mr. Johnston's statement as to the amount that passed through his hands to Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards at 3,750*l.*, then the remainder—the difference between that sum and the two sums expended by Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards—makes up the difference. That must have passed, and did pass from me to those two parties.

8360. Then, in fact, you accept the balance 2,250*l.* as the amount which from first to last you yourself disbursed to Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards ?—Yes, perfectly, as explained by that statement.

8361. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Or retained ?—Oh, certainly, without any hesitation.

8362. (*Mr. Russell.*) But you do not remember the details in which you disbursed it ?—I do not remember. I may have some memoranda of it, but it would be easy for me, from Mr. Jones' and Mr. Edwards' accounts, to show what must have passed from my

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hands to others individually, taking Mr. Johnston's statement as the basis of what passed from him to them. It is simply a question of difference.

8363. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I understand you that you do not recollect from whom you received that 2,250*l.*?—No.

8364. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you receive money from either of the Mr. Tahourdins or from Mr. Bentham?—Yes, I proved that yesterday; and I may say, if I find I have among my memoranda anything that will throw any further light upon it, I shall be very happy to submit it to the Commissioners.

8365. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You mentioned all the parties who assisted in bringing the money down?—I mentioned them yesterday, and I have no recollection of there being any others; not to my knowledge. I concealed nothing, and I have no desire to conceal anything whatever.

8366. I only want to see exactly who brought it down?—I shall be very happy to give any further explanation you wish.

8367. (*Mr. Russell.*) The sum you yourself brought down is, in round figures, about the amount of the disbursements you made to Mr. Johnston?—Excuse me, I do not understand that.

8368. Mr. Johnston says that he has received at different times 3,000*l.* from you?—Quite so, I understand that.

8369. You say altogether you brought down from London yourself some 2,500*l.* or 3,000*l.*?—Yes.

8370. Therefore, in round figures, what you yourself brought down you handed over to Mr. Johnston?—Quite so.

8371. Consequently, the 2,250*l.* would be about the sum that you received from the Mr. Tahourdins and Mr. Bentham?—Quite so, and I put it in this way: I perfectly accept Mr. Johnston's statement of the sums he received from me.

8372. It is not with the view of casting the slightest discredit upon you or Mr. Johnston, but merely to understand how the money passed?—I was not taking it in that sense, but merely to clear up the matter.

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8373. Where do you live?—In the Market Row, Yarmouth.

8374. What are you?—A draper.

8375. Did you take an active part at the last election?—I might say I did or I did not.

8376. Which will you say?—I will explain it. I was not an active partisan; I took a little active part in getting the voters up to vote on the Wednesday.

8377. Had you not taken an active part before the Wednesday?—No; I may say no. About the Thursday before the Wednesday I had a circular sent to me to attend a meeting, and it was sent to me through Mr. Fowler, in the Market Place, and this meeting was called to say to so many of us in the Market Ward that we should look after what we call the "shaky" voters—that is, those who would not promise; and we came to the conclusion, after the meeting was called, that I knew some of the shaky ones in the ward, which I offered to take.

8378. What ward?—In the Market Ward. I offered to take them, and to see what they wanted; and if you will allow me, I will go on with the names I have taken.

8379. We should like to have them?—I offered to take the name of Spencer.

8380. Is that Isaac Spencer?—I do not know the name; he keeps a public-house at the bottom of the Market Place; a tavern, or something of that sort. I may say this meeting was called, not giving any of us any instructions to say that anything was going out; only to say that there were so many voters in that ward who would not promise either party, and as four or five of us met together to take one or two names, or two or three ——

8381. Give me the names first?—I took the names to see what they wanted; to see what I could get out of them, not knowing we were going to spend anything.

8382. Give us the names first, and we will have the other afterwards?—Samuel Keeler, a maltster.

8383. Is that Samuel Keeler?—Yes, Samuel Keeler; and Frosdick.

8384. What is his christian name?—I really do not know his christian name. I know the man quite well.

8385. Is it James Thomas in Market Road?—He lives in the Market Road.

8386. Is it a fish-house?—It is a fish-shop, or fish-house, or something.

8387. Is that all?—Those are all the names to the best of my recollection that I took to see.

8388. What is that list that you have got?—It is only just the names I have got down, so that I may not forget any names that I remember.

8389. Let me look at it?—Those are only the names. There are two or three more names that I can mention; I will give you the other names; I will explain all of them.

(*The list was handed to the Commissioners.*)

8390. These other names in the list you did not take at that time?—No; but I put those in that I might not forget them.

8391. Were those the only shaky men you undertook to look after at that meeting?—Yes, at that meeting.

8392. What day was that meeting?—On the Thursday; after 6 o'clock on the Thursday before the election; it was after 6 o'clock, after we had closed. I think the meeting was called between 6 and 7.

8393. Where was it held?—At Mr. Fowler's, in the Market Place.

8394. Was that a public-house?—No; a private draper's shop.

8395. Who were at that meeting?—A man that keeps a shoemaker's shop in the Broad Row; a Mr. Reeder.

8396. Who else?—Mr. King.

8397. Which Mr. King was that?—He lives down on the beach, close to Mr. Skinner's mill. I think it is in the Nelson Road.

8398. Henry King?—I think that is the name, sir.

8399. Who else?—Mr. Rivett in the Market Row. I am almost sure Mr. Rivett was there.

8400. And who else?—Mr. Overend.

8401. Mr. Overend of the Market Place?—Yes.

8402. Any more?—That is about all I can remember that were there. That is the lot that were there besides myself.

8403. That makes five altogether?—Five altogether.

8404. Who convened the meeting?—I believe Mr. Fowler did.

8405. And was Mr. Fowler at it?—Yes.

8406. Who gave you the authority to go and look after these shaky ones?—There was no authority given, only we were called together and asked whether we knew certain parties in the ward, and I took those three names as I have them, and I was to understand, that we only wanted to look after them, and if we could by any means get out of them what they were hanging back for, why they would not promise, and I did all my work that same night.

8407. Did you go that same Thursday?—That same Thursday, all alone by myself; and it rained that Thursday night too.

8408. Did you go to Mr. Reeder?—I had no occasion to go to Mr. Reeder; he was at the meeting.

8409. Mr. Spencer?—I went to Mr. Spencer. I did not go to tell him what I came for. I thought I had those three, and I knew they generally attended some sort of house or other, and as I went into Mr.

Spencer's, he was at home, and I got a bottle of ginger-beer and I made it last as long as I could.

8410. Will you be as short as you can?—Oh, yes. I made it last as long as I could, to see whether he would bring up the conversation, which he did. Says he, "The election is getting very near." Says I, "Yes, it is." Says I, "How are you going?" Says he "I do not know. I have not promised yet."

8411. I do not want the whole of the conversation?—I am coming to the conclusion, "Now," he says, "There are five of us altogether, and we five want 100*l.*"

8412. Did he say who the other four were?—No; I did not ask him. I knew there was a lot of them would most likely be together, and he said they would want 100*l.* The next I saw was Keeler, and I walked from the Quay very near to his house along with him, talking on the road, and talking about electioneering matters; and he said, "I am quite independent of "both parties; it makes no difference to me which way "I vote; but, before I promise either party," says he, "I shall see Mr. Nightingale, as Mr. Nightingale has been a good friend to me."

8413. Did anything more happen?—The next morning I happened to see Mr. Frosdick.

8414. Is that all that happened with Keeler?—Yes. The next morning I saw Frosdick. He passed, and I said, "Good morning, Frosdick;" and he stopped, and we got into a little conversation, and says he, "I shall not promise either party; I shall wait and see them that is giving the most."

8415. Did you offer any money to any of them, or had you authority?—I had no authority. I did not know there was any going to be spent on our part.

8416. Have you any reason to believe that any of those three men received money for their votes?—I believe every one of them.

8417. From which side?—I believe Spencer got it from the Tories; this is only belief, mind; and Keeler. I do not know it for a fact, but Keeler and Frosdick too. I think they are three very likely parties not to do anything unless they are paid.

8418. Do you think they got it from the Tories, all three?—I do not know. I do not know whether they voted for the Tories. What I am given to understand is, they took it from both parties, some of them.

8419. Have you reason to believe that Spencer, and Keeler, and Frosdick, all three, took money from one side, or from both sides?—Yes.

8420. Is this mere rumour, or have you any reason to think it?—The man told me himself he should not vote unless he got 100*l.* for five of them. It did not make any difference to him which way he went.

8421. Does the Frosdick you mention keep a fish-shop?—I know he is in the fishing way, but whether he keeps a fish-shop or not I do not know.

8422. Do you know whether it is William Frosdick or Christmas Frosdick?—I think it is Christmas.

8423. Does he live in the Union Road?—He is a short man. I really do not know his christian name, but I know the man quite well.

8424. Can you tell me anything more?—That finished me from the Thursday night, I think I may say, until the Wednesday of the election.

8425. You did nothing more?—I did nothing more than give those names in. I think I mentioned them to Fowler, and I reckoned I had done my work, because I had nothing else to do.

8426. What did you do on the Wednesday?—On the Wednesday, about 11 o'clock, I was in the committee-room across the market, and I believe I was almost one of the first that went to vote, and when I went into the committee-room, I walked about the Market-place, from there to one place and another.

8427. The Blue committee-room?—Yes; they would not have me in the other. I found there was a man placed there with a red pencil, to put the names off the wall as the parties had been put up to vote. I looked over the names, and I saw a man of the name of Mobbs, who had not voted, and I went down to him, and I asked him whether he had voted, and he said "No." I said, "He had better make haste and go, as time was getting away," and he said, "What are you giving?" I said, "I am sure I do not know; I have nothing to do with that whatever," because I had no means to go and get money, or any word about money. I said, "I am sure I do not know." If he wanted anything of that kind, I did not know what the price was. He said he would come and tell me in a little time. I went back again to the committee-room, and he did not come. I went back for him again, and he should not go unless he got something. I said, "I know nothing about it, you had better go to the 'Angel.'" That was the second time, and I went down for the second time and he went away from his house with me to the "Angel," and I took him and left him in the room at the "Angel." I believe Mr. Jones was there, but I did not know Mr. Jones, and he and Mr. Jones made the arrangement themselves.

8428. Did Mobbs come back and vote?—Some one in the room quite a stranger to me said, "See that he votes," and I went to see that he did vote. In a half an hour after that there was some little girl came to me again to say Mrs. Mobbs wants to speak to me. In about half an hour after that, the little girl came to the market-place to me and said her mother wanted to speak to me. I saw her and asked her what her name was, and she said "Mobbs," and she said, "My brother, Mr. Housago, has not voted yet." "Well," I said, "He had better come," and so he went, and he did the same, just the same, as the other did.

8429. You took him up to the "Angel?"—No, I did not take him, he went himself. By Mobbs being first taken, he told his brother-in-law how he had done it. I do not know what he got. He told the other, but he went and got all right.

8430. He went up to the "Angel?"—Yes.

8431. And came back and voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes; and the next one was Houghton, in the same place, a stone's throw.

8432. Do you know his christian name?—No; he is a baker.

8433. Where does he live?—In the Market Road. He went in the same way.

8434. Did you tell him to go up to the "Angel?"—Yes; whether he did, or I said anything to him about the price or no, I cannot say, but he went in the same way.

8435. You know he went up to the "Angel," and saw Jones?—He saw Mr. Jones, or some one there.

8436. And then voted?—And then voted.

8437. Anybody else?—Yes, after I had done with him I had quite done all my work, I was walking about the market-place, and a man of the name of Wales came to me. He is a cowkeeper.

8438. How do you spell his name?—I do not know. I know he is a cowkeeper. I put it Wale.

8439. In St. Nicholas Road?—Yes, he lived in St. Nicholas Road.

8440. Charles Wm. Wales?—I know he is a cowkeeper. I do not know his christian name.

8441. What of him?—I was walking in the market-place, and he came up to me. Says he, "How are you getting on?" Says I, "I don't know," because we were getting on rather badly, I thought then, by seeing the state of the poll. And, says he, "Do you know what they are giving?" I said, "No, I am sure I do not." I said, "Have you voted?" He said, "No." Then I said, "You had better go and make your own arrangement," and he said no, he did not think he should, and his wife came up at the same time; she is generally along with him. She came up to me and she said, "Mr. Waters." I said, "Yes." She said, "If you can get us 15*l.* I will come "and spend half of it along with you." I said, "I "have got nothing whatever to do with the money. I "do not know anything about it; if you want any of "the money you will have to go and make your own "arrangement." He went to the "Angel" along with me. As I took him up and got on the top of the

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stairs, he said, "What do you think they would give to go one and one?" A stranger, one of those gentlemen that has been here, Mr. Edwards, or some of the others in the room heard what he said, and he went into the room, and they did not give him anything, and he came down before me not getting anything. Still he hung about the market-place, and I believe a man of the name of Parker he got to, and I think he got money from Mr. Parker for the Liberals.

8442. Wales got nothing from Mr. Jones?—Nothing from me.

8443. Why do you think he got something from Parker?—Because I heard he went up again and got money from Parker, from the Liberals.

8444. We have got a return that Wales was paid 15*l.* from Jones?—That was after I had taken him up. He was refused the first time, and then he went again. That was the second time.

8445. Do you know whether Wales got anything on the other side?—He does not vote against them. I should think most likely he did.

8446. Who is Parker?—Parker is a fish-merchant. I do not know, I am only informed, he got the money through Parker since the election.

8447. Where did Parker live?—Down by the Market Gate, or the Market Road; somewhere thereabouts.

8448. In South Market Road, "William Parker, warehouse, South Market Road?"—I should think that would be the Parker.

8449. Was he Red or Blue?—He was Blue this time.

8450. Why do you think Wales got money from him?—That is the 15*l.* I believe he got afterwards. He did not get it from me.

8451. You think Parker took him up to the "Angel?"—Yes.

8452. Anybody else?—There is a Mr. Bell keeps a coffee-stall in the market-place, and he voted for us; and some one, who it is I have been trying to remember it and I cannot remember, some one gave me the instructions to see after Bell, to get him up to see that he voted. I do not know who it was, but I know I looked after him two or three times, and he went and voted for us, but I had no arrangement with him. I did know what he was to have.

8453. Where did he live?—He lived in the Market Gate. I went two or three times to ask him to go and vote, but I had nothing to do with making any arrangement whatever or saying anything to him.

8454. Do you know whether Bell went up to Mr. Jones?—I do not think he did. I believe he was made right, and I was told to look after him.

8455. You believe he had money and voted for you?—I believe he had money and voted for us.

8456. Anybody else?—No.

8457. Is that all you know?—That is all I know about the voters, but I have got a little more that I did during the day, but it is of no consequence you will say.

8458. All I want to know is if you know that any man received money either from one side or the other?—No, I do not think there is; not that I know of.

8459. Now I will ask you if you had anything yourself?—Not a farthing; I never saw one.

8460. Who told you about Mr. Jones?—Some one in the room when I first went up with Mobbs said "What do you want with Mr. Jones?" I did not know who Mr. Jones was.

8461. How did you know there was money going?—I did not know there was money going. If I had known it I believe we might have bought them in the market-place at about 11 o'clock for 5*l.* a-piece.

8462. You took these men to the "Angel"?—I heard by many others they were all going to the "Angel," and I thought the best thing was if there was anything of the sort going on they had better go and make their own arrangements.

8463. Do you know who it was told you there was money being paid at the "Angel"?—No.

8464. You took all this upon yourself, and had no authority from anyone?—I had no authority from anyone.

8465. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You said just now "We were asked if *we* knew certain parties at this meeting," whom do you mean by "we"?—I have given the names.

8466. But by whom?—By Mr. Fowler, myself, Mr. Rivett, and Mr. King, and the others. I said "we" because we were all together.

8467. (*Mr. Russell.*) I understand you to say you had no authority from anybody to hold that meeting?—Not at all; I only had a circular sent that they wished me to attend.

8468. When you went up to the "Angel" on Wednesday whom did you see there?—All strangers; I believe they were all strangers to me. I have been trying to remember who they were, but I believe they were all strangers, to the best of my recollection. Whether Mr. Livingston was in the room or no I really could not say as I saw him about the "Angel" passing from one room to the other, but whether he was in the room or no when I first went up I really could not say.

8469. Who worked with you on this Wednesday, or did you go about alone?—I went about alone except with the driver. I rode about in several places, because I did not tie myself to that ward alone. I went over several different wards to parties I knew. I went to look after them.

8470. Were you alone when you were driven about?—Yes; I think there was some one with me once or twice on the road, that I picked up.

8471. Who?—I think going down to the market gates. I went after a man of the name of Pestell that keeps the bathing-machines, and going down there when I picked up Hickling or Holliday, I do not know, but one of the two; but whether there was another one got in with us I do not know.

8472. Why did you pick up Pestell?—I went after Pestell.

8473. Did you find him?—I found him on the beach with the bathing-machines, and I asked him to vote.

8474. What is his christian name?—I do not know his christian name; he is a very stout gentleman.

8475. Where does he live?—He keeps the bathing machines.

8476. In the Crown Road?—I do not know where he lives.

8477. Has he got a shop?—I do not know; all I know is they are bathing-machines, and he was looking after those and I believe they are his. I asked whether he had voted, and he said "No." I asked him if he would go up and vote. He said "Which party do "you belong to?" I told him. "And," says he, "I have "not been up yet, and if I do I shall vote for the other "party, so I keep away."

8478. You know nothing more about him?—No.

8479. Did anybody go about with you canvassing on the Wednesday?—No.

8480. Are you sure?—Yes, quite sure.

8481. And you know nothing more?—No, all I can say is Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson called in upon me and they asked me for my support, and I told them I should not support them. Sir Edmund Lacon called in first and afterwards, one Saturday morning, Mr. Reynolds introduced me to Mr. Goodson at the door, and he with a little of his smooth tongue, as he generally uses it when he gets round you, he introduced Mr. Goodson and told me what a lot of good Mr. Goodson was going to do for Yarmouth, and he was a gentleman I ought to support, and through our conversation with me and Mr. Goodson I said, "If "Mr. Goodson can do so much good for Yarmouth, I "wish he would look and see that good was done to me "or his clerks, and pay small accounts that I said "were owing to small shopkeepers."

8482. I do not want to know anything about that?—They came in three times that day and got the account, and I got the money. They came afterwards and asked for my support, and I said "No, I am obliged for what I have got and I shall not support you."

8483. You got your money?—Yes, I got my money for the goods damaged.

8484. Had you any goods damaged on the railway? —Yes, not a large amount, only 3*s.* 6*d.*

8485. You complained of this ?—Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Goodson came in three times that Saturday talking to me to get the account which I gave to them, and during the next week I got the money.

8486. Do you know of other men who got money in the same way ?—No, I do not.

8487. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you take any part in the election of 1859 ?—No.

8488. Were you in Yarmouth ?—Yes, these 20 years or nearly. It is the first time I voted.

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8489. Do you keep the "Army and Navy" tavern ? —Yes.

8490. Where is that ?—In Yarmouth; Tower Road, or Blackfriars Road, in Yarmouth. It is abutting on one or the other.

8491. Was there a committee-room at your house ? —Yes, a sort of committee-room. A room was first hired for a public meeting on the Monday week prior to the election, and Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman were down there, and addressed the meeting from the window.

8492. Were there meetings from time to time after that ?—That was a sort of house of call, but not particularly any large meeting after that.

8493. Your room was retained for the purposes of the election, I suppose ?—Yes, for the purposes of the election.

8494. Where was this room, on the first or the second floor ?—I suppose you would call it the first floor; it was upstairs.

8495. The front room ?—The front room.

8496. Did you see a gentleman of the name of Edwards at your house ?—I think Mr. Edwards was down there once.

8497. What day was that ?—I am not positive, but I think it was the Monday prior to the election.

8498. What time of the day was it ?—I suppose it would be in the forenoon, in the morning time.

8499. Do you mean before 1 o'clock ?—I think it would be before one. I must tell you when this room was engaged on the Monday, in the forenoon I was not at home.

8500. Are you speaking of the Monday prior to the election ?—Yes, and I believe it was Mr. Edwards and this Mr. Jones went there and saw my wife, and asked could they have a room, as they had had it before. She, thinking it was for another public meeting, said immediately, "Yes, they could have it. I got paid before, and I shall be paid this time;" but I much question if I had been at home whether I should have let them have the room at all, but after it was done there was no help for it.

8501. Did Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones engage the room ?—Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones engaged the room, and we were paid for the room.

8502. Did either of them come to your house that evening ?—Mr. Jones was there some considerable time that evening.

8503. Was Mr. Edwards there?—I should think not.

8504. What time was Mr. Jones there ?—About half-past 8 or getting on for 9. It was getting dusk, I know, when he came down.

8505. Did anybody come with him ?—Mr. Moore either came with him or very shortly after he was with him.

8506. And who else ?—Not anyone else in the room at that time.

8507. Was Mr. Steel there ?—Mr. Steel came on one occasion, but not on that occasion. I think he came the next day.

8508. Was Mr. Moore the only man that was there that Monday evening ?—Mr. Moore was the only man in the room when Mr. Jones was there.

8509. Who kept the door ?—I generally was on the landing myself.

8510. You kept the door ?—Yes.

8511. Did you go into that room yourself at all ? —On one or two occasions I did go in.

8512. Several voters came to your house that evening ?—Oh, yes, numbers. I can hardly tell you how many. I suppose perhaps 40 or 50. I would not confine myself to 10. It is impossible for me to know them all. It being a public-house there were a great many people in and out besides.

8513. Did you introduce those voters into the room where Mr. Jones was ?—They inquired for Mr. Jones and I showed them the room. Some had a ticket in their hands, and some said "I have a note for Mr. Jones," and I said, "I will show you where Mr. Jones is."

8514. Did you let them in one by one ?—Usually one by one. I do not know of two going in at one time.

8515. Did they come out of the same door they went in ?—Yes, the same way and they appeared to make no secret of it. There were 30 or 40 sitting about at the time, and no doubt knew what each other was waiting for.

8516. When you went into the room where Mr. Jones was did you see any of these men receive money ?—Yes, I saw one or two receive the money themselves; one old gentleman I remarked particularly taking the money, because he would be so very particular in counting it. He was afraid he had not got his dole, I believe.

8517. What was the old gentleman's name ?—Gooch; he keeps the "Prince of Wales" tavern, I think they call it, in the Nelson Road, I suppose it would be.

8518. (*Mr. Russell.*) Thomas Gooch, Nelson Road? —I think that to be the man.

8519. (*Mr. Slade.*) When you went into that room was Mr. Jones sitting at the table ?—He was sitting at the table.

8520. And where was Mr. George Moore ?—Sitting up in a recess. I believe most of the voters that went in did not see Mr. Moore. He was sitting in a recess as a sort of checker. I do not know what his part of the business was.

8521. Was he concealed by anything ?—There was no screen at this place. He sat in there and the table would be here (*describing*).

8522. Was he within a few feet ?—He was within talking distance of Mr. Jones.

8523. Had Mr. Jones sheets of paper in front of him or a book ?—I think he had merely a list, merely a strip of paper. I did not see any book, not any large book. There might be a small memorandum-book, but I did not observe anything. I was in a very short time.

8524. Did you see any money on the table except what you have spoken to ?—I think the usual course was to take the money from his pocket, I am not positive of that, and count it over.

8525. And I suppose when all the voters had seen Mr. Jones and had this interview, Mr. Jones went away ?—He went away. I suppose he might be there something like two hours that night, or two hours and a half.

8526. And Mr. Moore went away with him ?—Yes, Mr. Moore went away with him or about the same time; I will not be certain.

8527. Have you any memorandum or names of the men who were there ?—I have not. I can recollect several who were there, but I have no means of knowing only from memory. Mine is a public-house and I was very busy in the bar, and had no time to make memoranda.

8528. I will not ask you the names now. We shall get them from Mr. George Moore, but will you write them on a piece of paper?—I will as many as I recollect.

8529. Now we will go on to the next day which was Tuesday ?—I think he came some time in the afternoon of Tuesday. There were one or two waiting and he was there a very short time. He went away again and I think I understood him to say he was

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going to Gorleston, but he should be down again in the evening.

8530. That was Mr. Jones?—That was Mr. Jones; if anybody came to inquire for him he should be down again in the evening.

8531. What time of the day was it on Tuesday that he was there?—In the afternoon time certainly. I think it would be about 4 or 5 o'clock to the best of my knowledge; I believe that was about the time.

8532. Who was with him at that time, Mr. Moore?—I am pretty sure Mr. Steel came down with him that afternoon, but Mr. Steel did not stop, he merely came down and went away again.

8533. Did Mr. Steel act the same part on Tuesday that Mr. Moore acted on the Monday?—No, he merely went into the room, had a little conversation and when the business commenced Mr. Steel went away.

8534. Was Mr. Moore upstairs with Mr. Jones on that Tuesday?—I do not think he was. I do not recollect his being there. I am not positive as to that matter, but I do not recollect whether he was.

8535. Can you say whether anybody was in the room with Mr. Jones?—I do not know he was that afternoon. What he did that afternoon he did alone. I think he was alone that time; I am pretty well sure he was.

8536. Did you stay on the landing on the Tuesday?—Yes, I showed people into the room.

8537. The same as on the Monday?—Yes.

8538. What did Mr. Steel do?—Mr. Steel came up with Mr. Jones, had some conversation with him, and then he went away again. I suppose Mr. Steel no doubt was cognizant of what was going on as well as I was.

8539. Did he assist in showing the voters into the room?—No, I did that, or if I was out of the way, they asked my wife or anyone which room Mr. Jones was in and they showed anyone in. There was no particular secret about it.

8540. That was a short visit that Mr. Jones paid you?—Yes, there were very few there. I do not think there were more than three or four. There had been some waiting, but they went away tired of waiting, and went somewhere else, no doubt.

8541. Then Mr. Jones told you he was going to Gorleston and would be back in the evening?—Yes.

8542. At what o'clock?—I think about 8 or 9 o'clock as near as I can recollect. It was three times he was there altogether.

8543. Did he take up his position in the same room?—In the same room.

8544. Who was with him in the room?—Mr. Fill came to the room with him that night. I do not think he stopped long. I am sure he did not stop long. I am speaking all from memory. I would not be positive of that, how long Mr. Fill did stop.

8545. He was there?—Yes, he did come.

8546. Was Mr. Moore there?—Not that night. If he was he would say, no doubt. I do not know whether he was.

8547. Was Mr. Steel there?—Not that night; he only came once.

8548. Can you mention any other gentleman who was there besides Mr. Fill?—Not on those occasions.

8549. Did you act the part of doorkeeper again?—Yes, on all occasions I may say.

8550. How many voters, in a rough way, came on the Tuesday night?—Not so many as the Monday; the Monday appeared to be the chief night, but there were several, perhaps a score.

8551. On both these occasions, on Tuesday, I presume the voters came with tickets?—Some of them. I might say most of them appeared to have tickets. They did not show them. Some said, "I have a note for Mr. Jones." I did not look at them to see what they were.

8552. The same course?—The same course as was pursued somewhere else. I could see no difference, I had nothing to do with the tickets myself.

8553. What o'clock did Mr. Jones go away on the Tuesday night?—Monday night it would be, getting on for 11.

8554. But Tuesday he came at 8 or 9?—He did not stop long; he would not be above an hour.

8555. Did he come again on Wednesday?—Not to my knowledge; I did not see him. If he did, I was out on the Wednesday.

8556. Did your hear from your wife whether he did come?—I could ask her, but she would have told me if he did, but I do not believe he did. He was generally engaged at the "Angel."

8557. Was your room engaged by anybody else except Mr. Jones?—No.

8558. Did Mr. Edwards come there?—I believe Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones came together when they engaged the room.

8559. In giving money to the voters?—No.

8560. Mr. Edwards never came for the purpose?—No, not to my knowledge. I never saw him doing anything of the kind or take any part in it.

8561. You will just give us as well as a list of those who came on the Monday, as far as you recollect, those that came on those two occasions on the Tuesday?—I will do so to the best of my recollection. It will be better for me to omit anyone I am not positive of being there, than to give any other I am not positive of.

8562. Were these voters, when they came to your house, brought up in a body by any one particular man?—No, they came straggling on the Monday night. They waited from 6 o'clock, till Mr. Jones came at about 9, so that they mustered in great force. They came in ones or twos, and they sat in the lower room till such time as Mr. Jones came, and it was soon over, for they all appeared to be in a great hurry to get served, and they went away again, and I was very anxious it should be so, that they should get away, because I was not at all proud of the business.

8563. What did Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards pay you for the use of your house?—Either two guineas or two sovereigns. I will not swear, but it was either two pounds or two guineas for those occasions. I got paid before, for the first occasion, three. Mr. Clowes paid me that.

8564. That was for the committee room?—Yes.

8565. On this occasion you got two guineas for the two days?—Yes.

8566. Is that all you received?—That is all I received. Mr. Moore paid me two guineas and Mr. Clowes paid me the other.

8567. Did you vote yourself?—Yes.

8568. For whom?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

8569. (*Mr. Russell.*) When were you canvassed?—When they first came down.

8570. Did you promise at once?—At once; I always do. I never make any hesitation about my promise.

8571. Excepting the information you have given the Commissioners, do you of your own knowledge know of any man who was bribed?—Yes, I think I do know of one or two; some that I spoke to myself that I can give you.

8572. Will you give the names now, or would you rather write them and hand them in?—I will write them, as I am to give the others, or do it now, whichever you please.

8573. Were these men you bribed yourself?—No, I did not bribe them myself, they came to my house and saw Mr. Jones.

8574. Merely add all those names to the list you are going to hand in?—Yes; if you wish to have it done that way I will do it.

8575-6. Any information you can give, or any man that you know to have been bribed on the other side?—I will do that.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Mr. Stephen John Frederick Stafford sworn; examined by Mr. Russell.

8577. You are a medical gentleman practising in this town?—I am.

8578. A surgeon?—A surgeon and apothecary.

8579. Where do you live?—In the Market-place.

8580. Was young Mr. Livingston a patient of yours shortly before the election?—He was.

8581. Do you remember from time to time having discussions with him on the subject of the election?—I have had frequent conversations with him on political matters.

8582. You being a supporter of the Conservative party and he being a Liberal?—Yes.

8583. Did you, shortly after the election, ask young Mr. Livingston if he knew of people who had been bribed on the Liberal side?—I did so.

8584. What did he say to that?—His answer was what persons did I wish to know about.

8585. How long after the election was this?—Well, that I could not say truthfully;—that I could not do; but it was some time I think, when there was a rumour that a Commission of Inquiry might take place.

8586. Was it before the petition, or after the petition?—I think it was shortly before the petition—I think so. How it arose was this. A patient of mine was under very great obligations to me; I asked him if he would vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and he promised to do so, but he came to me and said he had been offered—I cannot say whether 20*l.* or 25*l.*,—was I prepared to give him 15*l.* there and then? I said "Certainly;" but I said, "I have "stood at your back repeatedly lending you money "without any interest, or receiving the slightest remu- "neration, or a piece of paper to prove that you have "had it, and I am surprised that you should come to "me. You have promised to vote for them, and I "have told you, after the election was over, come to "me, and you shall not be a loser by it."

8587. I must ask the name of that voter?—Mr. Hewitt, a shoemaker.

8588. Where does he live?—In Charlotte Street; William Hewitt I think is the name.

8589. Then you did not give him any money?—I did not. I distinctly refused. I said—"If you cannot trust me, I am surprised, after I trust you."

8590. Is it Samuel Hewitt?—No; I think William is the name.

8591. Is it in Church Plain?—Church Plain and Charlotte Street, two houses in succession.

8592. Do you know whether he did receive money the other side?—He denied it *in toto* to me, because I accused him; and that was first how I came to ask Mr. Livingston if he did receive money.

8593. You do not know that he did receive any money?—That I cannot prove, of course.

8594. Was this before your conversation with young Mr. Livingston that you are now entering into?—The occurrence was before the conversation with Mr. Livingston.

8595. When he asked you what person you wished to hear about, did you mention Hewitt's name?—I named Hewitt particularly as one in the first instance.

8596. Did you name anybody else?—Then I named a man named Joshua Shearman, because Shearman had already told me how much money he had received, and where he procured it from. That is Joshua Shearman, in Row No. 63.

8597. He said he had received money?—Joshua Shearman told me he had received—whether 14*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* or 15*l.* I cannot answer truthfully about.

8598. Who from?—That I forget; but at the time, he told me he had to get a guarantee that he would vote, because as a rule, he is considered a shaky man, and he had to get a guarantee to stand for him that he would vote.

8599. But you heard that he had received money?—Yes.

8600. From the Liberal side?—From the Liberal side.

8601. Did you mention any other name?—I cannot now say. Why I mentioned those is this—that is the way in which it led us to get into conversation from time to time, because I naturally felt annoyed with this man after promising me, to as against me.

8602. Did you ask him then to procure you a list of persons who had been bribed on the Liberal side, and say, if he would procure you such a list you would give him 5*l.* for his trouble?—I did. But allow me to qualify that. The reply was that he would do it for me, but he did not want the money.

8603. Did you propose to give him the 5*l.*, or to deduct it from your bill?—Not at all from my bill; certainly not. Such a thing never entered into my mind, I wished it merely for my own information, that I might know, in the case of a future election, how things worked. That was the sole reason that I did it.

8604. Did you tell him that you had heard his father had a complete list of them all?—No, I did not tell him that.

8605. Why did you ask him to give you this list?—Because his father is one of the principals on the Liberal side, and I felt convinced that he had the list.

8606. And you expected to obtain this information from his father?—He could obtain it from his father perhaps, or some means or the other. Of course it did not concern me how he obtained the information.

8607. Probably surreptitiously?—Probably so.

8608. Did you tell him at the same time, that you either had, or were going to have, a list of all the persons whom the Tories had bribed?—Certainly not. This is in my own memory, I will not swear to it; he said, I think, "If you get the Conservatives would you show it to me?" I said, "I should have no objection to do it after the election."

8609. You might have said as much as that?—I might have said as much as that, but I could not swear that I said it.

8610. Did you mention the names either of Mr. Aldred or Mr. Nightingale with reference to the probability of your obtaining such a list?—Never.

8611. Did you mention their names at all in the conversation?—No. I have not mentioned their names.

8612. Are you sure of both those circumstances?—I am quite sure of those.

8613. Did young Mr. Livingston, when he promised to obtain you a list, say that he would not have his father know of it for anything?—That I do not know; I forget that.

8614. Do you remember on a subsequent occasion, sending Mr. Buscombe to him? Mr. Buscombe is your apprentice?—Yes, he is my apprentice.

8615. Did you send Mr. Buscombe to him on a subsequent occasion?—During the election, or after the election?

8616. About three weeks after the conversation that you have just detailed took place?—No; I have no recollection of such a thing.

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8617. Did Mr. Buscombe never go to him with your authority ?—No, certainly not.

8618. Did you not tell Mr. Buscombe to go to him and ask him if he had got a list of the names ready ?—No, certainly not. At the time the supposed list was between us I never allowed a soul to know anything at all about it, and you do not think I should communicate such a thing to my assistant or apprentice ?

8619. You communicated this fact to nobody ?—Certainly not.

8620. Did you obtain such a list from young Mr. Livingston ?—I obtained it of the Regent Ward, which I now possess.

8621. When and how did you obtain that list ?—That was obtained just before the petition ; I think it was between the election and the petition ; I cannot speak positively to the fact.

8622. Did young Mr. Livingston bring it to you himself ?—He brought it in short-hand.

8623. Between your application for the list, and his bringing you the list, had any further conversation taken place between you ?—Not that I am aware of, only sometimes I used to send for him ; for instance, I have dealt with Mr. Livingston for many articles, and when I wanted it, instead of going to the shop, I have frequently sent my pupil to ask him to come in.

8624. Did he require any further pressing before he brought you the list ?—I asked him for it two or three times ; that was after I received this one of the Regent Ward.

8625. Was it one evening that he went to you with that list ?—Whether it was in the evening or the afternoon I would not say ; I know I copied it in the dining-room, I know I did that.

8626. And you cannot remember the precise time ?—I could not do that, but I know it was after 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

8627. And as to the period, it was before the petition was fought in the Commons ?—It was most assuredly before the petition had taken place.

8628. Did he show you a list which he brought with him ?—He brought it in short-hand, and I copied it down at the time.

8629. Was it entirely in short-hand ?—Yes.

8630. Did he dictate it to you ?—Yes.

8631. And from that dictation you entered in that register ?—Yes.

8632. Will you please let me look at that. (*The document was handed to the learned Commisioners.*) Are all these entries in blue pencil the entries you made at that time from his dictation ?—Yes. How I used blue pencil is, that every year I used a fresh colour for my ledger, so that I know where bills are not paid. I make a cross with a different coloured pencil, so that I know the bills are sent out from year to year. That is how it comes to be done in blue. That was the color I adopted that year.

8633. Were all these in one ward ?—I believe so. It is the Regent Ward ; I think so ; I could not swear to that, but I believe it is the Regent Ward.

8634. Did Mr. Livingston then take away his short-hand notes with him ?—Yes.

8635. Did Mr. Livingston tell you how he obtained his information ?—No, he did not do that. He said afterwards, when I requested a further list.

8636. Let us end this conversation first. Did he make no observation as to how he obtained it ?—No, and I did not ask him, because I guessed where he had obtained it from.

8637. Where did you guess he had obtained it from ?—From his father.

8638. Did he make any mention of his father on that occasion ?—I think not.

8639. Were there no entries by you in this register, at the time you made the entries which he gave you ?—No, not of any monies at all. You will see little crosses made—you will see an occasional cross against the persons' names, and those are persons whom I solicited for their votes.

8640. Those marks were in the register when you received the information from Mr. Livingston ?—Yes. That register I carried round with me during my visits to my patients that I knew had votes. I requested their support for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

8641. Were all the entries and figures made on the intimation of Mr. Livingston ?—Yes.

8642. Did he tell you that the parties whose names he was going to give you were only what he had asked for, and that one or two of them he thought he was wrong about ?—He said that was a list he could give me of the Regent Ward, but there was one doubtful one there, and he thought that was a mistake, and I have written "doubtful" opposite the name.

8643. Had you suggested to him his obtaining this list from his father ?—No, I did not. I knew from being so connected with the head of the political party, or the Liberal party, that there would be a good chance of obtaining it.

8644. I wish to be quite clear upon that. There was no suggestion from you, or no offer from him, that this list of names should come from his father ?—Certainly not.

8645. Either directly or surreptitiously ?—Neither one way nor the other.

8646. Was it at that interview or previous to that interview that you had the conversation with him about Mr. Hewitt ?—I asked two or three times about Mr. Hewitt, because Mr. Hewitt had denied to me *in toto* that he had received a bribe at all, and I thought it very singular, if he had not, why he should take the immense interest he had done of riding about and doing as he had done for nothing at all, when I myself told him, after the election, if he would vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson he should not be shortcoming, if he would trust to my honour as I had trusted to his.

8647. Was Mr. Hewitt's name one of the names he gave you ?—That was the first time I wished for it.

8648. Did he give it to you ?—He gave it to me, and whether he received 20*l.* or 25*l.* I cannot swear, but Mr. Hewitt, I do not think, you will find in that list, because he is not in the Regent Ward. I think in the Market Ward.

8649. Mr. Hewitt was not in that list ?—I think not. I think you will find I have made a tick or three or four crosses against his name, because that was the time that he promised me to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

8650. There is an entry against his name in black pencil that has apparently been erased ?—Yes ; because, do not you see, he promised to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and then, when he came to me in the evening of one day before the election, he said, would I give him 15*l.* there and then ? I said no. He said, he could get 20*l.* or 25*l.*; and my answer was, "Go and get it, and welcome."

8651. Was that the time you erased the entry against his name ?—Yes.

8652. Had that entry been a promise to vote ?—He had distinctly promised it to me on the conditions I said. I asked him if he minded which way he voted. He said, not at all, because he had voted on Conservative municipal elections, and I thought he was sure to vote on the same side with us in the election for the borough.

8653. Do you remember asking him, very shortly before the election petition, whether he knew anything about the evidence that the Liberals had got out ?—Who ? Mr. Hewitt.

8654. No, Mr. Livingston ?—I do not recollect such a conversation.

8655. You do not ?—I do not, indeed.

8656. You did not ask him that, and he did not say in reply that he would be a damned fool to tell you if he did know ?—I have no recollection of such an occurrence, because, naturally enough, I should have been a bigger fool to ask such a question. It was not at all likely or feasible I should do such a thing.

8657. Are you prepared to swear that that did not take place ?—I am prepared to swear that.

8658. Did you then say, if he liked to give you what he knew about the evidence, you would write him a cheque for 20*l.*?—No, I deny it distinctly. Such an averment never passed my lips, and it is the grossest falsehood that was ever uttered.

8659. That you are prepared to swear?—I will. It was the grossest falsehood that was ever uttered.

8660. Did you make him any further offer of money?—I did not.

8661. Never?—Never; and the last time I asked for the list, he said, Mr. Salmon had it away with him to London, and he could not furnish it.

8662. Then of course, from your own point of view, he did not say, in answer to your offer of 20*l.*, that he looked upon it as an insult?—No, I never offered him 20*l.* on any occasion; the utmost I ever offered for a copy of the register was 5*l.*

8663. Did he say, whatever he knew he would keep to himself, and that he was very sorry that he had told you what he had?—He did not.

8664. That you swear?—Yes; I do swear that.

8665. What was it you said just now about Mr. Salmon?—Whether it was the second or third time I asked him about a complete copy I do not know. He said that Mr. Salmon had got it away with him to London. That was about the last conversation we had about the register.

8666. What do you mean by a complete copy?—I could only presume that it was copy that his father had kept; that was the only conclusion I could come to. I could not come to any other.

8667. Was that the impression produced on your mind?—That was the impression.

8668. Did you believe him to mean his father's list?—I did at the time, but I will tell you truthfully I did not believe him, because I was afraid it might be brought out for the defence of the seats.

8669. After the petition was over did you say to him that the Liberals were not half up to their work, that they had found out nothing about you?—What I said was this, that I did not think I should be dragged into this examination, that if I had done anything I had done it quietly.

8670. Was that remark made after the petition had been fought in the House of Commons?—I think it was after; whether it was after the petition or whether it was after the notice was given, or it was moved in the House that there should be an inquiry into this election, I could not say.

8671. What did you mean by saying that anything you had done you had done quietly?—Because I had been assured that I had been bribing, and I deny it *in toto* with the exception of one man.

8672. Who was the man you admitted bribing?—Mr. Solomon, the silversmith of King street. He is dead now. He was a patient of mine, and he promised to vote for Sir Edward Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and I said that I would have my brougham up to take him up to the polling place as he was unable to walk, being paralyzed. On the morning of the election, when I went, Mr. Solomon said to me "They have offered me 20*l.*, doctor, if I will vote for the other side; therefore," he said, "I must have a little money," and I asked him how much he wanted, and he said "Well, I must have 15*l.*" I found I could not persuade the old man to go, and I gave him 15*l.* out of my own pocket, because I had given the information to my own party, that he had promised to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

8673. Had you ever had any authority from anybody to buy his vote?—Certainly not; none at all.

8674. Have you ever been repaid that 15*l.*?—No, I have not.

8675. And never made a claim for it?—I have not, and I am prepared to swear that.

8676. You still consider the disbursement out of your own pocket?—Yes, because my position in the town has been gained by the party, and I think something is due to the party.

8677. Do you mean that your patients are chiefly Conservatives?—No, I do not mean that, but what I mean is, that the man had distinctly promised that he would vote, and in honour I was bound, and had a right to secure that man's vote, having promised my word that he would do so.

8678. What do you mean by something being due to the party by you?—Because it is through the Conservative party I have obtained many appointments in the town; being a Conservative, of course they always supported me against the Liberals.

8679. Was any reference made to politics when you were so appointed?—No, none whatever, neither directly nor indirectly.

8680. When you said, "If I have done anything I have done it quietly," did you solely refer to the case of Solomon?—No, I meant that many gentlemen had taken a much more prominent part in the election than what I had, and that I had gone about my professional duties and had canvassed those patients, and had requested their support for Sir Edmund Lacon, that is what I meant.

8681. Did you canvass all your patients?—I did most of them, but those I knew were determined Liberals I did not, because there were many that would not do it, but I believe there was one that would do it.

8682. Did you offer any inducement, either pecuniary or otherwise, to any of your patients to vote?—No.

8683. Never?—Never.

8684. Mr. Solomon is the solitary case?—Mr. Solomon is the solitary case, because that was the morning of the election. I worked very hard to get out of Mr. Solomon who had been there, and offered him 20*l.*, but he would not tell me.

8685. Did you tell young Mr. Livingston of a meeting that had been held at Mr. Aldred's house on the Sunday before the election?—No, I distinctly deny I ever said such a thing, and I do not know that such a meeting took place.

8686. You are certain of that?—I am certain of that; positive of it.

8687. Then you did not say it was at that meeting that the heads of the parties gave their orders about spending the money?—Will you repeat that question?

8688. It was not at that meeting that the heads of the party gave orders about spending the money?—Do you mean to allude it was at that meeting, if there was one?

8689. You did not tell him it was at that meeting that the heads of the party got their orders about spending the money?—Most assuredly not. I could not utter such a thing, because I did not know of it.

8690. Then of course if you did not know of the meeting you were not at it?—No, certainly not, and it is a pure invention on the part of Mr. Livingston to say I ever did such a thing or even was at that meeting, if there was one.

8691. Did you ever believe, or do you now believe there was a meeting?—No, I do not, for I do not know it of my own knowledge, and I do not believe it.

8692. You never told anyone there was such a meeting?—Certainly not; I never told anyone.

8693. Did you tell Mr. Livingston that you spent about 175*l.* out of your own pocket?—No.

8694. Or any sum?—Only that I mentioned that I had bribed Mr. Solomon.

8695. You swear you did not tell him you had spent any further sum?—I will swear it.

8696. And you have already said you did not?—I swear it now; I stand by it, and that money came out of my own pocket.

8697. How came you to tell Mr. Livingston, who was a keen partizan on the other side, that you had bribed Mr. Solomon?—Because I did not care a pin about it. He told me when I asked him about Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Shearman, because I knew Mr. Shearman had received a bribe, because Mr. Shearman had stated it to me with his own lips.

8698. I must put these further questions to you. Did Mr. Livingston ask you where you got the money

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from ?—Mr. Livingston ever asked me where I got the money from ?

8699. Yes ?—Certainly not; he never asked such a question of me.

8700. Did you say that you had 370*l.* in the bank, that you had seen your bankers, and asked them whether you might overdraw you account ?—I have no such recollection of the kind, because, if I wanted a thousand or two, I could always get it.

8701. Did you tell him ?—I have no recollection of it.

8702. Did you ?—No, I did not.

8703. Will you swear you did not ?—I will swear I did not.

8704. You did not tell him then that you had offered to deposit some deeds, and the bankers said there was no need for that, that you might draw what you like ?—No, I did not.

8705. That you swear ?—Yes, I do.

8706. Who is your banker ?—Messrs. Lacon and Youell.

8707. Did you say anything to Mr. Livingston that might have left such an impression on his mind ?—I do not think I did. I have no recollection of doing it.

8708. Did you have any discussion whatever with him about your pecuniary position, about the bank ?—No, certainly not, and I should not with any one.

8709. Did he ask you whether you thought he was so silly as to believe that for the sake of your own party, you had spent money out of your own pocket ?—I have no recollection of his saying that, none whatever.

8710. Did he say it?—I have no recollection. I could not swear it, but my impression is such a thing never was said to me.

8711. And did you say, "No, I made that all right with Mr. Nightingale ?"—No, certainly not. It is the grossest falsehood to assert such a thing.

8712. Did you say you had made it all right with Mr. Aldred ?—No.

8713. Did you say you had made it all right with the party ?—No, I did not. I distinctly deny most truthfully that such words ever passed from my lips.

8714. You deny that you said anything whatever to him as to the expenditure of money by you in the election, except the bribing of Mr. Solomon ?—Except the bribing of Mr. Solomon, and that came from my own private resource.

8715. And that you swear ?—That I do swear.

8716. Do you remember having a conversation with young Mr. Livingston outside his shop last Monday week ?—I have no recollection of that.

8717. Has Mr. Livingston told you that he had to appear before us to give evidence ?—He has told me that.

8718. Since we have been sitting ?—Since you have been sitting.

8719. Did he ask you whether you had taken any notice of what had transpired between you and him, in reference to political matters ?—He came to my house since this Commission has been sitting, and asked me if I had divulged what had passed between us.

8720. Was this the only conversation you had with him since we have been sitting here ?—I think so, I do not remember any other at all.

8721. Had you no conversation with him in the street, outside his own shop ?—I had no recollection of any. He frequently used to come into the surgery, and I know on one occasion I asked what witnesses were to be examined to-day, and he said on one occasion his father was one, and he said he was subpœnaed the same day, or the next day. I will not be certain, as the questions were so trivial I cannot remember them.

8722. When he asked if you had divulged what had passed between you, what did you say to him ?—I asked him what he meant, and he said about the offering of 5*l.* for a copy of the register, and I said no.

8723. Did you tell him you had divulged any part of what had taken place between you ?—Upon the petition against the seats, I did divulge it. I said that if it was requisite, I would produce a copy of the Regent Ward, and I gave up that copy on Saturday.

8724. When did that list that you received from him first pass out of your hands ?—That I could not swear to.

8725. To whom did you divulge it ?—Whether it was to the mayor, or whether it was to Mr. Reynolds, I do not know.

8726. I suppose it was for the purpose of the petition that you had been at the trouble to procure this list ?—Yes.

8727. And you therefore either gave it to Mr. Aldred to be delivered to Mr. Reynolds, or to Mr. Reynolds himself ?—I really forgot which. I could not swear to that.

8728. One or the other ?—One or the other, but it was not obtained especially for the Committee. It was not done for that. As I told you before, it was for my own information, if there should be another election.

8729. When Mr. Livingston asked you the other day if you had divulged what passed, did you tell him you had given this information to Mr. Aldred or Mr. Reynolds ?—No, I did not tell him that.

8730. What answer did you make to him ?—I told him that would be all right, that was what I told him. That was my answer to him.

8731. That would be all right ?—Yes,

8732. Did you intend to send him away under the impression that you had not divulged it ?—Of course I did, because I thought that never would have come out, and no more it ever would, until Mr. Livingston made those accusations against me.

8733. Did you tell him what he had told you nobody knew anything about, and that you hoped he had told no one what you had said ?—I should not like to swear to that; I may have said so, but I should not like to swear to it.

8734. Did he call upon you again and say he had been informed that you had given Mr. Aldred the list ?—I have no recollection of his doing that at all whatever; not the slightest recollection. If I did I would tell you truthfully.

8735. Did you assure him upon your word of honour as a man, that you had done nothing of the sort ?—No, I did not.

8736. Did he not press you as to whether you had divulged it or not ?—He asked me if I had given the list up; I think it was. I could not say the exact words that he said to me, and I said the list was in my possession, and I did not know where it was, and that was the truth, because it occupied me an hour searching for it after Mr. Livingston's evidence came out on Monday morning. I did not wish purposely to know where it was.

8737. But you admit you sent him away under the impression you had never divulged anything ?—Of course I did.

8738. Did you say you would not have your old man know you took the active part you did in the last election for 1,000*l.* ?—No, certainly not; I have no father. My father has been dead this 38 years.

8739. Do not you think by "the old man" Mr. Aldred was meant ?—No, certainly not.

8740. Did you send for young Mr. Livingston upon a subsequent occasion, and tell him that you heard from Mr. Aldred that his father was going to put him into the box ?—No ; I did not.

8741. Did he tell you he was going to be put into the box to swear that you told him that you were at the meeting at Mr. Aldred's the Sunday before the election ?—No, most assuredly ; he has never uttered such a word to me, and if he asserts I was at such a meeting it is a deliberate falsehood and invention, and nothing else.

8742. Has any conversation taken place between you since we have been sitting as to the meeting at Mr. Aldred's ?—No.

8743. That you swear ?—I swear it, and truthfully, too ; I beg to correct myself, but I remember this much. It was said that a young man who was staying at Mr. Last's. I beg to correct myself, I did see him ; I told him "I presume you have given information about some supposed meeting at Mr. Aldred's." I beg to correct myself there, and he said he did not ; he knew nothing at all about it. That was his answer to me. I had forgotten that part of it, but that is the truth, that I sent for him and asked him that question.

8744. If young Mr. Livingston has given information about the meeting at Mr. Aldred's, do you swear he did not obtain that information from you ?—I do most distinctly ; I swear it, that I do not know that such a meeting took place, nor neither was I at such a meeting.

8745. Without your having been at the meeting, and without there having been such a meeting, it is possible that you might have told him that ?—No, most assuredly I did not.

8746. You swear you did not tell him that ?—I swear I did not tell him that.

8747. Did he tell you if he was put into the box to swear you had told him there was a meeting at Mr. Aldred's, and he did swear it, that he should be swearing the truth ?—No, certainly not.

8748. Did you say, "Mr. Livingston, if you are put " into the witness-box for God Almighty sake swear " I never told you so ?"—I never said anything of the kind. Whether he has been examined here once or twice I do not know, for I have had so little time I rarely look at the evidence. I said, " Mind, whatever " you do, from what I hear about you, if you go into " the witness-box again you had better speak the " truth."

8749. Did you either in those words, or in less solemn words, or in any words, suggest to him he should go into the box, and tell what was not the truth to save you ?—Certainly not.

8750. You swear that ?—I do swear it. Why should he want to save me from anything.

8751. The question is, whether you wanted to save yourself ?—No, I did not want to save myself coming here ; I have nothing to keep back, and I will divulge all I know about the election.

8752. Did you say that Mr. Aldred had sent up for you in the afternoon, and you were in a terrible funk about it, but if he only held his tongue there was nobody else could talk about it ?—No, it was about this list, that I handed it to Mr. Reynolds, Saturday night, coming forward, and I said it rests entirely with yourself. I said I have a list in my possession somewhere.

8753. Did you tell him Mr. Aldred had sent for you, and that you were in a terrible funk ?—No, I am not in a terrible funk about anything ; I never told him anything of the kind.

8754. Did you either tell him, or lead him to infer, that you were nervous about being called and examined upon coming here ?—I do not look like a nervous man, and I should not tell him that. Men in my profession are not usually nervous as a rule.

8755. This conversation, if it took place, took place very recently, within a few days. Did you say, " Damn the election ; I am implicated in it more than " you would suppose, but if you hold your tongue I " will tell you all about it after this affair is over."

8756. Or anything of the sort ?—No.

8757. Did you tell him that you did not after all believe that it was him that had been saying anything about it, but that it was Mr. Wallace who lived at at Mr. Aldred's during the election ?—I did, because the reason I told him was that he came to me and said Mr. Last where he was staying had been backwards and forwards to Mr. Livingston's.

8758. Had that reference to the meeting at Mr. Aldred's ?—Yes.

8759. Then you had accused him of misrepresenting you with reference to that meeting ?—Yes.

8760. And then you subsequently found out that it was Mr. Wallace that had made these statements ?—That was only my suspicion. When I accused him of giving the information because it was said there was a reputed meeting took place, and from my pupil being with Mr. Livingston's son and Mr. Wallace, because Mr. Wallace was living at Mr. Aldred's and that was a Sunday morning. This is brought to my recollection by my pupil ; when I came home I found fault with his being absent because my assistant was out as well as myself.

8761. Did you tell him if Mr. Wallace had given the information it was damned shabby on his part, as you had given him a certificate stating he had been with you three years, thereby enabling him to get into a hospital ?—How could I ? He is not in a hospital ; he is now an assistant to a druggist at Bury.

8762. Did you tell him anything of the sort ?—No.

8763. Did you tell him if you were called as a witness here you would swear upon your oath that you had only heard so-and-so about the meeting ?—No, certainly not ; how could I swear about a meeting I knew nothing about.

8764. And did you say it was not for yourself you cared, but to screen those parties who had already denied any knowledge of it ?—Certainly not.

8765. I asked you just now about " the old man," do you remember that ?—Yes.

8766. Would that have been an allusion to Mr. Beccles ?—Yes, but he is no relation to me whatever.

8767. Did you ever intimate that you would rather give 1,000*l.* than that Mr. Beccles should know you had taken an active part in the election ?—Certainly not. He is a Liberal, that gentleman. He is opposed to me in politics, still he does not like to see me take an active part in it. He is the father of the lady I was engaged to who has been dead now 16 years, but as regards property which might lead anyone to infer anything, I already possess that property, and have possessed it three or four years, that would come to me under a will. But he thought during his lifetime he had better give it to me than under the will, therefore I had nothing to fear.

8768. Have you seen Mr. Wallace lately ?—He was in my house, whether it was the Monday morning or the Sunday I cannot say.

8769. Last Monday ?—The Monday of this week. He came to have a wisdom tooth drawn by the Elevator. That is a new instrument, and he knows I am a first-rate hand in drawing a tooth by the Elevator.

8770. He did not come about the election ?—Not at all. He said himself he came principally over from Bury to have a tooth drawn, and had I not drawn it he should have gone back with it. Those were his own words to me.

8771. Did you have any conversation with him about the meeting at Mr. Aldred's ?—I said, hearing Mr. Livingston's evidence that he had made a representation that I was at that meeting, I said to him " Wallace, if such a meeting took place you know truthfully I was not there," and he said " That is so, " and if any one has asserted that you were at such a " meeting, if one took place, it is a falsehood and a " gross one."

8772. Who told you it had come out in evidence that you were at the meeting at Mr. Aldred's ?—I only heard it on Monday morning when I drove up here to the police court. Directly I got there I was told Mr. Livingston had been implicating me in the election.

8773. Do you mean had been implicating you before us ?—Yes. It was told me that Mr. Livingston's evidence was that. I mean that Mr. Livingston had said in his evidence that I was at the meeting at Mr. Aldred's.

8774. So far as I remember Mr. Livingston did not. I have read Mr. Livingston's evidence last

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night ?—It was given to me to understand that his son should give him that information. I think he has said so.

8775. I see you are right ?—And then I was excessively angry and annoyed, knowing it was an utter falsehood. I went home and searched for the register.

8776. It was in consequence of hearing that you began to make inquiries to see how the report had got about ?—I did.

8777. And you then challenged Mr. Wallace with it ?—No. I directly said, knowing Mr. Wallace was living in the house, and was constantly at home of a Sunday morning, he must have known whether I had gone there or not, and Mr. Wallace's answer to me was, "If anyone has asserted so it is a gross falsehood, because it is utterly untrue."

8778. Mr. Wallace denies that he had ever said so? He denies it, and I told him at the same time that if he had made such an assertion as he was staying with Mr. Last to go and tell young Mr. Last that Mr. Livingston had made a great mistake in making such a statement.

8779. Did you tell Mr. Livingston, junior, that Mr. Rivett had seen Sir Edmund Lacon drive past Gunton the butcher's on Sunday evening ?—No, I deny such words ever passeing from my lips.

8780. Do you know where Gunton the butcher lives ?—Yes, he lives on the east side of the market place. There are three Guntons on that side, there is the old man I think, Simon Gunton, and Jeremiah Gunton.

8781. Do you wish to make any statement, or to add anything, or to make any deductions from anything you have now said ?—No.

8782. The questions I have put to you are categorical questions from a statement not upon oath. You have contradicted that statement categorically upon oath, and therefore for myself I say, so far as the matter stands at present I feel bound to believe you, that is as it stands at present ?—My answers are the truth.

8783. (*Mr. Slade.*) We are bound to take your statement as true because this is a collateral issue, and has nothing to do with our inquiry ?—I give it as truthfully as I can.

8784. A very serious imputation has been made against you. Have you any objection to showing the Commissioners the pages in your banker's pass-book which would refer to the few weeks prior and subsequent to the election ?—If you will allow me I will go and get my banking-book and my cheque-book showing all the cheques that have been drawn for a long time past.

8785. (*Mr. Russell.*) Your banker's book will show your balance at that time ?—My banker's book has not been at the bank for some time.

8786. (*Mr. Slade.*) I presume it has been there since the election ?—No, it has not. I will go and bring the banking-book since the last time it was at the bank, and I will bring also my cheque-book as well.

8787. Did you say that you gave information about the man Solomons to some of your party ?—I spoke of it openly after the Committee for I had nothing to fear. Why should I conceal it ; I did it because he had been offered 20*l.* by the opposite party, so he assured me. I made no secret of it whatever.

8788. Did you mention it to anybody in particular ?—I may have mentioned it to several ; I never made any secret of it whatever. I assure you I thought it an honorable act to defeat any opponents, if they had offered a larger sum, I asked what he meant to do, and he said he could not go up without a little money.

8789. I want to know who you communicated it to ?—I did not conceal it from anybody ; I have been blamed for saying it, but I did not see that there was any disgrace attached to me at all. But to prove to you that a large sum has not been drawn out, I will have my bank-book made up to the present time, and I will bring my cheque-book. It is not a new cheque book. It is one for some time past. It contains 60 cheques in the first instance. I will do that if you wish it.

8790. I think we had better have it ?—I will take it at once to the bank and request them to post it up to-day.

8791. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I want to ask one question, it is with reference to what Mr. Livingston said about Mr. Salmon having taken his book to London ?—Yes, he said his father's list.

8792. Was that expression ever made use of ?—He said the list that was in the house had gone away with Mr. Salmon.

8793. To London ?—Yes.

8794. Did you understand to what he referred ?—I only infer from what I saw on the table.

8795. When he mentioned Mr. Salmon, did you ask him anything further about the matter ?—No.

8796. Or what list it was ?—He said it might be down by-and-by, but he said could not then. Of course I inferred it was his father's list, from seeing the list on the table. Of course when I show my banker's account and cheque-books that is not for public information.

8797. (*Mr. Slade.*) Perfectly private ; we shall only look at one portion of it ?—You can look at the whole of it.

8798. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How long after the election was this conversation ?—What about ?

8799. In which he mentioned Mr. Salmon having taken the book to London ?—That I could not speak to ; I could not say what the time was, but I know those were the words. I think it was after the election, and when there was a rumour, I think it was ; I could not swear to it ; I think it was when there was a rumour of a petition.

8800. You cannot fix it any nearer than that ?—I could not.

8801. Did you know whether Mr. Salmon was in Yarmouth or not ?—I did not, for I did not know the gentleman until yesterday.

8802. But it might have been after they were preparing for the petition ?—It must have been before the preparing of the petition. Then I did not care so much about it, because I knew everything would come out, and I could keep a register for myself by copying everything I saw in the paper ; therefore it must have been before the petition was presented.

8803. And it might have been during the progress of the inquiry ?—I do not know.

8804. What could he have meant by Mr. Salmon having taken the list to London. It must have been either directly after the election when Mr. Salmon went away, or some subsequent time when Mr. Salmon was here ?—I think it was only an excuse, that was my perfect belief, although I did not make the observation at the time. I do not believe it, because I do not suppose Mr. Salmon took away Mr. Livingston's list at all.

8805. It was months after the election at all events ?—It was after the election.

8806. Was it not as late as December ?—I should not like to swear it ; I could not do it ; I could not swear to the time, but my impression is it was before the inquiry commenced as regards the petition against the seats. It was when there was a rumour. I think that was it.

8807. That would commence at the meeting of Parliament ?—That I could not say.

(*Mr. Slade.*) We have nothing more to ask you.

(*The Witness.*) I will get the bank-book posted up to-day, and if possible I will bring it to you to-morrow morning, if you will look at it then.

(*Mr. Livingston.*) May I get my son put into the witness-box to swear to those categorical questions that have been put this morning to Mr. Stafford.

(*Mr. Slade.*) As the application has been made on the part of your son, I think it is quite right we should give him the opportunity.

(*Mr. Livingston.*) It is no longer ago than yesterday that a young man of the name of Waters made a statement, and I should like him to be examined as well.

(*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) As far as I am concerned, my opinion is that we cannot enter into the question of credit between the different witnesses, which has no bearing upon our inquiry, but anybody against whom anything has been said is fully entitled to come into the box and make his counter-statement; that counter-statement we will hear.

(*Mr. Livingston.*) This is a very important statement made no longer ago than yesterday to a third party.

(*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) These statements are not important to our inquiry, at the same time we do not wish any statement should be made against any party without giving that party an opportunity of making a counter-statement, but you see they have no bearing on this inquiry.

(*Mr. Livingston.*) Will you appoint a time when those two should be heard?

(*Mr. Slade.*) We will take them at once.

AZARIAH WATERS recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE. *A. Waters.*

8808. You have heard this evidence of Dr. Stafford?—Part of it.

8809. We hear that you wish to make a statement?—Yesterday, Mr. Stafford sent to me by his apprentice, and said he wished to see me. I went along with his apprentice to see Mr. Stafford. Mr. Stafford was not in the room, and the young man went and told him I was there. He came into the room, and said, "Well Waters, how are you?" I says, "It is a good morning, Doctor." He says, "It is." He says, "What a fool "the old man was; why did he not come to me before "he went up before the Commissioners to bring this "thing before them? Why did he not come to me "to hear what I had to say about it?" He said, "Waters, you may tell Billy that him and the old "chap will both be committed for perjury." I said, "I have nothing at all to do with it. I have heard "William say many things. What did he want me "to say to William?" "Well," he said, "I told Wil-"liam no longer ago than Saturday, that if he would "only keep his own, there would not be a word spoken "to him;" and I left him, in the morning. That was all the conversation in the morning; and yesterday noontime I was going to the races; he was against his surgery door, and he came across the road and spoke to me, and said, "Have you seen Billy?" I said, "I saw him this morning." He said, "Well, this is a sad affair." I said, "It is." I said, "I have "nothing to do with it. I shall propose this to you; "why not you see William, or see some of the lead-"ing parties upon the other side, and let it be settled "between Mr. Reynolds on your side, and one of the "parties on the other side, and come to some arrange-"ment among yourselves?" He said, "I will go "and swear to a dozen lies, and more than that, to "save Billy," as he liked Billy.

8810. I thought that you had come to explain something that Mr. Stafford had said about Mr. Livingston? This seems merely a statement against Mr. Stafford?—This passed between me and Mr. Stafford yesterday. Me and Mr. Livingston were so friendly, he thought I might manage by seeing William Livingston, to get this settled without coming before you. That was, I think, his motive in sending for me yesterday, and that is what he said to me, and what I said to William yesterday at dinnertime.

8811. Did Mr. Stafford say anything about spending money?—No.

8812. Did he say anything about a meeting at Mr. Aldred's?—No; not to me.

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8813. Do you remember having given a list to Mr. Stafford?—Yes.

8814. Can you remember exactly when it was?—No; I cannot remember the time, not exactly; but I should think it was perhaps between two and three on the Monday, after the election; I am not certain, but to the best of my belief it was.

8815. Was that when the petition was being talked about?—No; it was before the petition came out.

8816. Was it after you had heard that the return of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson would be disputed?—That I gave Mr. Stafford this list?

8817. Yes?—No, it was before that.

8818. Did he tell you why he wanted it?—For his own curiosity.

8819. Then you did not understand that he was going to make use of it to defend the petition?—Certainly not.

8820. Did you see Mr. Stafford, and take a short-hand note account with you?—Of the list I gave him?

8821. Yes?—Yes.

8822. And did you from that list dictate to him, and did he make entries in a register?—Yes, just so.

8823. Where did you get that list from that you took to him?—Well, I got it from various parties.

8824. I will ask you the question directly. Did you obtain the information from your father?—Certainly not.

8825. Or from papers belonging to your father?—Certainly not.

8826. Can you tell me anybody from whom you obtained the information?—Yes. The principal party whom I got my information from was William Newman.

8827. From anybody else?—Well, I might have heard Waters say something about parties who he had heard had been bribed.

8828. Azariah Waters?—Yes.

8829. You think he gave you some?—I think it is most likely.

8830. Then Mr. Stafford stated he offered you 5*l.*, and you refused it?—Perhaps you will allow me to explain how that happened?

8831. Certainly.—I must go into private affairs which have no bearing upon this.

8832. Please to be as short as you can, and give us any information upon which we put questions to Mr. Stafford, which were not for any purpose except for our guidance?—When I went to see him professionally, he said to me, "Livingston, do you think you "can give me any names who were bribed by the "Liberal party?" I said, "I have no doubt I can." "Well," he says, "I will be much obliged to you if you will do it." He says, "I will give you a 5*l.* note "for the trouble which I may put you to, if you could "do so." He says, "I should like to get all these "things for my own information." Whether he said he had, or was going to have a list of all the parties whom the Tories bribed I cannot say positively. I said, "Stafford, I will do any mortal thing to oblige "you, provided you keep it secret and quiet. As for "money," I says, "I would not take money from you "or from anybody else, because I do not want it.

8833. In consequence of that, you took him a list?—Yes. This must have been, from the time this conversation took place, to the time I took him the list, six weeks or two months. They are names, which, to oblige him, I furnished of my party, and gave to him.

8834. Did you really believe, or did he represent to you, that he would never divulge that list?—He swore that he never would.

8835. At the time you gave it to him?—At the time I gave it to him.

8836. Did Mr. Stafford at any time say to you that that he had spent money himself in buying votes?—Yes.

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8837. Did he mention any sum ?—Well, he did ; but I am not certain about the sum, whether it was 75*l.* or 175*l.* ; I do not know, I cannot remember.

8838. This is material, and I hope, therefore, you will be careful in speaking about it ?—I am speaking to the best of my memory.

8839. Might it have been 15*l.* ?—No ; it was more than that.

8840. Might it have been as much as 750*l.*—No ; it was not so much as that. It was either 75*l.* or 175*l.* ; it was either one or the other, that I am almost certain of.

8841. Did he say that he actually had spent this money ?—Yes, out of his own pocket.

8842. Did he name anybody whom he had bought with it ?—He named a few of them, but the only one I can remember is Solomons.

8843. You were not here when Mr. Stafford was examined. Mr. Stafford mentioned Solomons, and said, that was the only case that he mentioned to you ?—That was the only case that he mentioned to me at the first. He might have mentioned other names, I am almost certain he did, but I cannot remember the the names.

8844. Did he enter at all into the detail of this money that he had spent ?—Well, not then, but afterwards he did. That was after the petition was over.

8845. Did he say he had been to the bankers to get an account of the money ?—Yes.

8846. Are you quite positive of that ?—Certain. I have another witness here to prove that, if you disbelieve my word.

8847. Was any person present ?—Not at that interview between him and me.

8848. Now as to the meeting on Sunday, at Mr. Aldred's. Did Mr. Stafford say anything to you about the meeting at Mr. Aldred's on Sunday ?—After this petition was over, Mr. Stafford and I were talking, and Stafford says to me "Your party are not half up to their work." He says, "They do not manage their business anything like ours." Says he, "I am surprised they do not find any thing out about me, "but," he says, "the fact is, we have two or three "who are the heads of our party ; we get our orders "from them," and he says, "we go and work accordingly ;" and he says, "There were a few of us,"—this is the best that I can remember—"at Dr. Aldred's on the Sunday evening."

8849. You say you are not sure about that ?—This is to the best of my memory what he told me then.

8850. Are you quite certain he said something to you about the meeting ?—Certain that he said that "there were a few of us there, and we got our orders there, and we did our work on the quiet."

8851. Did he distinctly give you to understand that he himself was at that meeting ?—He said "There were a few of us."

8852. "Us" meaning "our party" ?—Yes, his party.

8853. If you understood at the time that he was there, may you have been mistaken ?—No ; I could not be mistaken, because he said "a few of us were there." I thought at the time he told me that he included himself among the lot.

8854. Mr. Stafford distinctly denied that he told you there was a meeting at Mr. Aldred's, and consequently, that he was not at it ?—He told me there was a meeting, that a few of us met there."

8855. He did not say "I was there" ?—No, he did not say that.

8856. Did he give it you in the form of a rumour, that there had been a meeting at Mr. Aldred's ?—No.

8857. Or a matter of certainty that he knew it ?—I think it must have been a matter of certainty, or else he would never have told me. He was drawing a contrast of the difference between the two parties, and he mentioned that as an illustration.

8858. Were you then on friendly terms, and in the habit of talking about the election ?—Yes.

8859. Did Stafford tell you, that he believed your father had a complete list of men who were bribed ?—He said he had heard so.

8860. Did you lead Mr. Stafford to infer that the list you gave him was part of that list ?—Never.

8861. If he thought it was, it must have been mere inference on his part ?—Yes, if he thought it was.

8862. He did not ask you where you obtained the list ?—No, he did not ask me ; but on purpose to oblige him, I told him anything I could do to oblige him I would do.

8863. I will only put to you such questions as I think necessary for the purpose of this inquiry, as to the difference between you and Mr. Stafford. Your account as to the list tallies very accurately with his ?—I do not think in the list I gave you every name was contained as in the one I gave him. I put that list down which my father handed in to you, to the best of my memory.

8864. At the time you gave Mr. Stafford your list from your short-hand notes, you saw him, as he stated he did make entries in his register ?—Just so.

8865. The discrepancy between you is as to the money which you say Mr. Stafford told you he had spent. Are you quite certain about that ?—At least, I am not certain, it was either 75*l.* or 175*l.* ; it was either one or the other.

8866. You are quite certain it was not 15*l.* ?—No. He told me he gave 15*l.* to that watchmaker.

8867. As to the other important matter, the meeting at Aldred's on the Sunday, are you quite certain he told you there had been a meeting ?—Certainly.

8868. But you are not quite certain he told you that he was at it ?—No, he said a few of us were there.

8869. When you were here before, I asked you this, "If anybody was to come before us, and in any way connect your name with the knowledge of money "having been paid, it would not be true ?"—I so stated.

8870. And you said "No, it would not." I do not want in the least to entrap you, do you mean that you had no knowledge at the time ?—Not at the time ; as I stated to you before I knew nothing at all before the election. I never asked a man for his vote, except one, and that was done in a little bit of chaff.

8871. This information you obtained and gave to Dr. Stafford was information that you obtained long after the election ?—Yes, just so.

8872. For the purpose of obliging him ?—For the purpose of obliging him as a personal friend of mine.

8873. You have had two or three conversations with Dr. Stafford, have you not, since the Commission has been sitting ?—Yes.

8874. Will you be good enough to tell us what took place at the first interview, if you can remember. I will remind you when it was ?—I think that was last Monday week. Last Monday week I was outside attending to the duties of my shop, and Dr. Stafford passed me. I said, "Doctor, I am going before the "Commissioners, and, says I, "Of course I am going to "speak the truth." I said, "Have you told them or any-"body else anything about those names I gave you." He says, "No, certainly not ; he says, "They are as you "gave them to me. I put them down in the register, and "they are in that drawer now to the best of my belief." I says, "If you have, you had better tell me about it, so "that if they ask me whether I have done such a thing "of course I will tell them," meaning you, gentlemen, that I did.

8875. What did he say ?—He said "No, you need "not be afraid of that, there is not a single soul knows "anything about it."

8876. You then called upon him, did you not ?—No, I was outside my shop, and he was coming past.

8877. Did you not on another occasion call upon him after that ?—Yes.

8878. What happened at that interview ?—This was on Friday. I told him then I had been examined and to the best of my belief I had stated the truth. I said I had been given to understand from what I

had heard that the Tories had stated I had not been speaking the truth. I said to him again, "If you have "done anything, I care nothing at all about it; I con- "fess I was wrong in giving you this information, and "I had no business to do it." I said, "If you have said "anything about it, why not tell me;" and he said, "Then Livingston." I was going to say he took his oath, he swore that he never did, and he said it would not do for me, because, from all the conversations that have taken place between us, I could expose you, and you could expose me.

8879. Did he give any reason for being anxious to conceal the knowledge that he had?—No, I do not know any particular reason. I remember this was on the Friday.

8880. Did you see him again on Saturday?—Yes.

8881. And he said he had heard from Mr. Aldred that your father was going to put you in the witness-box to swear that Dr. Stafford was at the meeting at Mr. Aldred's?—Yes.

8882. And did you say if you did swear that it would be the truth?—That I would swear the truth.

8883. Now you are quite certain he said he was at the meeting?—Only as far as this, he said a few of us were there.

8884. Did he say, "Livingston, if you are put into "the witness-box, for God Almighty's sake swear I "never told you so?"—Yes, he did.

8885. You are quite certain of it?—I am quite certain of it. I swear it.

8886. Did you tell him you had seen Sir Edmund Lacon drive past Gunton's, the butcher's, on Sunday?—Yes, when I told him this was at another interview which I had with him on Saturday. The first interview took place between 6 and 7 on the Saturday evening; we were very busy; we make it a rule to shut up about half-past 11; we were very busy, and I would not shut up till 12. I was putting the shutters up; he was coming across the street, and I spoke to him. He says, "Well, old boy, I do not think you "have been talking about me." "No," I said, "I will "defy anyone to say I have been talking about you;" he says, "The fact of it is, the information I believed that "came from you they got from a different party; you "have got the same down." I said, "I am glad you think "that I have not said anything at all about it," but I said, "Of course any chap must be careful about what "he is talking about, because Mr. Rivett is prepared "to swear that he saw Sir Edmund Lacon there on the "Sunday," and he says, "Perhaps that may be right." I think on the Sunday when I put that down to the best of my recollection those were the words he used.

8887. This statement you have handed in to us was written recently?—It was written on Sunday afternoon.

8888. As far as you could remember of what had taken place at that previous interview?—Just so.

8889. I will only ask you whether you are quite certain that Mr. Stafford mentioned the sum of money, which certainly exceeded 15*l.*, that he had spent in bribery at the last election out of his own pocket?—Yes, I am certain of that, and even from the conversation I had with him since he stated he was quite prepared if he was drawn into it to come and give you, gentlemen, a list of the names he had bribed.

8890. Did he say he was prepared to give us a list of the names he had bribed with that money?—With money. I do not know what money you are alluding to?

8891. With the money he himself had spent?—Yes.

8892. You are quite certain of that?—Quite certain of it.

8893. And are you equally certain that he did mention the meeting at Mr. Aldred's on the Sunday at which some of us were present?—Certainly, he mentioned it, because when he called me on the Saturday night why he should come and ask me on my oath to swear I never knew anything at all about it. I said to him, "If I do say so I shall be swearing "the truth," and he says, "I know that."

8894. You are quite certain of those two things?—Quite certain.

8895. (*Mr. Slade.*) This list you handed in to us the other day contains 12 names?—As I said before—there may be more names.

8896. That is all you can recollect?—That is all I can recollect.

8897. Do you accept now Dr. Stafford's account that all the names marked on the register were names given to him, and that he put a blue mark against all the names?—I do not know what sort of mark he put. I know he marked them down.

8898. On the register?—On the register.

8899. Might there be as many as 35 names?—No, I should think not from what I can remember; perhaps there were 20.

8900. We have got from Mr. Edwards a list of the men that had been bribed on the liberal side, and I find out of those 35 names Dr. Stafford swore you gave him with the bribes against them, they are all correct with the exception of about five and more than that, three of them are correct in rather an extraordinary way, they had odd sums given to them, sums of 16*l.*, 6*l.*, and 10*l.* Where did you get that information from?—From Mr. Newman, he was the principal party I got it from, but he is a man who would tell me anything.

8901. Did Mr. Newman give you those names?—I asked him.

8902. Did he give them to you?—He told me that so and so had got some money, and as soon as he told me I used to go and write it down.

8903. That is not an answer to my question; these sums you have given to Mr. Stafford tally in a very extraordinary way; who gave you that information?—Mr. Newman.

8904. That you will take your oath to?—That I will take my oath to.

8905. Every one?—I might have heard some from some different parties.

8906. Who else?—Perhaps Waters and Juler.

8907. You got the information from some of those men you have mentioned?—Either Newman, Waters, or Juler.

8908. Do you mean to say you are quite certain you got that information from those gentlemen you have mentioned?—Yes, still I think the principal information, at least I might say nearly all of it, came from Newman.

8909. When did Mr. Newman give you this information?—Perhaps about four weeks after the election; I did not get this information all at one time.

8910. When did you get it? How many conversations did you have with Mr. Newman?—Perhaps a dozen, when I was asking him for these names.

8911. Were you continually asking Newman for names?—Yes.

8912. That was your general conversation?—It was with him.

8913. And it began three weeks after the election?—Yes.

8914. And went on ever since?—Not ever since; I got, to the best of my belief, all he knew then, and I did not care about anything more.

8915. Did Mr. Newman ever show you a list?—Never.

8916. You never saw a list?—I never saw a list.

8917. Did you know that Mr. Newman was going after these men for bribing?—Not at the election time, but afterwards I did.

8918. When did you learn it?—Somewhere about three weeks or a month after, to the best of my recollection; I am not certain about the time.

8919. Was Mr. Newman in the secrets of the Liberal party?—Well, I should think so; I really do not know, but I should think so.

8920. What is Mr. Newman?—He is a tailor; this Mr. Newman was a good customer of mine, a man who was in my shop.

8921. Did Mr. Newman to your knowledge bribe any people himself?—Not to my own personal knowledge; I should think he knew about them or he could not give me the names.

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8922. When Mr. Newman gave you the information did you write it down ?—After I went home I wrote it down on purpose so that I might give to Dr. Stafford those names.

8923. Did Dr. Stafford ask you for this list within three weeks after the election ?—No, it was about two months after the election.

8924. Mr. Newman told you about these names three weeks after the election ?—Yes, three weeks after.

8925. Did you write it down then ?—I will not be certain about three weeks.

8926. You said just now three or four weeks ?—It may be.

8927. Did you write it down then ?—Whenever Newman gave them me I went home and wrote them down.

8928. Did you write down the man's name ?—Yes, what he told me; if he said he gave Jones 20*l*., I wrote it down.

8929. And from time to time as you heard it you wrote it down ?—Yes, as he told me.

8930. And this made over a dozen interviews you had with Mr. Newman ?—Yes.

8931. And Dr. Stafford did not ask you for the information till after you had this from Mr. Newman ?—Dr. Stafford, I think, asked me I know before I asked Newman.

8932. You went to Mr. Newman after having seen Dr. Stafford ?—Yes.

8933. When did Dr. Stafford ask you ?—I know one night when I went to see Dr. Stafford medically he asked me and I thought if I could give him any information I would.

8934. You told us you had a conveasation with Mr. Newman about those names three weeks after the election ?—Or a month.

8935. When did Dr. Stafford ask you ?—Two or three days before I had the first conversation with Newman.

8936. Therefore, Dr. Stafford did come to you within a month after the election ?—Yes, I should say so.

8937. And then you went and pumped Newman for those names ?—Just so.

8938. And did Mr. Newman give them to you very readily ?—Well he did not very readily, he told me of them.

8939. It was not three months after the election that Dr. Stafford came to you about the names ?—No.

8940. Within one month ?—Within one month, to the best of my belief.

8941. Did you take down the names as Mr. Newman gave them to you in shorthand ?—After I got home I did it in shorthand.

8942. (*Mr. Russell.*) How many of the names that you gave to Dr. Stafford do you think you had from Mr. Newman ?—I should say about 14 or 15; you must remember when I gave Dr. Stafford this list. I said "Doctor, here they are, I know nothing at all about it." I says, "there are some names here I do "not believe were bribed at all, I promised to get you "the information and I have done it to the best of my "ability."

8943. Do you remember how many names you gave him altogether ?—No, I could not swear to a certainty.

8944. According to Dr. Stafford you gave him about 30 names ?—Well, I should think not so many as that, I should think not.

8945. You mentioned the name of Azariah Waters as another man from whom you obtained some names? —Yes, to the best of my belief.

8946. Are you quite sure you got some from him or do you only think it ?—I only think it.

8947. Can you give me the name of any man from whom you received any others ?—No.

8948. Was Azariah Waters in the employment of your father at the time of the election ?—No, he has not been in the employ of my father for the last 10 years.

8949. He was once ?—Yes, he was an apprentice of ours.

8950. Were you with him on the day of the election at all ?—I have been trying to remember. I think I was about five or ten minutes. I was with him after the election was over.

8951. I mean during the polling ?—I might have seen him and talked to him for five or ten minutes.

8952. You were not driving about with him ?—I came out of our shop with a parcel which I had to take to Southtown, and I saw Waters driving, and I said, "Old chap give us a ride," and I think I drove as far as the bridge with him.

8953. Did you go to any voter with him ?—Not a single soul.

8954. You mean he merely dropped you on your way ?—Just so.

8955. Did you go to Azariah Waters to get names from him to take to Dr. Stafford ?—No, I did not go to him, I saw Waters every night after business hours.

8956. Did you know he had taken an active part in the election ?—No, that I did not.

8957. What makes you think you got some of the names from him ?—To the best of my belief I think so.

8958. What makes you think so ?—Well, because we were always talking about the election, and if he told me he had heard anybody get so-and-so, why I put it down.

8959, Do you think Azariah Waters was a likely man to know that so-and-so got money ?—No, only from report, the same as myself.

8960. You did not go near him because you thought he had any special knowledge ?—No, not at all; indeed I did not know he had done so till yesterday.

8961. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is there anything else you wish to explain ?—No, nothing to the best of my recollection.

8962. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was it of your own free will, or did your father ask you to write this statement that you have handed in to us ?—My father asked me.

8963. Were you a willing agent in the matter?—Of writing that statement ?

8964. Yes ?—After he told me I was. It was done to tell him everything I knew.

8965, And did your father tell you fearlessly and regardless of the consequences to write down the truth ?—To write the truth and let him know the worst, either good or bad.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 30th August 1866.

Mr. CHARLES TAHOURDIN sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

8966. You are a solicitor residing in London?—Yes.

8967. And you are also Mr. Brogden's private man of business?—His private solicitor.

8968. We hear that you came down to Yarmouth at the last election?—I did.

8969. What day did you come down?—I came down on the Friday before the election, the Friday afternoon, with Mr. Brogden.

8970. Did you remain here during the time, until the following day?—I did not remain here. I came down merely to meet Mr. Vanderbyl's solicitor in case he should come, and I returned on the Saturday morning.

8971. Did you come down again?—I did.

8972. What day?—On the Monday.

8973. How long did you stay the second time?—Till the election was over. I forget whether I went up on Wednesday afternoon, or not until the Thursday morning.

8974–5. We have been told that you brought a sum of money down with you to Yarmouth?—I do not know that I did. Will the Commissioners allow me to say that, being solicitor for Mr. Brogden, I feel some difficulty about answering questions as to what occurred between me and him in my capacity as solicitor. I have no reluctance to answer anything, but I feel it my duty.

(*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) There is no doubt about it.

(*Mr. Slade.*) The question arose; I remember, before the present Mr. Baron Pigott, at the election commission that I was on with him at Wakefield, and we could not allow that plea to stand good.

(*The Witness.*) That was before the 26th and 27th Victoria was passed; and I would explain to the Commissioners, if they will allow me two minutes, what my difficulty in the matter is. By the 15th and 16th Victoria the Commissioners are authorized to enquire by all lawful means. I submit that it would not be lawful, unless there is a particular provision on the subject, to ask a solicitor to break professional confidence. In the 15th and 16th Victoria there is an express provision on the subject, in the ninth section, and there it says, "No witness shall be "protected from answering on the ground of privilege, "nor on the ground that he will criminate himself;" but that section is repealed by the 26th and 27th Victoria, and the clause that is substituted for it expressly omits any allusion to a privileged communication. It simply says that the witness shall not be protected from answering any question that will criminate himself. Therefore it seems to me that the abrogation of the solicitor and clients' privilege is deliberately omitted from the 26th and 27th Victoria. The Wakefield Commission took place before the 26th and 27th Victoria was passed, and where there could be no doubt upon the subject, seeing the Commission there was under the 15th and 16th Victoria. I have no personal objection to answer the question; but it is simply as a matter of doubt I feel obliged to call the attention of the Commissioners to that point. It is the 10th section of the 26th and 27th Victoria, which repeals the 7th section, which is the substituted section.

(*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You see that applies to communications between a solicitor and his client. It does not apply to acts done by the solicitor. The question you are asked is, whether you did bring any money to Yarmouth. I do not think you are excused from answering that under any circumstances.

(*The Witness.*) Whatever I did with regard to this election was done in my capacity as solicitor to Mr. Brogden, and it is on that ground that I feel myself called upon to answer. If you say I am, I shall answer the questions; but I, having called your attention to that, submit I am not relieved from my professional responsibility.

8976–9. Before the Commissioners decide that you are bound to communicate what took place between you and Mr. Brogden we should consider it. But I am of opinion that does not apply to any acts done?—I do not see the distinction; but still, if the Commissioners think according to the general law I am not excused, I am ready to answer.

8980. I cannot imagine a solicitor being excused in any court of justice from stating what he had done himself; the question whether he did it by direction of his client is another thing?—Having discharged my conscience, I am in the hands of the Commissioners, and will do whatever by law they determine I am bound to do.

8981. (*Mr. Slade.*) Before we give you a decided answer on this point that is raised, we ask, do you wish to stand on your privilege?—I am bound by law to do so. I think it is laid down that I am liable to an action for damages if I do not.

8982. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You object to answer the question, "Did you bring any money to Yarmouth?"—I have not objected to that question particularly; but I take the opportunity of calling the attention of the Commissioners to this point, leaving it rather to them to determine what question (if they agreed in my view of the law) they were at liberty to ask or not. There may be a question on the general law whether I am not bound to answer that question.

8983. (*Mr. Slade.*) Will you answer that question, "Did you bring any money to Yarmouth?"—I do not know that I did. I will tell you exactly what I did with regard to that. When I went from Yarmouth on the Saturday morning Mr. Brogden asked me, I think, to come down to the nomination, for I took no part whatever in the election. I may say that my politics differ from Mr. Brogden's, and he was good enough not to ask me to assist him in the election; but he asked me to come down to the nomination, which I said I would with pleasure; and either he or Mr. Salmon, I do not know which, asked me, as I was coming down, if I would call at the Imperial Bank, and bring down a parcel for him. I did call at the Imperial Bank on the Monday morning, and brought down a brown-paper parcel. What its contents were I cannot give you the least intimation of, as I have not the least knowledge.

8984. Who gave you that parcel?—Some one in the bank, but that I cannot tell you.

8985. One of the clerks?—Yes; one of the clerks, I think. I took no particular notice of it at the time.

8986. I want to know how you got the parcel. Did you go and say, "I want a parcel?"—I took a note; but I cannot tell you who it was from.

8987. To whom was it addressed?—That I cannot tell you.

8988. Did you hand it in to one of the clerks behind the counter, or did you go into the private room?—I can hardly tell you that. My impression is that I took it into the manager's room.

8989. Do you know Mr. Bentham?—Yes.

8990. Did you give it to him?—No; he was down here. He came down with Mrs. Bentham on the

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Friday evening in the same train with myself, and I know he was at Yarmouth on the Monday.

8991. Who gave you the note ?—I really cannot tell you.

8992. I thought you said you did not know who it was from ?—I do not know exactly who gave it me. It must have been either Mr. Brogden or Mr. Salmon, I think.

8993. I presume you judged from the size and the weight of the parcel that it contained gold ?—Well, I had a suspicion that it contained something valuable, but whether gold or silver I could not form the least idea.

8994. The inquiry has gone on so far that we now know money did come down to Yarmouth ?—I was here when Mr. Brogden was examined.

8995. Our anxiety is to trace the sums of money, so as to know in what sums they came ?—I have not the slightest idea.

8996. Then you cannot give us the least idea what the sum was ?—Not the least.

8997. To whom did you give the parcel ?—I am not quite sure whether it was to Mr. Salmon or to Mr. Johnston; but my impression is that when I arrived I did not see Mr. Salmon, but I did see Mr. Johnston, and asked him to tell Mr. Salmon that I had brought a parcel down for him.

8998. To whom did you deliver the parcel ?—I can hardly say that I delivered it to anybody. I do not quite recollect how it was; but my impression is, that when I got down to the hotel that I suddenly lost sight of the parcel, and I was rather in some little fear that it had been misplaced.

8999. Did you take the parcel with you to the hotel? —Yes.

9000. Where Mr. Brogden was staying ?—Yes; to the "Angel," where Mr. Salmon was also staying, I think. I think I must have put it into Mr. Salmon's room, but I really cannot be quite sure about it. You see I was not acting in the election at all. I was simply in that particular act, a sort of messenger.

9001. We are aware of that. You were, in fact, made a cat's-paw?—I was. That is the long and short of the matter.

9002. I may take it, as you say, that you were perfectly ignorant of the transaction. If we were to press you on anything that passed between you and Mr. Brogden about this election you would have very little to tell us ?—No; really I think not. But I rather raise that question before you on public grounds than on private grounds.

9003. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you consider that you were acting professionally for Mr. Brogden in this matter ?—When I first came down. When I first came down, on the Friday, I came for the purpose of meeting Mr. Vanderbyl's solicitor, who, it was expected, would accompany Mr. Vanderbyl to Yarmouth; but he did not come, and therefore my professional services were then at an end.

9004. Anything that passed between you and Mr. Brogden, do you consider passed in your professional capacity ?—Quite so.

9005. The first time ?—Yes.

9006. (*Mr. Russell.*) But when you returned the second time ?—Nothing did pass the second time. I merely came down as a spectator. A gentleman going to the poll likes to have a few friends about him.

9007. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Then you have no objection to answer the question whether you and Mr. Brogden had any communications on the subject of the election ?—On the second occasion ?

9008. Yes ?—None at all; not with regard to the business of the election. He might have expressed his expectation that he should succeed, and so on; but I had nothing whatever to do with it. There is nothing, even on the first occasion, that I know any necessity to conceal at all; but I simply act in conformity with my duty as a solicitor, and because I see the point has been previously raised before the Commission, and, as it struck me, not viewed in the correct light.

9009. (*Mr. Slade.*) You have called our attention to the words of the Act. They are very remarkable, inasmuch as the words "on the ground of any privilege" seem purposely omitted in the second Act; but we should certainly not feel inclined to give an answer to that question ourselves until we had an opportunity of consulting the proper authorities ?—In the meantime, I presume, you would not press a solicitor upon the subject.

9010. Quite so. We have nothing more, then, to ask you ?—I was going to mention at the same time, I received a letter asking me to come down. I received a letter directed to my son René. He knows less than I do, and I put it to the Commissioners whether it is worth the expense of bringing him here.

9011. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he bring anything with him ?—No.

9012. (*Mr. Slade.*) We were told by Mr. Salmon that he brought some money ?—That is merely from the fact that he came with me. He is one of my younger sons. I brought him here to see the election. He accompanied me in the cab to the Imperial Bank, and waited until I came out, and he came down with me here. It was Mr. Salmon's idea that he brought the money. I was the party, and he came merely as my companion.

9013. Then your son never came down except in your company ?—Never. I do not know that there is anything to ask protection for, but probably the Commissioners will grant me a certificate, and also my expenses; and I believe I am to ask also for the expenses of Mr. Brogden, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Johnston.

J. W. Neave.

JAMES WILLIAM NEAVE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

9014. What part did you take in the last election ? —I was one of the committee.

9015. What are you ?—A tailor.

9016. You were one of the committee men ?—Yes.

9017. Where did you attend; at what room ?—We went on the Monday afternoon at Mr. Mainprice's.

9018. Where is that ?—In the Market Place. We went to make arrangements about the voters.

9019. What day ?—On the Monday.

9020. At what hour ?—I think it would be after dinner, perhaps about 2 or 3 o'clock.

9021. Who summoned the meeting ?—I am sure I cannot say.

9022. You met at this committee room ?—We met at this room.

9023. What resolutions were come to ?—That we should get up the voters, and make arrangements for cabs, and such like, for town men.

9024. What else did you do ?—After this I saw Mr. Thomas Edwards.

9025. What o'clock was this ?—This was perhaps a little after 3.

9026. Did he come to you or did you go to him ?— I would not be positive that I saw Mr. Edwards there, and he said "Come along with me, I want you to go with me," or whether he called at my house.

9027. That is Mr. Tom Edwards ?—Yes I would not be positive which it was in that instance; but we went together down to the North Ward, to tell parties to meet Mr. Jones at Mr. Wright's in the evening.

9028. Did you see many parties in consequence of that ?—I should think from 18 to 20.

9029. Eighteen to 20 of the voters ?—Eighteen to 20 of the voters I saw. I can tell you the names.

9030. Well, if you please, do so ?—The first was Mr. Gillings, keeping a public-house.

9031. George or John Gillings ?—I do not know his christian name, but he keeps the "Crown Tavern."

9032. (*Mr. Slade.*) In George Street or Caister Road ?—In the Caister Road.

9033. What passed between you and Gillings when you saw him?—I do not know whether it was me or Mr. Edwards spoke to him; but we went together and told him if he went up from 7 to 8 to Mr. Wright's committee-room on the Church Plain, that he would see a gentleman of the name of Jones.

9034. Have you got a list of those men written out?—No.

9035. It would save us a great deal of time if you would hand in a list of the people that you saw in this way?—Yes, I will.

9036. Instead of having it down upon our notes twice, because we shall have it again from Mr. Jones?—I will do so.

9037. I suppose what you had told Gillings you also told the others?—I told the others; some parties I did not speak to at all. There are, perhaps, two or three I can distinctly remember, that Edwards went forward to speak to, and I stood at a distance from them.

9038. Did you go to any of these men in consequence of having communicated with them on the subject?—I had not communicated with them on the subject.

9039. What made you go to them?—Mr. Edwards said, "I want you to go with me." I was not exactly aware of his errand till we got upon the way, and I soon found out what it was.

9040. Was that for the first time you knew it was for that purpose?—That was the first time I knew it was for the purpose of bribing them.

9041. How long were you engaged in the business there?—I should think, perhaps, it would be 5 or 6 when we finished.

9042. Did you do anything else that evening?—We went up to the rooms and stayed there till Jones came down.

9043. Did he come to the committee room?—He came down to the committee.

9044. You told me these men were to go to Mr. Wright's?—Yes; it is Mr. Wright, in the Church Plain.

9045. What took place then?—We waited some time, I think it must be till some little past 8. The men as they came went upstairs—them as came to receive the bribes, and they began to get impatient because this gentleman of the name of Jones had not come; at length Mr. Jones arrived, and when he came Mr. Edwards was just gone home. He says, "I am of no use, I have not got any list. Where is the list of the names?" I said, "If you stop a bit I will go and see Edwards." I went to Mr. Edwards' house, and when I got there I found he was taking some refreshment. I said to him, "Mr. Jones "is here, and you have not left him any list of the "men's names;" and Mr. Edwards appeared a little alarmed, and he said, "We shall be found out now." He went back with me, and gave Mr. Jones a list, and me and Mr. Edwards went out of the back door.

9046. You gave Mr. Jones a list and then you went out of the back door?—He gave Mr. Jones a list and we two went out of the back door.

9047. How many names were down upon that list?—I cannot say.

9048. Were the names all those persons that you had seen?—All those persons that I had seen would be on that list. Of course they would, and likewise some extra ones that Mr. Edwards went to see himself.

9049. Did you hear of Mr. Jones from Mr. Edwards in the first instance?—Yes.

9050. Did you do anything more that evening?—Nothing more that evening.

9051-2. What did you do on the Tuesday?—On the Tuesday I went to see a man of the name of Bland. He wanted 20*l.* for his vote. After that I saw a man of the name of Roope.

9053. What did you say to him?—First of all when I went to Roope, he was not at home.

9054. With regard to Bland. When he told you he wanted 20*l.*, what did you say then?—I told him I would hear about it, and I told him I thought they would not give so much.

9055. Did anything come of it?—No; the man was not bribed by me, but by the other side.

9056. Did you send him to Mr. Jones?—No.

9057. Did you tell him anything about Mr. Jones?—No.

9058. Did you send him to anybody else?—No.

9059. Nothing passed between you?—Only that. That was the money that he wanted, but he was not bribed by us.

9060. He was not bribed by you?—I did not bribe him.

9061. Do you know whether he got any money from Mr. Jones or not?—I should say not.

9062. Do you know anything about it; have you conversed with him since about it?—No. I never conversed with him about it. I will explain that matter to you. You will find there was another man. First of all I should tell you what I received from Jones altogether was 35*l.*

9063. When did you receive that?—In two payments.

9064. What day?—One payment I received, I think it was the Tuesday, that was 15*l.* On the election morning I received 20*l.*

9065. You mean the day of polling?—The day of polling.

9066. Is Bland's christian name James?—Yes.

9067. Of the Cemetery Road?—Yes.

9068. Tell me what you did with those two sums of 15*l.* and 20*l.*?—I gave Mr. John Stanley 15*l.* or took it to his house.

9069. Did you give it to him?—No; I met him on the road, and he said he should not vote without he had 15*l.* I went and got the money. At that time I got the 20*l.*

9070. This is the 15*l.* you received the Tuesday we are talking of now?—Let me explain to you. First of all I got the 15*l.* Then this Mr. Bland wanted 20*l.*; so the next time I went I drew 20*l.*, gave Stanley 15*l.*, and the other 20*l.* I have in hand.

9071. You have in hand now?—I have in hand now, not knowing where to return it, because I did not know Jones's whereabouts.

9072. You got this money from Jones?—I got the money from Jones.

9073. Why did you not return it to Mr. Jones after the election?—I did not see him.

9074. What did you get for your own vote?—Nothing.

9075. You say you got the 20*l.* on Wednesday morning?—Yes, that was 5*l.* to make up the 20*l.* I took to Mr. Bland.

9076. After you had seen Mr. Bland on the Tuesday, did you see Mr. Jones again?—On the Wednesday morning.

9077. Not before the Wednesday morning?—Yes; I saw Mr. Jones again after I had the money, and he asked me to give him a ticket for that money, or he produced a ticket, and I put a mark to it.

9078. Did you tell Mr. Jones on the Wednesday morning, or on the Tuesday, that you had seen Mr. Bland?—No.

9079. Why, having 15*l.* in your pocket, did you not give the 15*l.* to Bland when he only wanted 15*l.*?—No, he wanted 20*l.*

9080-1. How came he to take 15*l.* the next morning?—He did not take any, not Bland; Stanley took 15*l.*

9082. Stanley wanted 15*l.*?—Stanley wanted 15*l.*

9083. When did you see Stanley?—On the morning of the election.

9084. After you had paid away that 15*l.*?—I held 20*l.*, which I intended for Mr. Bland; but when I asked Mr. Thomas Edwards, and saw him the election morning, and said, "What shall I do about Bland?" he said, "You had better not go near him, I believe the other side have got him;" and I saw Mr. Mainprice and asked him once or twice.

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9085. Do you mean to tell us when you got the 20*l.* from Jones you got it for Bland ?—No.

9086. What did you get it for ?—I got the 15*l.* for Bland first, and he would not take less than 20*l.* when I went to him.

9087. Who ?—Bland would not.

9088. I mean Stanley ?—Stanley wanted 15*l.*

9089. And you gave it him ?—Yes, or took it to his house ; I did not give it to him personally.

9090. I want to know about the 20*l.* of Mr. Bland? —He did not have it.

9091. You went to Bland, and found he would not come to terms under 20*l.* ?—Yes.

9092. You got 35*l.* from Jones ?—From Jones altogether.

9093. You gave 15*l.* of that to Stanley ?—Yes.

9094. The remaining 20*l.* probably you would have given to Bland, only you heard he had been bribed by the other side ?—Yes.

9095. Therefore you kept the 20*l.* ?—Yes.

9096. The 20*l.* you got from Jones was nominally for Bland ?—Yes.

9097. Who did you vote for ?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

9098. You may keep that 20*l.*, and I shall put you down as bribed ?—I did not know where it came from.

9099. Never mind ?—I did not know where it came from until I heard Mr. Brogden's statement.

9100. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you work with Mr. Thomas Edwards ?—I asked Mr. Thomas Edwards about Stanley.

9101. Did you work in company with him ?—The Monday. I did go on the Monday.

9102. Mr. Edwards told us that you and he had different parts of the North Ward and worked separately ?—After we came up the North Ward there were several parties I shall give you the names of that I went to.

9103. Were you then working with Mr. Edwards or alone ?—Part of the time.

9104. Mr. Edwards is wrong in saying that you and he were instructed to work different parts of the same ward ?—On the Monday we worked together going down to the ward, but after that I knew nothing of Edwards.

9105. Had you any tickets ?—Nothing to do with the tickets. Only one that I gave Mr. Jones for the first 15*l.* I received.

9106. That was the only ticket you had ?—That was the only ticket I had.

9107. Did you send all your men to Jones, or did you send any of them to anyone else ?—I sent them all to Jones.

9108. You did not know of anybody else who was paying money ?—No.

9109. Are you quite certain that that 35*l.* was all the money you received ?—Yes, every halfpenny.

9110. The 20*l.* all that you kept ?—That was all I have in hand.

9111. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you give us any further information ?—Yes. On the Tuesday night, about 10 o'clock, I was at home, and a message came to me from a man opposite, of the name of Cady.

9112. What was his message ?—That he wanted it to be arranged about his cab.

9113. Is his name George Cady ?—Yes. I told him I would hear about it. I went up and saw Mr. Jones, because he wanted the cab in the morning to take the voters up. I saw Mr. Jones and told him Cady wanted to be settled with about his cab, and he said, " Send him up." We sent for him, and he came up, and he went to Mr. Jones and received 18*l.*, I understand, for the hire of his cab. There were two cabs, he said.

9114. Did you see him get this money from Mr. Jones ?—No. The next morning we asked him where his two cabs were, and he said there were his two cabs, but he had got only one horse.

9115. Did you make use of one ?—We made use of one.

9116. Anything else ?—Nothing else.

9117. Is that all you know about the matter ?—That is all I know about the matter.

9118. (*Mr. Russell.*) To whom did you report the names of the men whom you told to go up to Mr. Jones ; did you tell anybody you had got these men to go up to Mr. Jones ?—No, I do not remember telling anyone of it.

9119. You told nobody ?—I do not remember telling anyone.

9120. By whose authority did you originally go to them ?—I went with Mr. Edwards. He asked me to go with him.

9121. When you had got them to promise to go to Mr. Jones, did you report that they had so promised to anybody ?—No, except Mr. Edwards ; he took the names down, and entered them in a list as I said.

9122. And you were to go to them, but you never reported them to anybody ?—I never reported them.

9123. Were you supposed to be acting under Mr. Edwards ?—I think I was with him. I merely went down the road to accompany him.

9124. I do not exactly understand you. Did you tell him, Edwards, that you knew of some men that wanted money ?—No. Mr. Edwards said to me, " You are the man I want." He knew that I knew the people down the road. I went as much as anything to show him where they lived, because I was more acquainted with the parties.

9125. Did he leave it to your discretion to go to anybody you liked ?—No ; he went because he knew the voters.

9126. Did you make any list of names at that time of the men you were to go to ?—No.

9127. Did he give you any list of the men you were to go to ?—No.

9128. Did he tell you you were to go and see any men you liked and send them up to Mr. Jones ?—No.

9129. Then what was the arrangement ?—I do not know that there was any particular arrangement, only going with him from voter to voter, and when we got part of the way out perhaps we had seen 16 or 18. Then there were one or two that I went and saw, and Mr. Edwards went the other way and saw the rest.

9130. How did you know you might send men up to Jones ?—Only from the information I received from Mr. Edwards. He said they were to go and see a person of the name of Jones.

9130*a*. I understand it is as I put it, that Mr. Edwards told you you might go and see any man you could get to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl, and they were then to go to see Jones and get their money ?—He did not say any men ; there was a name or two he told me to go and see.

9131. I mean did he give you the names of the men you were to go and see, or did you use your own judgment ?—I suppose I used my own judgment.

9132. And you are going to hand us in a list of the men you went to ?—Yes.

9133. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say that Mr. Bland received money from the other side ?—Yes.

9134. Did you hear who had to do with him ?—No.

9135. You do not know where he got it ?—I do not know where he got it.

9136. You must make us out a list and hand it in of the parties you know ?—I will prepare it and hand it in to-morrow.

ROBERT WARNER sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

9137. What are you?—A fish merchant.

9138. And you live at Gorleston?—Yes.

9139. Did you ask any men for their votes at the last election?—Yes.

9140. How many should you say you asked?—I should think something like 40 or 50, if not 60; lots, all I knew.

9141. Did you always ask them to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

9142. And did they all promise to vote?—Lots of them did, the most part of them.

9143. Did you say you could get anything for them if they would vote?—Yes.

9144. When did you first begin to ask them for their votes?—On the Thursday and Friday.

9145. Did you go about with Mr. King?—Yes.

9146. Who asked you to go about asking for the votes?—Mr. Brand.

9147. Mr. W. J. Brand?—Yes.

9148. What day did he ask you to do this?—I cannot say whether it was on the Thursday or the Friday, it was one of those days.

9149. As soon as he asked you you set to work?—Yes.

9150. Did he say how much you were to offer them?—No.

9151. He said they should have something for their votes?—Yes.

9152. But did not say how much?—No.

9153. Did he tell you to go and find out how much they would take?—Yes.

9154. Did you come to a bargain with them?—Yes.

9155. How much did they want?—Twenties.

9156. All twenties?—Yes.

9157–8. Could you have beat any of them down?—No; I believe they had all made up their minds what to take. In fact they did not begin soon enough, the Liberal party, or they would have won the election in a canter; they would have won in a canter if they had gone in time enough, for I had a purse of 400*l.* or 500*l.* offered by the other party at 2 o'clock on the Saturday, but the Liberals did not begin to bribe until the Monday night.

9159. Who offered you that?—Mr. John Grymes Rivett.

9160. Mr. Rivett offered you 400*l.* on the Saturday?—I do not know what was in the purse; I think 400*l.* or 500*l.*

9161. At 2 o'clock on the Saturday?—Yes.

9162. To go down and get men to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

9163. And why did you not take the offer?—Because I am a Liberal to the heart.

9164. I suppose you went off to tell your party?—Yes.

9165. Whom did you tell?—I told my friend Mr. King.

9166. I suppose you thought it was time to begin then?—Yes.

9167. When did you first make the acquaintance of Mr. Jones?—Monday night.

9168. When Mr. King brought him down?—Yes.

9169. When I say Jones I meant Edwards?—Yes.

9170. Were you talking of Edwards?—Yes.

9171. When did you make Mr. Edwards' acquaintance?—Monday night.

9172. Was it about 9 o'clock on the Monday night?—Between 8 and 9 o'clock.

9173. King and you met him; he got out of a cab, did he?—Yes.

9174. In the street?—Yes.

9175. And you went down to King's house?—To my house.

9176. Had you marshalled all your voters at this time, had you all the voters ready?—No.

9177. Where were they?—We had to fetch them; we had to send them up.

9178. You had to look them up?—Yes.

9179. They were all in their houses?—Yes.

9180. Did you go and fetch them?—Some of them.

9181. Did King go and fetch some?—Some of them.

9182. Who else was with you at the time?—Not anyone; only King and me.

9183. Mr. Edwards tells us he paid 420*l.* that night; that is right, is it not?—I daresay he did. I much question if he did not pay away more; he had a lot with him, I know.

9184. How many voters came that night, should you say?—That I cannot say; something like a score, I should think. In fact, if I had the poll-book, I think I could tell you everybody in Gorleston who took a bribe.

9185. On one side or another?—Either side, or both sides.

9186. There is a blank register (*handing one to the witness*). You knew Mr. Rivett, who is dead?—Yes.

9187. We shall not be able to find out the men unless you give them to us?—Dead men cannot tell any tales.

9188. Read them out loud?—George Aldous, first on the list, and Robert Annison.

9189. Aldous got 15*l.* from Hammond, you know; is that the man? is that what you mean, that he got 15*l.* from Hammond?—Yes, on the other side. Charles Balls.

9190. Robert Annison, did he get anything?—Yes, 20*l.*

9191. Joseph Ballard?—20*l.*

9192. And Charles Balls?—20*l.*

9193. Robert Banham?—I think he got 15*l.* the other side.

9194. Samuel Barber?—15*l.*, I believe.

9195. Thomas Barwood?—15*l.* from the other party, I think.

9196. Who is the next?—Thomas Betts.

9197. What did he get?—20*l.*

9198. Just go back; what did William Bell get?—I cannot say.

9199. What did Joseph Bensley get?—That I cannot say.

9200. He was bribed by your side, was he not?—Yes.

9201. The other side found they were too late with him, did they not?—Yes.

9202. What did he get from your side?—Who?

9203. Joseph Bensley?—I do not know. Edward Bonney 15*l.*, and Joseph Bonney 15*l.*

9204. Mr. Hammond gave those?—Yes.

9205. Do you know anything about Joseph Bensley?—No.

9206. Do you know anything about James Blake?—No.

9207. Now the Bradnums; you know those two?—I did hear that Bradnum got 15*l.* from the other party. I do not know whether he did or not.

9208. What did Isaac get?—15*l.* I think.

9209. The two Bradnums?—15*l.*, I think, each of them.

9210. Did not Benjamin get 20*l.*?—I do not know.

9211. Isaac Bradnum got 15*l.* from Mr. Rivett, did he not?—He lives on the pier wall, does he not?

9212. In Turner's Lane?—No, I think not.

9213. Do you know one way or the other?—No.

9214. Was Benjamin Bradnum bribed on both sides?—I heard that he was; I am sure I do not know. He did not get it off Edwards.

9215. What is the next one? There is Thomas Brown; did he get anything?—I do not know him. William Vincent 20*l.* Vincent got something.

9216. Was he bribed by the Tories?—The Liberals. Then there were two Newmans bribed by the other party: Samuel Newman, senior, and Samuel Newman, junior, bribed by Mr. Bunn—two fifteeners; but Mr. Bunn did not give an account of it when he was before you. It was set off as a back debt, and the

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Newmans did not receive the money, except 4*l.* out of the 30*l.*

9217. We want to know who were bribed by Mr. Rivett ?—That I cannot say.

9218. I will take William Denton ?—15*l.*, I believe. I have heard so.

9219. He got 15*l.* from Mr. Hammond ?—Yes.

9220. Did he get anything from Mr. Rivett ?—I think not.

9221. Now take James Halfnight ; was he bribed by Mr. Rivett ?—I do not know ; I think it is very likely he had 20*l.* off the Liberal party. I heard a rumour that he got 15*l.* off of Mr. Rivett. In fact, there was a lot of folks standing about Mr. Rivett's house just at that time, parties who are not used to go to Mr. Rivett's at any other time ; they have not any business with Mr. Rivett whatsoever.

9222. What day was that ?—I think that was on the Sunday ; that is when the election was won, on the Sunday ; it was won before Mr. Brogden came out with his money, I believe.

9223. It was won by the Tories ?—Yes, I know that. I went to the committee room on the Sunday night, and told him what was passing at Gorleston, that they were bribing heavily there by the other party, and that there was no money on by the Liberal party. Then the election was won. In Gorleston it was ; I cannot say for Yarmouth.

9224. Do you suppose the whole of the 1,500*l.* was spent in Gorleston that day ?—He cannot speak for himself, but I do not believe Mr. Rivett kept a penny of it ; I believe it was all spent.

9225. I do not mean that he kept it, but I mean whether he had an opportunity of spending it all ?—I do not believe that he had. Mr. Rivett was very liberal with it, or he would not have offered me 400*l.* or 500*l.*

9226. What did Mr. Rivett give for his votes ?—15*l.*, I believe.

9227. And you sprung a 5*l.* note on your side ?—Yes.

9228. Who acted under Mr. Rivett like you did under Mr. Edwards ?—Mr. Bunn and Mr. Charles Hammond.

9229. Were they down at Mr. Rivett's house that Sunday ?—Yes, I believe they were. I believe they were seen there. I have heard rumours going about that this Mr. Bunn, Milky Bunn we called him in Gorleston, after he bribed the men in Gorleston, he actually went to them and wanted from 1*l.* to 30*s.* a head or 2*l.* a man off of them for bribing the men.

9230. Bunn gave us a list of 17 names that he bribed ?—I believe that he bribed three times as many ; he was at work night and day.

9231. John Hammond, junior, gave us a list of 11 names ?—I much question whether that is a quarter of them. All I know is, what parties we kept going to, and tried as hard as any man could to bribe ; they were all bribed by the other party ; we were two days too late.

9232. Do you suppose the same thing went on at Mr. Rivett's as went on at that night when you came down ?—Yes.

9233. The men were taken in and got their money ?—Yes.

9234. The same sort of thing ?—Yes.

9235. There were no tickets ?—No, no tickets ; those were what we call the aristocracy of Gorleston that Mr. Rivett bribed.

9236. The aristocracy did not ask more than the mob, all the same price ?—I think some of them gave a score ; I heard they had. Our respectable relieving officer, I do not think he took a bribe, but he would not promise his vote to Sir Edmund Lacon without they would advance his salary 10*l.* a year.

9237. What is that gentleman's name ?—James Ling.

9238. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was he the relieving officer ?—Yes.

9239. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know young Mr. Diver ?—Yes, I know him.

9240. Was he at work down there ?—I did not see him.

9241. Do you know Mr. Harmer ?—I saw him down there several times.

9242. What was he doing down there ?—He was on the bribing system, I believe.

9243. What day ; was he there till after the bribing began, do you mean ?—He was there on the Saturday night.

9244. Henry Robert Harmer ; was he down at Mr. Rivett's ?—No ; I saw him in a public-house.

9245. Talking with the voters ?—Yes.

9246. What makes you say he was on the bribing system ?—Because he was walking there both night and day ; he was there all night long. I saw him on two or three different occasions at 12 and 1 o'clock in the morning.

9247. Call at people's houses ?—I saw him in the public-house, the "Tom and Jerry."

9248. He was down there late on Saturday night, was he ?—Yes.

9249. Was he there on the Sunday ?—I did not see him on the Sunday morning, at least the time was between 12 and 1 o'clock ; that was the Sunday morning.

9250. Was he there the Sunday night ?—I did not see him the Sunday night.

9251. Did you ever hear how many men Mr. Harmer got hold of ?—No, I did not.

9252. Can you tell me any of their names ?—No.

9253. He did get hold of some, I suppose ?—Yes, he did, as far as I can tell you.

9254. Did you see Mr. Henry Teasdel down there ?—I saw Mr. Teasdel down there. I do not know whether his name was Henry ; but one of Teasdel's sons.

9255. What was he doing ?—When I saw him he was in a cab. I saw him several times. He was always in a cab when I saw him. In fact, I have reason to recollect about Teasdel, because he horsewhipped me out of the cab ; so that I recollect seeing him.

9256. He was working on the Conservative side ?—Yes.

9257. Was he canvassing ?—Yes, I think he was.

9258. Mr. Dumbleton, do you know him ?—I know him.

9259. Did you see him at work ?—No, not down there. I had heard something about Dumbleton bribing Mr. Robert Symonds.

9260. What did you hear Dumbleton gave Robert Symonds ?—Something about his rent ; at least Symonds told me from his own lips that Dumbleton, he supposed it was, put it in his box.

9261. He found it in his box ?—Yes.

9262. Did you hear of Dumbleton bribing anybody else ?—No.

9263. Do you know Charles Rooks ?—Yes, I know him.

9264. Was he working for the Conservatives ?—I did not see him.

9265. Edward Spratt ?—I do not think he did anything.

9266. Mr. Edwards came down again, did he not ?—Yes, the next morning.

9267. Whose house did he go to then ?—Mine.

9268. What is the name of your house ?—Rodney Cottage.

9269. Is there a house there called the "Barking Fishery ?"—Yes, about half a mile from my house.

9270. When he went to your house did he stay there or did he go on ?—No, he did not stay there long ; he might stay about an hour.

9271. Did he give any money away at your house ?—Yes.

9272. Did he go to the "Barking Fishery" at all that morning ?—No, he did not ; I drove Mr. Edwards home that morning about 4 o'clock.

9273. Four o'clock on Tuesday morning ?—Yes ; and he returned again, I think, just before dinner.

9274. About what time ?—On the Tuesday ?

9275. Yes ; about half-past 12 do you mean ?—I think something like that.

9276. Now, when he came at half-past 12, did he come down for the same purpose ?—Yes.

9277. Where did he go to ?—My house.

9278. Did you go and fetch the voters again ?—Yes.

9279. How many received money on that day at that time ?—I should think something like half a score that morning.

9280. Then he went back to Yarmouth ?—Yes.

9281. Did he come down again ?—I did not see him any more, and I have not seen him since.

9282. Mr. Edwards gave you 40*l.*, did he not ?—Yes.

9283. What did you do with that ?—Kept it. I did not consider that as a bribe though.

9284. That was for the use of your house ?—Yes.

9285. How did you make Mr. Edwards' acquaintance ?—The first of my seeing Mr. Edwards was with Mr. Brand and Mr. King.

9286. Did he ask you if you would assist him in the election ?—Yes, both me and my friend King.

9287. Had you done anything of the sort before the last election ?—Never before.

9288. Not in the year 1859 ?—No.

9289. We do not want the names of the voters paid at your house, because we had them all from Mr. Edwards, but perhaps you will tell us some of those you can think of that were bribed by Mr. Rivett. If I again put a few names before you, do you think you will be able to tell me if Mr. Rivett gave them any money or not ?—I think I can, certainly.

9290. George Bull ?—No, I do not think off Mr. Rivett.

9291. I mean by anybody on that side ?—Yes. I believe he was bribed by the Tory party.

9292. Who do you think bribed him ?—I should think Mr. Bunn.

9293. William Capon ?—I do not know him.

9294. John Duffield ?—I know him, but I do not know whether he was bribed or not.

9295. James Fleming ?—Yes ; it is rumoured that he was bribed by Mr. Rivett.

9296. Did you ever hear how much he got ?—I believe they had from 15*l.* to 20*l.* on that side.

9297. Now Wm. Fleming ?—Yes, just the same, I believe.

9298. Robert George ?—I do not know.

9299. Richard Harrod ?—I do not know.

9300. Thomas Leggett ?—The same, I think.

9301. Do you mean the same as Fleming ?—I cannot say in truth, it is a rumour ; I heard so.

9302. The same as Fleming ?—I heard those parties got bribed off John Rivett. They are what we call our Queen's pilots.

9303. Benjamin Lindoff ?—I do not know. I do not know about any parties in Southtown at all.

9304. Then it is no use asking you about Southtown ?—No I do not know about them.

9305. There is Robert Rope, Gorleston ?—He is a very likely customer.

9306. Christopher Spashett ?—I cannot say ; the Tory party resorted to his house a deal, but I cannot say whether he got anything or not.

9307. Joseph Stanford ?—I cannot say.

9308. Alfred Stebbings ?—He often stated he did not get anything, which I much doubt. I much question whether he had or not. I know he would have it if it laid in his way.

9309. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know William Carter ?—No.

9310. Do you know Robert Margetson Rope ?—Yes.

9311. Did he assist the Conservative side ?—No.

9312. (*Mr. Russell.*) You say you heard the Queen's pilots were bribed by Mr. Rivett ?—Yes.

9313. How many of them are there ?—Five, I think, in Gorleston.

9314. Can you give me their names ?—Samuel Fleming, William Fleming, Thomas Leggett, and Stanford ; I do not know his christian name.

9315. There is William Swan Stanford and Joseph Stanford ?—It was Joseph.

9316. That is only four ?—There are five ; the other is Thompson, he was not there at the time.

9317. Have you always belonged to the Blue party ?—Yes.

9318. How came old Rivett to come to you and offer you 500*l.* ?—I have had dealings with Mr. Rivett for the last seven years.

9319. Do you think he regarded you as a member of the aristocracy ?—No, I think not ; I cannot say that.

9320. Do you think he only came to you because you were a likely man to get votes ?—I think so. I had had dealings with Mr. Rivett for something like 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* within the last seven years. I always found Mr. Rivett as a gentleman, and he always found me as a man ; and I suppose from that he put a little confidence in me, and I put a deal in Mr. Rivett at the time he was alive.

9321. And the way he showed his confidence in you was offering you money to bribe men to vote against your own party ?—He did do so, certainly.

9322. You did not have anything from Mr. Rivett ?—I do not think anything from the Conservative party at all.

9323. And was 40*l.* all the money that you received ?—Yes, every farthing I received.

9324. And you never bought a voter yourself ?—No.

9325. Did you see Mr. Brand at the "Barking Fishery ?"—Yes.

9326. What was he doing there ?—He was not doing anything when I saw him. I was not there but very little at that time.

9327. Was bribery going on at the time you saw him there ?—At the time I was there ?

9328. When was that ?—I think it was on the Monday night ; I cannot say as far as that.

9329. That was the day that bribery began on your side ?—Yes, it must have been the Tuesday when I saw Mr. Brand there.

9330. Were there many men there at the time ?—Several.

9331. And were they men who received money for their votes ?—Some of them.

9332. And Mr. Brand was among them ?—Mr. Brand was there.

9333. (*Mr. Slade.*) I suppose you know pretty well the feeling of the electors of Gorleston ?—Liberal.

9334. All Liberals ?—Yes.

9335. That is their natural feeling ?—Yes.

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9336. What are you ?—A fish merchant.

9337. Do you recollect the last election ?—Yes.

9338. On the Monday previous to the election do you recollect Mr. Edwards coming down to you ?—Yes ; me and Mr. Brand went right up in a cab and met him in Yarmouth.

9339. Had you previously to that visit been seeing the voters ?—No, I do not think I saw above four.

9340. Are you a Liberal in politics ?—I have generally voted that way.

9341. Now, when Mr. Edwards came down, what took place ?—He went into Mr. Warner's house ; people were standing about there, and they went in and took the money. I do not know it, but I think it is very likely they did.

9342. Do you know of anyone who took money ?—Yes, I knew them all that Mr. Edwards gave you an account of. There was a little mistake he made, which I told him about yesterday, in two cases. I see by the papers he spoke of a man by the name of Robert Newson ; he is not upon the register. I think

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it ought to be Robert Annison, because Newson has no vote at all.

9343. What mistake did he make?—He said Newson, it ought to be Annison. He also told you he gave Ballard 20*l.*; he only had 15*l.* I took the money to him. I told Mr. Edwards of it yesterday or the day before.

9344. Did Mr. Edwards give you money to give to the voters?—He gave me that because he was an old man who was blind.

9345. Is that the only case in which you had the money?—I took the money to Dye and to Hart, 20*l.*

9346. This was on the Monday?—On the Monday night we called at Dye's house as we went up.

9347. Is that all you know about what happened on Monday?—Yes.

9348. On Tuesday, what did you do?—Mr. Edwards came down just before dinner or at dinner time and paid something like three or four voters.

9349. Did you pay any of that money?—No.

9350. No money passed through your hands then?—Only what I told you.

9351. Did you introduce Mr. Edwards to Mr. Warner?—I think I did. I think I came down in a fly; I and Mr. Brand. Mr. Brand left us at the corner as you go to his house, and we came further on.

9352. Can you give us any further information with regard to the bribery on your side?—On the Tuesday at dinner time, I believe, Charles Woods was bribed. I think Mr. Edwards gave you an account of them; it was perfectly right what he said.

9353. Can you give us any information with regard to the other side?—They were about a good deal.

9354. Can you give us any names that you know had bribes?—Not that I know of; I only know there is a Rubin Smith and a Green, who were bribed by Mr. Bunn, I think. He said one gentleman came to him and gave him the money. I think Green will tell you when he comes up.

9355. He received it from Mr. Bunn, you think?—He had just come there; they are neighbours, and both in one trade.

9356. Is there any other case?—Not to my recollection now. I recollect Smith built a boat for Warner. I remember that case, that came to our knowledge some time when the petition was being got up; he did not only tell us two, but I think he went to the "Angel" and had a little drop of Scotch ale and half pint of sherry, and he took two drinks at it, and then he began to tell all his friends and everybody about it.

9357. When the wine is in the wit is out?—Yes, just so; he drank a goodish bit before he began to talk. In the case of Ling, if you have a man of the name of William Howse up, he will tell you all about it.

9358. Did he receive any money?—He received 10*l.* from Mr. Eagleton; he said he was a Tory.

9359. (*Mr. Slade.*) You mean about Ling and the salary?—I only go by rumour; he may tell you more of the facts than what I know.

9360. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know the people in Southtown?—Not many of them. I know some, but not many.

9361. You cannot give us any information about the people there?—I know very little in Southtown.

9362. Who was it employed you at the last election?—Mr. Brand.

9363. What did he tell you you were to do when he employed you?—To see the voters if I could.

9364. When was it he employed you?—On the Monday. We had been about a good bit before, but we had not seen any voters though we were about.

9365. (*Mr. Russell.*) You were to do something more than see the voters?—No, just to see him, and take him to a man. I do not think it was then arranged.

9366. Did you find looking at them made them vote?—No, I do not think they want much looking at.

9367. What did Mr. Brand want you to do when you saw the voters?—To see them, and ask them whether they were going to vote, and what they wanted. I do not recollect exactly, it is so long ago.

9368. Were they to wink when you looked at them?—No; I think I might mention it to two or three.

9369. You knew the Tories had begun bribing then?—Yes, I believe they had.

9370. And the voters were difficult to get?—Yes. I think Warner went to most of those. I do not remember getting refused by those I asked, I only asked four.

9371. Did Mr. Brand tell you you were to see the voters?—Yes, to hear what they wanted.

9372. Did Mr. Brand give you to understand that?—Yes, we had to do it in the daylight; we were rather afraid in the dark, because on the opposite side there were a lot of fellows with great bludgeons.

9373. I daresay you could take care of yourselves?—Yes.

9374. How much money did you receive altogether?—For myself?

9375. No, not for yourself, but altogether?—He paid me Mr. Hart's 20*l.*

9376. Who did?—Mr. Edwards; and 20*l.* for Dye, and 15*l.* for Ballard, and 40*l.* for myself.

9377. That is 95*l.*?—I never cast it up.

9378. That is 95*l.*?—Something about that.

9379. Is that all you received?—No. I received some money for some men we had on the election day from Mr. Clowes, somewhere about 12*l.*, which I gave him a bill for; what it was now I do not know.

9380. Were those the men employed on the election day?—Yes.

9381. Employed at what?—Both parties had men in front of where they polled to protect the voters. I do not think they had much to drink on the Liberal side. I see some "pop" or something of that kind; but I think they had gallons of brandy on the other side.

9382. Is that all the money you received?—Yes.

9383. Are you quite sure?—Yes, quite certain.

9384. Did you have any tickets?—No.

9385. Did you ever see Mr. Brand up at the "Barking Fishery?"—Yes; I saw him drink a glass of brandy and water there.

9386. When was that?—The night before the election.

9387. The Tuesday night?—Yes, and he came up to Yarmouth in a cab.

9388. Did you take men up to the "Barking Fishery" yourself that night?—No.

9389. How came you to go up?—It was a sort of committee room we had there.

9390. Were there voters being paid for their votes that night?—Yes, I think there were three paid there.

9391. Can you tell me who they were?—Wilkins. I did not see them paid, but I heard they were paid. James Halfnight, and Thurston, I think. I do not think you have had Thurston, because Jones paid him.

9392. Was Mr. Brand there when those men were paid?—I do not think he was.

9393. You do not know yourself if Mr. Brand was here when those men were paid?—No, I do not know. I think he came down with Jones; we fell in with him somewhere at the "Norfolk Hotel," on the beach.

9394. Have you always been for the Blue party?—Yes.

9395. Did you work for them at the last previous election?—Yes, I was looking about. I never gave any money away at the last election.

9396. There was no money at that time?—Yes, I believe there was.

9397. You did not get any?—No.

9398. You did not give any away to any others?—No, I did not give any away to any others; I got some for looking out, being a watchman at that time.

9399. You cannot give us much help about the election of 1859?—Yes, I could, if it came before my notice. I know a little about it.

9400. Perhaps we may see you again upon it?—

I should think Mr. Harmer can give you a little information ; he was down there in 1859.

9401. Did old Rivett ever try you ?—No.

9402. You were not a member of the aristocracy? No. I should think it is very likely a man of the name of Whiteman could give you a little idea of the Tory side ; he was employed as a runner ; it is Abel Woods Whiteman. He can tell you what was done between Mr. Bunn and Mr. Harmer ; they reported the votes to him. It was his house where the committee room was ; he was running about a good deal, and he can give you a little information.

9403. (*Mr. Slade.*) He got 15*l.* from Mr. Bunn ?—The same one.

9404. (*Mr. Russell.*) What did you have the 40*l.* for ?—20*l.* for the vote, and 20*l.* for looking after the voters.

9405. That is what you call half and half?—Yes, I thought I might as well take that as for Mr. Goodson to intimidate me through Mr. Hewitt; he tried a good deal ; he was down at Gorleston a good many times. They were yachting together.

9406. Who was that?—Robert Hewitt, I think he was he came five or six times after us.

9407. Which side was Robert Hewitt on ?—He had not a vote ; he was not long enough there.

9408. Which side did he try to get you to vote for ?—For Mr. Goodson.

9409. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you see Mr. Goodson at Gorleston ?—Yes, plenty of times.

9410. Did you see him there the Sunday before the election ?—No, I do not think I did. His yacht, was lying down there, but whether it was the Sunday before the election, or the Sunday before that, I do not know.

9411. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you a good deal about in Gorleston on the Sunday ?—Yes. The Sunday evening we were up in Yarmouth.

9412. (*Mr. Slade.*) Up at the "Angel ?"—Yes.

9413. I suppose you went up with Mr. King to tell the committee at the "Angel" they had begun to bribe on the other side ?—Yes.

9414. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose you know most of the voters at Gorleston ?—I know every man.

9415. Supposing there had been no bribery on their side, would most of them have gone up to vote at all ?—Yes, I believe they would. I believe there are several that are under the influence of Mr. Robert Stewart; they might have voted for the Tories with that exception, and the public-houses, they would have voted Liberal.

9416. The question is would they give themselves the trouble to go up and vote at all ?—Yes, they had not far to go, and I believe they would.

9417. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you mean Mr. Robert Stewart, the late mayor ?—I believe there were several under his influence at Gorleston.

9418. Is he alive now ?—I saw him yesterday.

9419. Did he busy himself in the election this time ?—I never saw him about much.

9420. You did not think Sir Edmund Lacon has any influence down there ?—No, I do not think he is very popular down there.

9421. You knew Mr. Rivett, I suppose ?—Yes, he was a bit of a relation of mine, distant.

9422. This 1,500*l.* that he got, you have no doubt he spent it. Do you think he spent it all in Gorleston ?—I think it very likely he did if it was spent at all. Young Clarke told me it was all spent, he believed. He is a grandson of that party; he said it is a very curious thing, at all other elections they found notes about his house, but at this election he did not think there was one.

9423. Do you mean 5*l.* notes ?—No; notes of the tactics where he had paid money away. He told me on the pier a few days ago, he did not believe his grandfather had the money.

9424. Who is it ?—John Clarke.

9425. Grandson to Rivett ?—Grandson to Mr. Rivett, his mother is Mr. Rivett's executrix.

9426. Is that John Clarke of South Quay ?—No; he is a young man ; he would not be on the register.

9427. Is his father on the register ?—His father is dead. I think, perhaps, he might help the Commissioners about the money a little. I think he knew a little of his grandfather's business.

9428. Was he living with his grandfather at the time ?—No, he was living with his mother at the time.

9429. Was he very much with Mr. Rivett ?—Yes, very often.

9430. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is young Clarke Red or Blue ?—He is Liberal, they are all Liberal. If there is anything to come out, I believe they will let you know about it, the wife and all, they are all Liberals.

9431. Was old Mr. Rivett well off, well to do ?—I believe he was ; he was always a man of business.

9432. You do not know whether he died well off ?—I believe he did.

9433. Did you say his wife was the executrix ?—No, his daughter.

9434. Is that Mrs. Clarke ?—Mrs. Clarke.

9435. That is the mother of the young man ?—That is the mother of the young man ; he was talking to me about it.

9436. (*Mr. Slade.*) Tell me what do you mean by the notes, were they tickets ?—No, they would be people's names, I expect.

9437. Written down on a piece of paper ?—Written down on a piece of paper.

9438. Was that by way of being a voucher for money ?—I think it would be ; he told me, it is a very curious thing at this election they did not think they could find any, but at all other elections they were found about the house.

9439. Were they the same sort of thing as on your side ?—The tickets.

9440. Yes ?—No, they would be memorandums ; I do not think they had any tickets.

9441. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you see old Mr. Rivett much about at the election in 1859 ?—Yes.

9442. But not so much about in the election the other day ?—No, not so much about.

9443. He had become an older man and more infirm ?—Yes, he had.

9444. I suppose he was more likely this last time to employ other men, not being so young ?—I believe he paid more money away in 1859 than he did this time.

9445. You believe that ?—Yes, I do.

9446. What makes you think so ?—He was about more ; I saw him along with different people more.

9447. Do you know whether old Rivett employed anybody else under him in 1859 ?—I think Mr. Bunn was, but I do not know whether he was on to him or no. There was a Mr. Fisk about in 1859, whether he was doing anything I do not know ; I met him. I had to watch those two one day, Fisk and Godbolt.

9448. Which Fisk is it, Henry or Robert ?—I do not think he is on the list now. I think his name is George Fisk. I recollect I was watching. I had been about and would not leave them ; they were about there, and they came and met me against the "Feathers ;" he did not know that I was on the opposite side, and he introduced me and said it is King. I daresay he can tell you something about 1859 if you have him up, George Fisk.

9449. You knew old Rivett very well ?—Ever since I was a child.

9450. Do you, from your knowledge of him, think he was a man that if he had 1,500*l.* he would spend it for the purpose for which he had it ?—I believe he would.

9451. You believe he was an honest man ?—I believe he was.

9452. Old Mr. Rivett had no influence out of Gorleston ?—I think not.

9453. You never knew him work out of Gorleston ?—I never knew him.

9454. Do you know Mr. Lummis ?—I have seen him. I do not know much about him ; he is a Yarmouth man.

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9455. Did you see him much about Gorleston at the last election?—No, he was not about at all.

9456. You think if he spent 500*l.* he was very quiet about it?—I think he would spend it in Yarmouth, he would not in Gorleston. There was a man of the name of Savage down at Gorleston one or two nights before the election. What he was after I do not know; he was at the "White Lion," near Rivett's house, I think it very likely he was an operator for some of them.

9457. Did he belong to the Red party?—I think he did.

9458. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is it John Thomas Savage?—Yes.

9459. You think he was an operator in 1859?—Very likely; and so he was at the last one, I think, too. Of course I do not know, I only tell you what I think. I do not know.

9460. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who was it who introduced you to Jones?—Well, I am sure I do not know now. It was very late when we fell in with him, who it was now I do not know.

9461. Do you remember?—No, I do not remember. I was not along with him 20 minutes or half an hour. I do not remember; if I did I would tell you in a minute.

9462. Did you report to any one the men you had got?—None. I do not think there was any time to do it, we were all hurry-scurry. I do not think there was time.

9463. Had you been told to report to anyone?—No. I think William Matson will give you a little information.

9464. Is he a Gorleston man?—Yes, he lives in Gorleston; perhaps he might tell you a little of Mr. Rivett's tactics, he was a tenant under him, and he might tell you a little about it.

9465. Do you remember anyone else?—I cannot recollect the names now; if I could recollect I would give it in a minute.

9466. I mean anybody else working on the Conservative side there?—I do not remember.

9467. If you happen to remember anybody else you will let us know?—Yes.

W. J. Brand.

WILLIAM JERMYN BRAND sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

9468. I believe you took an active part in the last election?—Rather so.

9469. On which side?—On the Liberal side.

9470. May I ask you what you are?—A woollen draper.

9471. When did you first begin to take an active part in the last election?—Not until about the Saturday previous to the election.

9472. How came you then to take an active part?—I had been introduced to Mr. Brogden, and named as one of his committee.

9473. And you then, I believe, took the management of Gorleston?—Of the Gorleston Ward.

9474. What were your committee rooms at Gorleston?—We had a committee room at the "Barking Fishery," but we made but very little use of it.

9475. Was that your only committee room?—The only committee room that we had until the day of the election; then we had a private room near the polling place.

9476. Where was that?—That was a corner private house, kept by a man of the name of Sayer.

9477. Is he a voter?—I do not think he is on the register, I am not certain.

9478. Were you the only committee man who worked in Gorleston?—No; there was Mr. Lovewell Blake and Mr. John Whiting.

9479. Anybody else?—Not belonging to the Gorleston committee; of course we had assistants.

9480. You three constituted the Gorleston committee?—Yes.

9481. And you were the chairman?—Yes, I was chairman.

9482. Who were your assistants?—Our assistants were King and Warner, who have been up; and another King, I think his name is James King.

9483. It is High Road, Southtown?—Yes.

9484. You will find it Henry King?—I think it is Henry King.

9485. Anybody else?—Zachariah Eastick, not on the register. I do not remember we had anybody else. I think Arthur Blake also was one of the assistants; not on the register.

9486. Do you remember any more?—I do not recollect anyone else.

9487. First, as to yourself, Blake, and Whiting, what were your duties?—Our duties were merely to superintend the getting the voters up to the poll.

9488. But from the Saturday to the polling day what were your duties?—The only committee meeting we had that I can recollect was on the Monday evening, and then we met to make arrangements for getting the voters up next day.

9489. Who was present at your committee meeting on Monday evening?—The parties that I have named.

9490. Blake and Whiting?—The two Blakes, Arthur Blake, Lovewell Blake, Whiting, George King, and Warner.

9491. In fact, the committee men and the assistants?—Yes, just so.

9492. That was on the Monday night?—On the Monday evening.

9493. Where?—That was at the "Barking Fishery."

9494. I suppose you were then aware that money had been spent on the Conservative side in bribery?—Yes.

9495. Did you at that meeting discuss what it would be requisite to do to meet that bribery on the part of the Conservatives?—No, we did not discuss it, because it was already arranged that there was to be money spent on the Liberal side.

9496. When was that arrangement made to your knowledge?—On the Monday forenoon, at the "Angel."

9497. Did you go down to the "Angel?"—I was at the meeting at the "Angel" on the Monday forenoon.

9498. Who were at that meeting?—There were present, I think, at that meeting the two Neaves, Livingston; I think Fill; I think Mr. Garson Blake was there; I am not certain about that; Mr. Lovewell Blake was there, and Downing, and I think Mainprice was there; there were others, but I cannot exactly recollect who they were.

9499. Mr. Hammond?—I think Mr. Hammond was there, I am not positive about that. I am not certain whether he was there or whether he had left the "Angel" at that time.

9500. Mr. Brogden?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

9501. Will you be good enough to tell me from whom the suggestion of spending money originated at that meeting?—I really cannot recollect who it originated with. I know the subject was discussed, because there were some parties in the room if I recollect right, one or two who objected to have anything to do with bribery, and wished it to be fought out on pure principles, and then petition against the return; it was pretty certain the Tories would be returned, we thought, they had done so much in the way of bribery that it was impossible to beat them.

9502. Do you remember who advised that line of conduct?—No, I cannot. I do not know I ever knew exactly who the party was who proposed it; it was generally discussed.

9503. However, a contrary opinion prevailed?—There was a contrary opinion.

9504. And that prevailed?—Yes.

9505. But you cannot remember who first suggested that you should spend money in bribery?—I do not recollect at all.

9506. Will you, as far as you can remember, state

what took place?—Well, the conversation was so general that I can scarcely tell you. I think the first commencement of the meeting was to consider whether the canvass would warrant the Liberal candidates going to the poll, provided there had been no bribery; and it was then considered to be very favourable. We then discussed how far the election might have been influenced by the bribery which had been going on on the other side, and at last it was decided that money should be spent on the Liberal side. I believe that was the subject of the conversation generally.

9507. Was the sum of money then mentioned to be provided?—No, I never heard a sum of money mentioned at all.

9508. Was any sum mentioned to be spent in Gorleston?—No, no specified sum.

9509. Did you leave that meeting without the knowledge that any particular sum would be devoted to buying votes in Gorleston?—No, I never heard any sum named at all.

9510. Did you go away believing that the sum would be without limit?—Yes.

9511. And did the gentlemen whose names you have given me all concur in that agreement?—I believe so.

9512. Do you believe that the gentlemen who objected to that course being taken were not any of the gentlemen whose names you have given me?—I really do not recollect who the parties were who objected, but I know it was recommended at all events to try and fight the election on purely principles.

9513. Was Mr. Marshman present at that meeting?—No, he was gone.

9514. He was not even mentioned?—No; I do not even recollect he was mentioned at that meeting at all.

9515. No allusion was made to Mr. Marshman having prevented the expenditure of money at an earlier period?—No.

9516. Did you undertake at that meeting yourself to disburse any money?—No, I did not.

9517. Were you asked if you would undertake it?—I was not asked to do so, and indeed Mr. Brogden told me not to do it.

9518. You being the legitimate agent in Gorleston?—I suppose so.

9519. Do you know to whom the money was entrusted that was to be spent in Gorleston?—I think there was about an equal quantity to Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards.

9520. Did the assistants then go out to see whom they could obtain to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—Yes, at that time.

9521. Were they to make a return to anybody of the names they obtained?—No, I did not understand they were; there was no time for any arrangements of that kind.

9522. When you say there was no time for any arrangements of that kind, do you mean that after that meeting all regular management ceased, and those men were entrusted to buy voters pell-mell as best they could?—Well, they went out for the purpose of getting them wherever they could, and there were no arrangements made about it.

9523. Have you any personal cognizance of the action of the assistants in procuring voters?—No, I have not at all. I am speaking generally, but in Gorleston I understood their plan was for King and Warner to look up the voters and send them to a particular place, either to Jones or Edwards.

9524. Where was that particular place?—I found out Warner's house, but I was not with them then.

9525. I suppose, before the Monday when this meeting took place, you had canvassed Gorleston?—No, I did no canvassing scarcely, with the exception of one or two parties whom I went to, who had not been seen. I was not in Yarmouth while the canvassing was going on, and did not return till it was completed.

9526. Had you the custody of the Gorleston canvass?—No, I never saw a canvass-book of anyone.

9527. Was it not your duty to make returns of promises to the central committee?—No, I had no duty of the kind. The canvassers had completed when I returned to Yarmouth, but I had no promises to return at all.

9528. Did you give a list of the Gorleston men to Mr. Edwards?—Previous to his purchasing the voters do you mean?

9529. Yes?—Not that I am aware of; I do not think I did.

9530. Mr. Edwards has stated that you gave him a list, and that he then gave you the money?—It is a mistake of Mr. Edwards which he has made. He is right, or nearly right, with regard to the names as having received money, but he never gave me the money at all. I had the money from Jones.

9531. What money did you receive from Jones?—I think I received either 120*l.* or 140*l.*; but he will be able to state when he comes what it was. I cannot recollect exactly.

9532. When was it you received it?—Upon the day of nomination; after the nomination was over I think it was.

9533. Upon the Tuesday?—Upon the Tuesday.

9534. Was that the first money that you received?—Yes; it happened just in this way. I was up at the "Angel;" we had been very much pressed for time at Gorleston in seeing the voters, and I think Mr. Edwards was present at the time. I stated to Jones, "You had better give me some money in the event of anyone applying to me for money for votes; you cannot come down any more," and after a time he gave me this money to take home.

9535. Can you tell me what you did with it?—Yes. After I returned to Gorleston, John Whiting applied to me for money for three voters, and I gave him 45*l.*

9536. Go on?—Then Zachariah Eastick applied for some for two voters, and I gave him 35*l.*; and 10*l.* more, I think, I paid to a Mr. Shattock for a man of the name of Godbolt.

9537. Do you know what his christian name was?—I think it was Frederick; and upon the Friday after the election I carried the balance back to Jones, with the list of parties that I had spent the money upon.

9538. You do not remember what that balance was?—I do not exactly.

9539. Then you are quite sure that Mr. Edwards is mistaken in thinking that you gave him a list, and that he then gave you the money?—Yes, I am quite sure of that. I think he was present when I accounted for the money afterwards.

9540. Mr. Edwards was asked this, "Did Mr. "Brand give you that list?—Yes, I have got it here; "I intend giving it you. Is that William Jermyn "Brand?—I could not tell you what his christian "name was; I am not quite sure whether he was a "professional man or not." Then these are the names he gave as the list you gave him: Henry Cooper, James Fulcher, Robert Hurrell, William D. Humphrey, William Snell, and Isaac Bradnum?—They are all right except Bradnum; that is Jones's transaction, and Godbolt he has omitted.

9541. Then do I understand you to say you admit giving the money to those men?—I gave it to the parties who applied to me to give it to those men; I did not give it directly.

9542. I see the three voters Whiting was to get were included in this list?—Yes.

9543. Who were the three that Whiting was to get?—Cooper, Fulcher, and Hurrell. Eastick took Snell and Bradnum, and Eastick conveyed the money to Godbolt.

9544. Then Godbolt is omitted and Humphrey is wrongly inserted?—Yes.

9545. Is that the only personal cognizance you have of the expenditure of money?—I was aware there was money expended, but that is all I had to do with it personally.

9546. You do not know the detail of it?—Well, I cannot give you the exact list, nor yet the sums they

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have received, although I think the greater part of them were 20*l.*

9547. Were all those men that you are aware of directly or indirectly paid by Jones?—Some by Edwards and some by Jones.

9548. We have got the names of the men paid by Edwards, and no doubt we shall get the names of the men paid by Jones?—Yes.

9549. You are not aware of any man that was paid otherwise?—No; I do not think there were any others. All the money they paid themselves. With the exception of the money that I had, I believe no one had any money at all.

9550. Had you any tickets?—No, I had no tickets that I am aware of. I never saw any, and I did not know the ticket system was in existence till I heard it in the evidence here.

9551. Did you yourself see any man paid?—No, I think not one.

9552. I believe you were at the "Fishery Smack" on the Tuesday night?—Yes.

9553. The "Barking Fishery?"—Yes.

9554. You did not see any man yourself paid?—No, there was nothing of the kind going on then; our meeting was for a different purpose. Mr. Jones was down afterwards, I heard, but I was not there.

9555. For what purpose?—Our meeting was to arrange to get up the voters to the poll next morning, and the arrangement for the different parties at the different stations, and also the arrangement for the flys.

9556. Your meeting was solely with reference to those legitimate purposes?—Entirely.

9557. And you did not at all discuss bribery?—No; I am not aware that we discussed bribery at all. I believe we did talk about certain voters who had not been seen, to know which way they were going to vote, but I do not exactly recollect who they were, nor can I give you the particulars.

9558. Did you know the state of the canvass before the Saturday, when the Conservatives began bribing voters?—No, I never saw nor heard anything at all about the canvass till then.

9559. You had formed no opinion as to the possibility of Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl being elected or rejected?—No.

9560. Do you know anything as to the detail of the bribery upon the other side?—No, nothing at all. My time was principally taken up in Gorleston. I had no opportunity of coming up into the town; indeed, I should have been of very little use in the town, because I do not know many persons of that class.

9561. Did you ever come across old Mr. Rivett?—I have seen him, but I have never fallen in with him at the election time. I knew him.

9562. You did not see him actively employed in Gorleston?—No, I do not know that I saw him at all. I was very little about Gorleston.

9563. Did you see Mr. Bunn about Gorleston?—Yes, I saw Bunn about a good deal; he was past my house very frequently.

9564. Did you know that he was acting under Mr. Rivett?—No, I do not know that he was acting under Mr. Rivett; but I pretty well guessed what he was doing. I understood the nature of his business there.

9565. Do you know anything of St. Andrew's Hall in Gorleston?—St. Andrew's Hall, in Gorleston, I think is the same house as the "Barking Fishery."

9566. Do you know a Mrs. Hurren's house?—The ferry-boat house?

9567. Yes?—I know that house.

9568. Was bribery going on there?—No; I do not know that we had anything to do with the house; I never entered the house for election purposes at all.

9569. Was bribery upon the other side going on there?—I was not aware of it.

9570. Which interest do you regard that house in?—I do not know; I thought that it was a neutral house.

9571. And the "Guardian Angel?"—Well, the man who keeps the "Guardian Angel" voted Liberal. I do not think the house is considered to belong to either one party or the other.

9572. Were you yourself never present either at Hurren's or at the "Guardian Angel?"—Never at Hurren's, nor do I think I was at the "Guardian Angel" on any one occasion during the election. We had first of all a notion of making the "Guardian Angel" our committee room, but there is a bowling green attached to it, and we considered it too public a place.

9573. If any bribery went on, either at Mrs. Hurren's or at the "Guardian Angel," it was not with your knowledge?—At Mrs. Hurren's I certainly am not aware of it; I do not know; I am not positive about the "Guardian Angel." I know there were some of the voters hanging about the "Guardian Angel," and Jones came there, but whether he met them there or not I do not know; I should think not.

9574. Have you any further information that you can give us?—No, I do not think I can give you any further information.

9575. I understand you to say that the part you took in the election up to the Monday was very slight?—Very slight, indeed.

9576. In fact, though you were the legal agent for Mr. Brogden in Gorleston, you rather took an active part in the illegal part of the election more than the legal?—About the same.

9577. Who summoned you to attend the committee meeting at the "Angel" on the Monday?—I do not think there was any summons; I do not think I received any summons. I think I went up, as I used frequently to go up in the morning, to see what was going on, and, ascertaining a meeting was to be held, I remained there. I do not think I was summoned to any meeting at all at the "Angel" at any time.

9578. Have you taken any active part in the previous elections?—No; at the previous election I had not been in Yarmouth above a month. I had been living away, and I did not take any active part at all.

9579. Who asked you to undertake the chairmanship of the Gorleston committee?—I think Mr. Livingston; I think so; I am not positive. They were forming committees for each ward, and I think he asked me to undertake the Gorleston Ward; I think so; I am not positive.

9580. It appears that Mr. Edwards is not only wrong in the list, but he is also wrong in the amount?—Yes.

9581. He mentioned 100*l.*, I think?—He named 100*l.*, and he made it balance, that is, if that statement he had given had been correct; but that makes just the difference. I had never 100*l.* from him at all. I do not know that I had a penny from him; and he has certainly inserted Humphrey wrongly. I had nothing to do with Humphrey.

9582. Are you sure the balance you gave to Mr. Jones was more than 10*l.*?—Yes, decidedly more. I gave Jones certainly 40*l.* or 50*l.* when I went back.

9583. Because you have accounted for spending 90*l.* I suppose if you returned a larger balance than 10*l.* you must have received a larger sum than 100*l.*?—I received 120*l.* or 140*l.*, and I think I carried back something like 40*l.* or 50*l.*

9584. Then Edwards is clearly wrong?—Mr. Edwards is clearly wrong.

J. Hickling.

JOHN HICKLING sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

9585. What are you?—A broker and general dealer.

9586. Did anybody give you any money at the last election?—Yes.

9587. Who was it?—Mr. Edwards.

9588. How much did he give you?—The first lot I had off him was 30*l.*

9589. How did you spend that?—15*l.* to Johnson.

9590. What is his christian name ?—John Johnson.

9591. Of Market Place ?—Of Market Place. James Claxton.

9592. How much ?—15*l.*

9593. The next ?—Matthew Curson, 5*l.*

9594. Why did you give him 5*l.*?—The election morning.

9595. But why ?—To vote for Mr. Brogden.

9596. Had he not received something before ?—Not from the Liberals.

9597. Had he received it from the Conservatives ?—That I do not know, only as I read in the papers that he had received 20*l.* from Mr. Cufaude.

9598. Who next ?—William Darnell.

9599. How much ?—10*l.*

9600. Who else ?—That 15*l.* was the 15*l.* that Mr. Edwards got booked to me for Pettingill.

9601. Which 15*l.*?—The 5*l.* for Curson and the 10*l.* for Darnell ; because I went to see Pettingill. He was not in the way on Tuesday, and I would not leave the money with his wife, so I gave this to Curson and Darnell the election morning.

9602. That was Alfred Pettingill ?—It was. The money I received for him, but I did not give it him.

9603. Do you mean to say poor Pettingill got nothing ?—Not from me.

9604. Go on ?—I gave 10*l.* to Daniel Fowler, a money lender, for the use of a room and services rendered at the election. That was after the election was over.

9605. What was his christian name ?—I do not know whether it was William or Henry.

9606. Where does he live ?—I do not know where he lives now. He had an office in the market with a board up as a money lender.

9607. Whom did you give it to ?—He said, "Go to Daniel Fowler, the money lender." I sent through Mr. Hallday to George Gillings a brown-paper parcel that, I believe, contained 15*l.*

9608. Who gave you that brown-paper parcel ?—I cannot say now who gave me the parcel, but it came through Mr. Edwards. It was booked to me for Gillings, and was given to me in Warehouse Row, and I gave it to my partner, as I was partner with then, to give to Gillings.

9609. Was Mr. Hallday your partner ?—He was then.

9610. Who else ?—I gave Allday 15*l.* for William Killett, and I was present when he paid him the money, and he gave him 10*s.* back to drink his health; and I gave Mr. Hallday, for William Worledge, living, somewhere close by the silk mills.

9611. Go on ?—I have no more.

9612. We have all these names before ?—Those are the only names I had, but Mr. Edwards has me for Crucknell 10*l.* I do not know the man. He admitted my having 15*l.* for Jones, and I gave 10*l.*, for Mr. Jones's son-in-law to Killett in the street. He is one of the keepers for the naval asylum. I had 15*l.* for him, and I went the election morning and saw him at the asylum, and asked what he wanted to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl. I said, "If you go with me I will give you 15*l.*" He said he could not go then, but I saw him in the Market Place at 11. He asked whether I had the money for him, and I said, "No, because his father-in-law has just sold us;" so I would have nothing to do with him.

9613. Is that John Jones ?—I do not know his name. He lives in the back street here, pretty well opposite Killett's.

9614. Do you mean George Street ?—Yes.

9615. His name is Robert Jones ?—That is the man I went to see; and out of that 15*l.* I gave 10*l.* of that to Daniel Fowler for Butcher.

9616. Did Robert Jones get some money through Killett ?—That I do not know. I only went the morning of the election to see him at the asylum, because I went to his house, and he was not at home the night before.

9617. What did you do with the 15*l.*?—10*l.* I gave to Fowler for Mr. Butcher. I never received that 10*l.* of Mr. Edwards. I gave it him out of that 15*l.*

9618. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is that William Butcher ?—No ; I think it was Henry Butcher.

9619. Henry James Butcher, in the Market Place ?—Yes.

9620. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are these the only men you operated upon ?—That is all.

9621. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How much money did you receive altogether from Mr. Edwards ?—I do not know whether the 15*l.* I received for Gillings came through Mr. Edwards or Mr. Jones.

9622. How much did you receive ?—105*l.*

9623. Did you get anything for yourself ?—I daresay I spent a couple of pounds during the three days, that was Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday ; and I made my bill out for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl to me. Mr. Clowes and Mr. Edwards was there, and he paid it.

9624. Who paid it ?—Mr. Clowes did.

9625. He paid you 5*l.* for your services ?—Yes, rendered at the election. I got about 8*l.* altogether.

9626. From whom, Mr. Clowes ?—No, I got 5*l.* from him.

9627. Who paid you the 2*l.* or 3*l.* that you say you spent ?—I only gave away 100*l.*, and I had 105*l.* I told Mr. Fowler, when I gave him the 10*l.*, I had 10*l.* or 12*l.* in my pocket ; and I gave him 10*l.* after the election was over.

9628. Whom ?—Mr. Fowler for Mr. Butcher.

9629. (*Mr. Russell.*) What became of the 15*l.* that you had for Mr. Jones and did not give him ?—10*l.* I gave to Mr. Fowler for Butcher, because I had this money on me on the election day.

9630. 5*l.* you kept ?—I spent a couple of pounds on the Monday, because I hired a cab the Monday night to go down to my own house to get a screen to take up to the "Angel," so that they could not see the man.

9631. Who was to sit behind the screen ?—I do not know whether Mr. Jones or Mr. Edwards. I do not know which of the two ; one of them, I believe.

9632. Have you always gone for the Blue side ?—I have no vote for the borough, but I voted Liberal for the county.

9633. Did you take any part in the election of 1859 ?—No, only as check clerk at the election. I think I was check clerk ; I do not know exactly.

9634. Did you receive any tickets ?—I received, I think, about three or four. I received them of Mr. Fowler.

9635. From whom ?—Mr. Daniel Fowler. He gave me these tickets and I went to Mr. Edwards.

9636. What letter was there upon them ?—I could not tell you.

9637. What did you do with them ?—I took them to the committee room. I took them to Mr. Edwards.

9638. Was that how you got your money from Mr. Edwards ?—I think I got 60*l.* that way ; the other I had no tickets for, because the brown-paper parcel was sent me by a messenger from the "Angel." My Warehouse Row is within two rows of the "Angel." They sent me a brown-paper parcel, and said I was to hand it to Gillings, and I gave it to my partner to take to Gillings.

9639. Was the money you received from Mr. Edwards for the tickets part of the 105*l.*?—Yes; that 15*l.* was not for a ticket, because I never sent a ticket for that.

9640. But, whether by ticket or in money payment, you never received more than 105*l.*?—No.

9641. You are quite sure of that ?—Quite sure of it.

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THOMAS KELF sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

9642. You had some money to disburse at the last election?—Yes.

9643. How much was it?—About 46*l.* I do not know whether it was 46*l.* or 48*l.* 10*s.* I cannot say exactly what amount.

9644. I have got 49*l.* here?—That is wrong. I cannot say exactly the amount; it was 46*l.* or 48*l.* 10*s.*

9645. Whom did you get it from?—I did not know the name. I think it was from a man of the name of Edwards, a stranger.

9646. What are you?—I keep a shoe shop, and I am a smack owner, and clerk to the gas company.

9647. How did you spend this money?—I gave 15*l.* to Routledge, of Charlotte Street, to Charles Smith, of Southtown, and 15*l.* to a man of the name of Curtis, in Howard Street; it is put down J. Curtis; and 1*l.* to J. Woods for an invalid chair.

9648. Go on?—That is all.

9649. How much did you give Charles Smith?—15*l.*

9650. Do you know a man named Rudd?—I know him; that is a mistake. I never gave the man a farthing.

9651. How came the mistake to be made?—I do not know how it came to arise.

9652. Did not Mr. Routledge get 3*l.* more?—Oh, no, not a farthing more from me; not from me he did not.

9653. I think Mr. Edwards told us you gave him 18*l.*?—I did not. I never gave him 18*l.*, only 15*l.*

9654. Did Mr. Edwards give you the money for Routledge?—Yes; he gave me for the four parties I have now named.

9655. How comes Mr. Edwards in his account to put down 18*l.*?—I do not know how that is.

9656. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who arranged with Routledge in the first instance?—For the money?

9657. Yes?—I did. I arranged with him; the money was not given to me at the "Angel," it was brought to my house. Routledge wanted more money to be offered by the Conservatives. He told me more money was offered; that is all I know. I said, "I will do the best I can for you."

9658. Had you arranged with him for 15*l.*?—I had not arranged with him for 15*l.* I had arranged to get the most I could for him.

9659. Did you represent that to Mr. Edwards?—I put it down at that. I will not be sure. I think I told him he wanted more money than that, the Tories had offered more money; and he said, "Do the best you can with him."

9660. Did Mr. Edwards give you 18*l.* for him?—I do not remember him giving more than 15*l.* If he did I would say so.

9661. (*Mr. Russell.*) You have substituted Curtis for Rudd?—Yes, that is exactly as it is.

9662. Did you ever mention Mr. Rudd to Mr. Edwards?—No, I do not remember doing it.

9663. And you are quite certain you did not give more than 15*l.* to Mr. Routledge?—I am sure of it.

9664. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you receive yourself?—Not a farthing.

9665. I thought Mr. Edwards gave you 58*l.*?—No, nothing of the kind. I think you will find it is cast up wrong if you reckon it.

9666. It is only a mistake between 46*l.* and 49*l.* The whole error is as to the 3*l.* to Routledge, and whether he had it or not?—I am certain he did not have the money.

9667. Are you quite certain that 46*l.* was the sum you received?—Yes, it was done in excitement. I had never attended one of their meetings. I had never been interested, and had never voted in any way, and the money was brought to my house.

9668. And you may have received 49*l.*?—No, I did not receive 49*l.* I should have had the surplus cash if I had.

9669. It may have been 48*l.* 10*s.*, or it may have been 49*l.*—I am nearly sure it was only 46*l.*, because he wanted me to get it for 15*l.*, and the man wanted more money, 17*l.* 10*s.* or 18*l.* I said, "I do not know. I will do what I can. I will not pay it." And I could not do any further.

9670. You admit telling Mr. Edwards that this man wanted 18*l.*?—Yes, I admit telling him that.

9671. You got nothing for yourself?—No, I was out of pocket.

9672. Are you quite sure that Mr. Routledge did not give you back 10*s.* for your trouble?—No, I should not have taken it of him if he had. I never did that.

9673. Why do you say 48*l.* 10*s.*?—On account of the circumstances of the case. Mr. Routledge wanted the extra money, and I told him I could not do more than was offered, 15*l.*; and I went up and asked if any more would be allowed, and they said they could not give more than 15*l.*

9674. You have been sitting in this room all the morning?—No, I have not.

9675. How long have you been here?—Only a quarter of an hour.

9676. For the last fortnight you have been going over in your own mind what you did pay?—I have not.

9677. You knew you were going to be called?—I gathered I might be called.

9678. Were you not told last night you would be summoned here to-day?—Only by the gentleman who left the subpœna.

9679. You knew that last night?—Yes.

9680. Could you not have cast over in your own mind how much you received and paid away?—No. If I had had a mind to have taken it I should have told you I had taken 2*l.* or 3*l.* to myself, the same as others have done.

9681. Why did you come and stick to 46*l.*?—Because that is the amount I received. I only remember there were 48*l.* 10*s.* that I ought to have received, if I had paid Routledge 17*l.* 10*s.*, but not receiving, I only know I received 46*l.* from Mr. Edwards.

9682. Have you asked Routledge since what you gave him?—No.

9683. You have seen Routledge since the election?—Yes; he lives opposite me.

9684. (*Mr. Russell.*) Why did you not ask him?—Because I thought it was pretty well right what I gave him. I told him there was to be an inquiry, and that is all I have said to him.

9685. (*Mr. Slade.*) I suppose he will stick to the 15*l.*?—He will stick to what I gave him. Whatever I gave him he is willing to answer, I am nearly certain. I am certain I did not give him more than 15*l.* I am certain of it.

9686. The question is, whether you received 18*l.* from Mr. Edwards?—I am nearly sure I did not. When I saw Mr. Edwards's account of me I was certain, then, I did not receive the 48*l.* or 49*l.*

9687. Who recommended you to Mr. Edwards?—That I do not know; one of the committee, knowing I knew the parties, and being rather warm in politics, though I did not vote this time. I suppose that was the reason I was recommended to them.

9688. But you promised?—No.

9689. You promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—I never saw them. I never spoke to them.

9690. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) In all the canvass books you are put down as promising the Liberal side?—I never promised Mr. Vanderbyl or Mr. Marshman the whole of the election.

9691. (*Mr. Slade.*) But you saw Mr. Livingston?—I did not.

9692. He put you down in his book?—I made up my mind before the election I should never vote at all.

9693. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you never promise anybody who was canvassing?—I never promised one. I made up my mind I would not vote, and I did not vote.

9694. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) It is very curious; both sides put you down?—Because they knew I was

always Liberal. When I did vote I always voted Liberal.

9695. (*Mr. Russell.*) Why did you not vote yourself?—Because I made up my mind I would not.

9696. Why did you go and get men to vote on the Liberal side if you did not vote yourself?—I did not go and ask them. I was first asked if I knew the parties whose names were mentioned, and could I do anything with them. I said, "Perhaps I might, I would try;" and I went and saw those parties.

9697. But only saw them, not bribed them?—A great many of them.

9698. Why did you give them the money for that side when you would not vote yourself?—Because I had made up my mind I would not vote.

9699. Why?—I cannot say why. I had made up my mind I would not.

9700. What were your reasons?—I had no particular reasons. When I knew the election was coming on, and I was clerk at the gas company, I said I should not take any interest in the election; I should not attend the meetings or vote.

9701. But you did take an interest?—That was the Tuesday. I did that the day before the election, and I suppose the spur of the moment caused me to go and ask these men if they would vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl. That was the only reason why I did it.

9702. And you did not get one shilling yourself for doing it?—Not a single farthing.

9703. Did anybody put the screw upon you not to vote?—No. I did not want the trouble from anyone. I am my own master as far as that is concerned, so I do not want the screw put upon me. I merely made up my mind at the first onset I would not vote, and I did not attend any of their meetings, and I did not vote or do anything of the kind.

RICHARD STEEL sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

R. Steele.

9704. What are you?—An accountant.

9705. You took an active part in the last election?—I was engaged to superintend the committee rooms, in the first instance.

9706. Do you mean you were engaged by Mr. Clowes?—By Mr. Livingston.

9707. What committee room did you superintend?—The general committee room at the "Angel."

9708. Turn your attention to the Monday before the election. What did you do on that day?—I was engaged principally in preparing the lists of the polling books for the poll clerks.

9709. At the "Angel?"—At the "Angel."

9710. Did you go to Mr. Cattermole's on that day?—No; not on the Monday.

9711. Did you go to Mr. Wright's?—Wright's committee room?

9712. Yes?—No. I do not ever remember going to Mr. Wright.

9713. On the Tuesday?—On the Tuesday I went down to Cattermole's, on the Tuesday night.

9714. Who was in company with you?—A Mr. Moore. I will explain it if you wish me.

9715. If you please?—I was about arranging for the polling the next morning in the various wards, and I had to see the clerks and tell them they would be required at such a time, and to tell them the various places to go to, and to request them to come to the "Angel" and take the check books. As I was going down from the "Angel" I met Mr. Moore, and he said, "I am going down to Cattermole's; can I ride with you?" I said, "Yes, if you please; are you going that way?" and he said, "Yes." And he told me why he was going to Cattermole's; that he was going to see a Mr. Jones, and he rode with me, and I went with him, and that was the only time I was in Cattermole's.

9716. Did you know who he meant by Mr. Jones?—Yes, I knew who he meant by Mr. Jones. I knew what he was going to Mr. Cattermole's for. That is the only time I ever was in Mr. Cattermole's house during the election.

9717. What did you do there; did you go in?—Yes. I went in and inquired for Mr. Jones, and I took him upstairs and came down again.

9718. Is that all you did?—That is all I did.

9719. You did not see anything of the money?—I never saw a ticket or the money. I never saw a ticket till after the election, and was not aware of them.

9720. Had you anything to do with paying the voters at all?—I never saw a penny, and I never paid a penny in my life.

9721. And you never knew anybody who was bribed?—I told you of the one party that rode down with me.

9722. That was Moore?—That was not for himself; that was for his father-in-law, I believe.

9723. What is Moore's christian name?—Joseph, I think; I am not certain.

9724. You say his father-in-law had money?—Yes; the money was for his father-in-law, a Mr. Pye.

9725. Who did the money come from?—Mr. Jones.

9726. Did you see him get it?—I did not.

9727. How did you know it?—I went up to the room with him, and I heard him say he had taken the money; but I never saw a penny of the money, and not till after the election was it that I saw a ticket.

9728. Were you paid for your services?—I was.

9729. Who by?—Mr. Clowes, the returning officer.

9730. And your expenses went into his return?—Yes.

9731. What is Moore's father-in-law's name?—Pye, I believe; I do not know his Christian name. It is in Gaol Street, I believe.

9732. Robert Pye, of Gaol Street?—Yes.

9733. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you get for him?—I did not get it for him at all; I merely went with Mr. Moore. I was not certain of the amount. In fact I knew nothing about these tickets until I heard the evidence here. I did not know the value of the tickets.

9734. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who did you see at Cattermoles, the Tuesday night?—If I were to tell you I saw Mr. Jones I should be telling a falsehood, for I merely saw the top part of his head, for there was something before him.

9735. What was there before him?—It appeared to me to be like a board of some description. I did not observe it. I was not in the place a minute.

9736. What made you go in there?—Mr. Moore asked me if he might ride with me as he was going to see Mr. Jones at Cattermole's. I said "Yes." One or two of the clerks lived at that part of the town, and I was going to tell them to be at the "Angel." at such a time in the morning to receive their books.

9737. And you yourself took no further part?—Mr. Fitzgerald asked me if I knew of any other case, I said I knew of another, and that is the only one.

9738. Those are the two you have given us?—No. I say I know of another case. I did not see any money pass, or what money he had. The only thing was Mr. Jones was very busy at the "Angel," and I was requested to go down to a house to ask a man to come up to the "Angel" to speak to him.

9739. Who is the man?—I believe his name is Trorey, or Troy, or some such name as that, in George Street; but what he had I do not know. Those are the only two cases that I know of at all.

THIRTEENTH DAY.

J. Eastick.

30 Aug. 1866.

JABEZ EASTICK sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

9740. Is Zacariah Eastick any relation of yours?—He is a brother of mine.

9741. What are you?—A draper.

9742. Did you take any part in the last election?—No; no particular part in the election. I merely spoke to one or two parties about it, but nothing further to do with it than that.

9743. You do not know of any parties that got money for their votes?—Not above the names I saw in the paper.

9744. Did you get anything for your own vote?—Not a farthing, and I never had.

9745. I see you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

9746. Was anything said to you about money?—No, not a word.

9747. On neither side?—Yes, there was the other side.

9748. What side?—The Liberal side.

9749. Who offered you money on that side?—Mr. Edwards, the tailor.

9750. What did he offer you?—He talked about 20*l.*, then he said 25*l.*; and after I told him I had promised Sir Edmund Lacon, and I should not break my word for him. I always keep my word; I would not break it for any money.

9751. When did you promise?—The first Monday he came round.

9752. And when were you offered money by Mr. Edwards?—The Saturday before the election.

9753. Are you quite sure it was the Saturday?—I am certain. They say they did not begin until the Monday, but it was the Saturday afternoon.

9754. What time of the day?—Between 4 and 5 o'clock.

9755. What did Mr. Edwards say to you?—He asked me which way I was going to vote, knowing I had always voted for the Liberals. I said, "You "know the way I have been treated by Mr. Livingston. "I shall not vote for the Liberals any more in Yar- "mouth. I have promised Sir Edmund Lacon, and "I have nothing more to say about it." After that he asked me what I would take not to vote at all, but to go away out of the town, and I said I would vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

9756. And you swear you never had any money?—No; and if Mr. Livingston comes here and makes a statement that he gave me 25*l.*, I should like to know where he got it from.

9757. In this book there is a T put opposite to your name?—I know nothing about the book.

9758. Do you know what T means?—I daresay Mr. Livingston might put it there. He is such a very kind man to me, or else he would not have come up here and said he heard I had got the money.

9759. You think it is very hard to put T opposite your name?—I voted for the Liberal party for 16 years, and I never had a farthing from them, though I took an active part along with them; but it is in consequence of my being obliged three years ago to call my creditors together, Mr. Livingston being one of them.

9760. You used to be a Blue?—I always voted for the Liberals until the last time.

9761. Did you owe them a grudge?—I was obliged to call my creditors together and make a deed of assignment. Afterwards they gave me 20*l.* worth of furniture, and Mr. Livingston sold them from me; and I said, "If "that is being a Liberal I will not be a Liberal any "more." And that is the fact. It was known all over the town, and I not only expressed my opinion about it, but I said if ever he comes into my house to ask for a vote I would kick him out; and he never came, or Mr. Brogden, or anybody else.

9762. Then, excepting Mr. Edwards, nobody came to you from that side?—No, nobody at all.

9763. We should like to see your brother Zacariah?—He was here this morning, but he has got nothing from me. I should say very seldom we speak together about anything at all. It is very seldom I speak to him at all.

9764. Did you take much part in the election of 1859?—No. What little I have done has been more amongst the municipal elections, and I have certainly taken a little part there. I do not see him for a month or six weeks together, and if he comes up and makes an assertion I can say I never had anything from anybody. And another word I would say. After the election I happened to name what I was offered from Mr. Edwards, and a party said it was 30*l.* I said, "No, it was 25*l.*" "And," said he, "I can tell "you I was at the 'Angel' at the committee room at "the time, and looking through the list I saw you were "to have 30*l.*" That was one of them that was in the committee room at the time.

T. W. Downing.

THOMAS WILLIAM DOWNING recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

9765. Have you any more men to hand in?—I have got three or four that I got from Mr. Edwards's books; I could not recollect them all; only when I went over his account that we settled just after the election I think there are two or three more that he put down that I do not think you have got. There is Quinton, John Quinton, I think it is.

9766. Where does he live?—Somewhere on the Denes, in the Crown Road. That I gave to his wife; I did not give it to him. He keeps a public-house.

9767. How much did you give him?—I gave the woman 15*l.*

9768. For him?—For him.

9769. For his vote?—Yes.

9770. Did Quinton vote?—Yes, I think so.

9771. Who for?—I think he voted all right. Then Alfred Durrant, King Street.

9772. What did you give him?—15*l.*

9773. Did you give him that yourself?—Yes, I think I did; I could not positively say. I only took it from Mr. Edwards's books. I know I arranged with him, if he did not get the money.

9774. He got 15*l.* from Mr. Jones?—I am sure he did not get it from Mr. Jones. It went through me. I will explain afterwards how these concerns got mixed up together.

9775. Just go back to John Quinton, if you please. I am told it is impossible for you to have bribed him. John Quinton, Albion Road. Do you say that you gave 15*l.* to his wife for him?—Yes.

9776. Did he keep a public-house?—Yes.

9777. Do you mean Henry Quinton, who keeps an alehouse in the Crown Road?—No. I mean the Quinton that keeps a public-house. I went in and gave the woman 15*l.*

9778. Is that the house in the Crown Road or the Albion Road?—I do not know. It is a house that Mr. George used to keep.

9779. That is Henry Quinton?—I do not know. He is a sailmaker. I know I gave the money.

9780. Do you know whether he voted?—I do not know whether he voted.

9781. He did not vote, but he is the man whose wife you gave 15*l.* to?—I can ascertain whether his name is Henry or John, but that is the woman I gave it to. I know him personally, but I do not know whether his name is Henry or John. I know he keeps a public-house called the "Norfolk Tavern."

9782. I see Henry Quinton is put wrong upon the register?—Yes.

9783. He went up to vote, was objected to, and did not vote at all?—That I do not know. All I know is I gave his wife the money. The first time I saw him at the sail-shop, and they called him down, he said, "I cannot promise you now." In fact Master-

son, where he works, does all my work; and I said, "Cannot you speak to him for me?"

9784. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know another Mr. John Quinton?—No. I took it for granted he was on the register, or I should not have given him the money.

9785. He is on as "Henry." There ought to be two John Quintons?—It might be my mistake on reading the register; but I knew the man, and considered he ought to have a vote.

9786. (*Mr. Slade.*) Any more?—Matthew Watts.

9787. What of him?—I bought a coffee-pot of him for 15*l.*

9788. (*Mr. Russell.*) A tin coffee-pot?—I think it is a metal one.

9789. A gold coffee-pot?—No, nor yet a silver one.

9790. (*Mr. Slade.*) We have got him down for 15*l.* in Mr. Jones's list?—I will explain by-and-by as near as I can how it was. It is not in Mr. Jones's list. You mean in Mr. Edwards's list. Then John Rackham; that was either 10*l.* or 15*l.*, I do not know which. One place we had got him down 10*l.*, and another place we had him down 15*l.*

9791. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) 15*l.*, I think?—Those accounts confirm it. I rather think mine was right. I said it was right. He said it was 15*l.* I said, "No; I am quite sure it was 10*l.*;" but I have no doubt I can tell you what it was. He has got down several names there he ought not to have down. Then Daniel Beales, 10*l.*

9792. (*Mr. Slade.*) Daniel Beales, junior?—No, senior.

9793. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you sure that was 10*l.*?—That is down as 10*l.* I think it must be right; I think it is most likely. S. J. Sparrow, 15*l.* Baldwin, of King Street.

9794. (*Mr. Slade.*) William Diboll Baldwin?—Yes, that is right.

9795. How much?—15*l.*

9796. Did you give it to him?—Yes. I think I gave it to him myself in the Market Place the night before the election; I am quite certain I did.

9797. Any others?—Joseph Fill, of Havelock Road. I am almost certain that was 10*l.*; but I and Mr. Edwards had a little controversy about whether it was 10*l.* or 15*l.*, but I think it was 10*l.*

9798. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he get money from anybody else?—No, I should not think he did; I do not think that.

9799. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you give Mr. Fill the money yourself?—Yes, I am almost certain I did.

9800. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was this one of the men for whom you received money from Mr. Edwards?—I did not receive money from Mr. Edwards; but I will explain that.

9801. He is down in this list as "D, 20*l.*?"—That is quite right.

9802. 10*l.* you say he got?—I would not be satisfied whether it was 10*l.* or 15*l.* I could not say; but there was a discrepancy in the accounts at the time; but I will explain afterwards how these were put down between me and Mr. Edwards. Then Robert Martins. I gave Robert Martins 20*l.* to give to Richard John Harrod.

9803. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is that Robert Martins, of Garden Lane?—Yes.

9804. Who is Harrod?—Richard John Harrod, of Southtown. He is in the Gorleston list.

9805. How much was that?—20*l.*

9806. Who gave it him?—I gave it to Robert Martins for him. Robert Martins asked me for the money for him. I said, "I shall not." He told me he had previously been tinned by the Tories, and had 20*l.*, and if I would give him 20*l.* he would vote for the Liberals, and I refused.

9807. Whom did Richard J. Harrod vote for?—He voted for the Tories: for Lacon and Goodson. He told me himself he had 20*l.* of the Tories on the Sunday night, I think, and I heard afterwards he got 15*l.* more, the Tory side.

9808. Did you hear from Martins he had given the money to Harrod?—I told him not to give it him until he went up to the poll with him; but he gave it to him about 2 o'clock the morning of the election day, and when he went for him he was gone.

9809. Any more?—That is all I can recollect. I think I gave either 30*l.* or 40*l.* to Mr. Utting to give to two electors. I am trying to tax my memory about it. I gave it him one night against St. George's Chapel. He asked me whether I had any money in my pocket, and I said, "Yes;" but I cannot say. I was busy at the time. I daresay he can tell you what it was; but I have nothing only my memory to help me in that.

9810. Utting is not a voter?—Yes he is. It is William Utting, of the Nelson Road.

9811. William Utting, of Nelson Road?—Yes.

9812. 30*l.* or 40*l.*?—Yes. I cannot recollect which it was; I have tried.

9813. Did you give anything to John Gowing?—No.

9814. Did you give to Henry Curtis?—No; not any money. You see there are several parties came to me for tickets, and I gave them the money, so I must refer to their accounts. They could tell you more about who took the tickets. I cannot recollect. When you give so many tickets away, you cannot recollect from time to time; it is a matter of impossibility. I have told you all I can recollect, and all I took from Mr. Edwards' book. If I could see Mr. Jones' account, I should be able perhaps to furnish some more.

9815. You gave Mr. Jones an account of it all?—I will tell you how it was finished, and how we settled it.

9816. You had better do that now.—Well, about a day after the election, I think Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones wanted to make their accounts up, so that they could show a clear balance sheet. I met Mr. Edwards first, and went through the accounts, and he was something like 300*l.* short, and he wanted to make it up. He paid people indiscriminately, and he was in a funk about it. He said, "I know I have paid it away." He had not got it there, and Mr. Jones had got down a great many more names, showing that he had paid away more money than he had; so that they had names that had no money, people to represent the money, and other people not paid. So I and Edwards went through many of the accounts, because some of those names never had a penny. I said, "There are so many names on my paper that I gave him." He said, "We will see how much you have had." They could not find I had above 180*l.*, whereas I had spent close to 400*l.*; so I transferred all that Jones had got of mine that I had given for his account that I had spent, to Mr. Edwards' list to make his list right. That is how the discrepancy came.

9817. How did you arrange about what names you would transfer?—I had a list of names at that time, every one that I had paid with cash, or sent by anyone else. I had this list, but Mr. Edwards said he could not find it, it was not among the papers. Whether it was lost he does not know; but, as I told Mr. Edwards the other day, "If you have all the papers, you must "have the list I gave you that day of how much I "spent altogether." I think it amounted to something like 400*l.* Mr. Edwards had not got anything down against me, but Mr. Jones had got down that he recognized I had received 180*l.* of him. Then Mr. Edwards says I am 300*l.* minus, and he wanted to make that up, and so, after taking Mr. Jones' 180*l.*, I said, "If I have 220*l.* not spent it must have come "out of you; if it did not come out of Mr. Jones' "bag it came out of your bag; therefore," I said, "those are the voters I have paid, and you take "them." That is how he comes to take the votes.

9818. (*Mr. Russell.*) You suggested a transfer of the names?—I had spent the money, and they had not got it against me, and they would have to render an account of the money, I suppose, to Mr. Salmon. I knew I had had the money of one party, and if it was so confounded that they could not do it, I thought it was right I should transfer the names to that.

9819. When you found Jones did not want the

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names you transferred them to Mr. Edwards?—He said, "I want persons to represent 180*l.*" I gave him the names. Mr. Edwards had nothing against me. I said, "I have so many more names to dispose of, you take the balance of them." I knew he had spent it. I did not doubt the man had not taken a farthing out, only it was done in a hurry. He had omitted many names, and Mr. Jones had got a great many more names than he wanted when we came to test it. Those were names that had been drawn for. For instance, each man, when they come, draws for 10 or 12 names. When they come to pay the names, perhaps half of them the Tories had been beforehand with and tinned them, so we lost them, so that the tickets ought to be returned; and those represented the money; and then you go and get fresh tickets for the other men, and there was one ticket to represent nothing at all. You might say Mr. Jones had got the tickets for the money that was paid. He has to draw for 10 men, and when I go and buy the 10, I cannot buy only six of the 10. There are four to account for perhaps. At the spur of the moment I go and find four fresh men. They go to Jones, and he issues out so much money. I have four new names, and then Jones, in the hurry of the moment, takes these four new names and the old ones too, so that at the latter end he gets more than he made away with. They made it out that they had paid 6,500*l.*, when they had not actually paid 5,000*l.*, because of the names being confounded. There are plenty of those names never received a penny our side. I know it was done in the hurry of the moment, but I have tried to put it right.

9820. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) There a great many names of parties who did receive money that are not entered here; perhaps they are the new names?—I do not know. There was one yesterday Mr. Edwards had of George Bayfield. He had nothing. Then Bayfield and Middleton; they had nothing, because when I went down to pay them, they said, "We have done better," and they would not take it. Mr. Edwards had that on his list as paid, but they were not paid, because the tickets were drawn for them, and they were substituted by other names.

9821. (*Mr. Slade.*) He was not sure about Middleton?—I went yesterday, and said, "You recollect the transaction where these were substituted?" He said, "Yes, I recollect it right; I recollect your putting me right, but I cannot find the amended account." We went over all the papers to see whether we could find the amended account before Mr. Edwards came up, and as he says he cannot find the amended account, I must take it as it stands. "But," said I, "it is not a "fair way to take men's names into Court when you "do not know the man had the money." He said, "I have not the account;" and I know he had the amended account which made it all right to about 6*l.* of the money. We calculated it to within 6*l.* of the money. That is before Mr. Salmon went away. I knew Mr. Salmon was Mr. Brogden's head clerk; I had seen him in London before.

9822. Have you squared up your account with Mr. Edwards altogether?—Yes; I squared it up before they went away with Mr. Edwards altogether.

9823. (*Mr Russell.*) What you mean to suggest is this, that when Mr. Jones comes and gives us the names they will be the names of men to whom tickets were given, and not necessarily the names of men who received money?—Yes. He has them down because the tickets had the number of the register upon them. I only had the register laid before me, and I put down the numbers and A., B., and C., or so on; and in reference to what Mr. Edwards has said, we have had a long dialogue about those tickets A., B., and C. His impression is that A. represented 5*l.* I am quite certain it did not, because I do not think I had a single 5*l.* ticket. You cannot find 5*l.* was entered in one single case.

9824. (*Mr. Russell.*) Mr. Edwards says that he and Mr. Jones wrote the tickets, and you told us you wrote them?—I wrote them all on the Monday afternoon. He says the Tuesday, if you look at his evidence.

9825. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose you admit that D. represents 20*l.*?—No.

9826. D. is 15*l.*?—I am under the same impression that I was when I gave my evidence, that A. stood for 10*l.*, B. for 15*l.*, and C. for 20*l.*

9827. And there was no D.?—I do not think there was any D. I am under that impression. I should not like to be positive, because you might make a mistake of a letter; but I am under that impression because there was no 5*l.*, and therefore I should not want to make a letter A. for that.

9828. (*Mr. Russell.*) You are quite certain you wrote tickets yourself?—I am quite certain I had upwards of a hundred, and there have been parties who can tell you; there have been several already told you, and Mr. Edwards can tell you, and other parties can tell you, I wrote upwards of a hundred on the Monday afternoon. They might write a few afterwards, and Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones might write a few to one another; but everything became confused on the Tuesday; they had lost all system. In fact, they went about in any way.

9829. Mr. Edwards said that he and Jones wrote the tickets?—He is quite wrong.

9830. (*Mr. Slade.*) When Mr. Edwards furnished his account to us the other day this happened; this was said, "You accounted for 1,398*l.*; deducting "that 1,398*l.* from 1,750*l.* there remains 352*l.* to be "accounted for." Then he goes on to say, "Downing "will be able to explain the 195*l.* or 198*l.* I paid him?" —I know he said that, because I might at the time account to him for 198*l.*, but he never gave me the money, and I accounted to him for that. It amounted to the same thing to make his account up.

9831. You say the 198*l.* he speaks of there would be included in the 1,398*l.* that he gave us?—No.

9832. How is the 198*l.* to be accounted for then?—I have told you how I accounted to him for it in the number of men and the amount of money I paid away, but I cannot say whether it was 198*l.* or 148*l.* now. I only know at the time when we filled up and gave him so many names that he had got no account himself, nor yet against me. I gave him the names to put upon his list so that he might show the right balance. I knew that certain parties had been bribed and the money had been spent, but they got so intermixed.

9833. You gave as many names to Mr. Jones as Mr. Jones wanted to complete his account?—Just so.

9834. And then you gave the balance of the money to Mr. Edwards?—Yes, that is right.

9835. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Has Mr. Jones got that list you gave to Mr. Edwards?—I do not know; I cannot say. He may have got it. I was two days with him after the election, settling up the accounts, and we squared it all up, up to a farthing. There was me, Jones, and Edwards. I do not know that we were altogether. I settled up with Mr. Jones first, then with Edwards in the presence of Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Salmon was perfectly satisfied about the money being spent.

9836. When you say the account was made right within 6*l.*, do you mean it was your account with them or the total account?—It was the total account. I checked off perhaps 30 or 40 names that Mr. Jones had got down that I said I knew had it not of our side, because Mr. Jones said, "I know this, I have "spent so much money, and I have had so much; I "have spent more than I had." I said, "You have "names there that you ought not to have. I can soon "tick them off for you, and see what they ought to "come to."

9837. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you hear Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards say they had made up their accounts within 6*l.*?—Yes. They said they were not above 5*l.* or 6*l.* wrong. "Now," I said, "that is near enough for anything." For instance, I was with Mr.

Salmon. After I went home he came down to me, and I said, "Have you made it all right now?" and he says, "Yes, near enough for anything."

9838. Did you have any disagreement with Mr. Jones or Mr. Edwards about it?—I had a little disagreement with Mr. Edwards. Mr. Livingston said, "You have not got a right account."

9839. They were not satisfied with your account?—Yes. They were satisfied with my handing the names in. We had only a few words about the systematic way in which the tickets were served out. It was not in the money matters; it was about men's names being put down there that did not ought to be. That is what we had a little nonsense about, but nothing of any note. He was satisfied after I came and gave him the names.

9840. What had Mr. Livingston to do with the disagreement between you and Mr. Edwards?—I did not know Mr. Livingston was there.

9841. You mentioned his name?—He said at the time if Mr. Edwards had kept his account as good as Jones had there would have been nothing amiss.

9842. Did you go and complain to Mr. Livingston about it?—I cannot recollect how it was done, but Mr. Livingston was there assisting to make the thing right.

9843. Mr. Livingston was assisting Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones to balance this account?—Yes. We were all there for two or three, perhaps three, days. Mr. Salmon was there, Mr. Brogden's clerk, to see that he ticketed everything off, and, in fact, we made it come as right as we could make it.

9844. How came you to fall out with Mr. Edwards?—I did not fall out with him.

9845. Disagree with him?—I did not fall out. We had only a few flying words about putting men's names down that had no business to be there. I said, "You will get me in disgrace if you put them there; they will think I took the money and stuck to it."

9846. Do you say that Mr. Edwards, to balance his account, put down the names of men who had not received money?—No, I do not say anything about that.

9847. Then why should you have a disagreement? Why should you have to give Mr. Edwards the account?—There was no particular disagreement; we had a word or two. "Supposing," said I, "I draw "10 tickets from you, and said, 'I want 10 tickets;' "they represent 15*l.* each." Then I go and get six of those men, and perhaps before I come home I find four more. Then I say to Mr. Edwards or Mr. Jones when I come home, "I have lost four of them 10," but I said, "I have got four more substituted for them." He reckoned these tickets and writes the other four names down, too, and does not give me any more money. That is how it is done; so that for 10 voters the tickets represent 10, and he puts them down as 14 voters, because he reckons the four tickets that I do not buy or add up, and he keeps them on his list. After I found these men were tinned I do not want them; I tear the tickets up and throw them away. It is a mistake on my part as well as theirs. He keeps those men on his list that he gave the tickets for, and keeps the other four too.

9848. You ought either to have returned the names of the men who were bribed or the tickets?—I did not want to return the names I had bribed, because he had already got them. He had already got the 10 tickets. Directly I either take a ticket or give him so many names; if I give him 10 tickets for 15*l.* each, I take the amount of him and hand him 10 tickets.

9849. You have told us all that. I suppose what you ought to have done us was this, you ought to have taken the tickets back?—Certainly.

9850. You did not do that?—No.

9851. And that put Mr. Edwards's account into confusion?—Yes.

9852. And then you had a disagreement about it?—Yes; we had only a word or two. It was all over in about two minutes, and we are as good friends as ever now.

9853. You do not mean to insinuate that Mr. Edwards and Mr. Jones combined together to make up the amount they had not really spent?—Certainly not. I tell you I would not believe they spent a single farthing to their own account. It was done as I tell you. The time was very short, and I daresay there are a great many names they have missed, that are not upon the list at all, I have not the least doubt. It was carried on very regular the Sunday night, and up to dinner time on the Tuesday; and after the nomination then everything got wrong. That is where the thing got wrong, the last evening.

9854. You were the gentleman who suggested to Mr. Edwards that they must begin to bribe to win the election?—Yes, I told them on the Saturday. They asked my opinion, and I said, "Now, I will tell "you what you have to do. If you are going to win "this election you must begin this morning. To-"morrow is Sunday. The other party will be after "it to-morrow." And, as I predicted, so it was; for I met two men at the workhouse at 6 o'clock in the morning, and they brought up word to the "Angel" at 10 or 11 that Mr. Nightingale was going out of town, and I knew that was quite a new thing on the Sunday; and I said, "The swag is coming to-day; I am quite prepared for that." And I called three or four of them together and said, "What are you going to do, to win the election or lose it?" They said, "Win it." Then I said, "Let us have the swag now, before they begin." And I said, "Let I and Jones come down." Now I should not be so silly as to go to the members and have said it. "I do not "know who you get your instructions from, I do not "want to know, but I said go and air it." He said, "It is of no use, they will not until to-morrow morning." So he and I took a walk down Gorleston, and coming home I saw the young gentlemen at work, and the Monday morning I said, "Your election is lost." I told Mr. Brogden on the Monday morning that. I did not tell him about the money, but I said, "If you go to the poll, go with purity." I think Mr. Brogden, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Hammond would bear me out in that.

9855. Who were the three or four you called together and said, "Now we must begin to bribe to win the election?"—I do not know. It was the Sunday. I know it was the parties that were there. There was one or two of Mr. Brogden's party; I knew his brother and so on.

9856. Who were they?—I do not know their names.

9857. You know their names?—I do not.

9858. Yes, you do?—I really do not know their names.

9859. Your memory is much better than it was?—No, I took all this from Mr. Edwards's papers.

9860. The last time I examined you you could not remember how you got to know Mr. Jones?—Yes.

9861. You said he came mysteriously?—This is the Sunday I am talking about; I knew Mr. Jones about the Friday.

9862. But could not remember how you knew him?—I told you he introduced himself to me.

9863. In a mysterious way?—He came up into the "Angel" room.

9864. Try and think who were at this meeting?—It was not a meeting. I only called one or two in the room.

9865. That makes it the more easy to remember who they were?—Upon my soul I should not like to say. There were two or three of the parties connected. It was 15 months ago.

9866. That does not matter?—I have told you the truth as far as I can remember, and several of the gentlemen at the meeting heard me say the election is gone, it is no use going into it; and they can all bear me out in that.

9867. Do you swear you cannot remember anybody at that meeting when you said, "Now we must begin bribing?"—There was no meeting. I might say it to Mr. Jones or Mr. Edwards, but I positively told them.

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T. W. Downing.

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I said to them on the Saturday, "If you are going to lose the election"——

9868. Do not run off from my question. Do you swear you do not know who was present when you said, "We must spend money or lose the election?"—No, because it was mentioned so many times.

9869. When was it you first mentioned it?—I said it on the Saturday.

9870. Mr. Edwards has said you said that, and you yourself have admitted it?—I could not swear it. I will tell you in a moment. It makes no difference to me. I do not think you would press me to tell a lie wilfully.

9871. If you remember let me know?—If I did remember; but there are parties who heard me speak over and over again, that I can positively say, "If "they did not go in on the Saturday the election was "lost;" and I should have opposed the spending of money on the Monday. And Mr. Brogden, when down here last, said, "If I had taken your advice should be much money in pocket." I told Mr. Brogden himself on the Monday morning his election was gone, that was plain, telling him not to spend any money.

9872. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was Mr. James William Neave with you, squaring up the accounts with Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards?—No. If we began to talk about bribery, Mr. Neave is a religious man, and he walked out of the room, and walked away.

9873. I want to know, in the case of John Stanley, do you know whether he got 15*l.* or 20*l.*?—No, I do not know anything about it. I never spoke to him in Gorleston. I do not think I went anywhere that part of the town. I did not go north; I knew very little about the north end.

9874. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect, when you were squaring up these accounts, what the number of parties bribed was?—No; I think something like about 200. I do not know. I could only speak from memory.

9875. Was it under or over 200?—That I could not say, whether it was a little over or a little under, but somewhere about that amount. I know I reckoned the other party, to win their election, bribed 340.

9876. You think the Conservatives bribed 340?—I am quite sure of it.

9877. Do you think there were only 200 bribed by the Liberals?—We should have bought more.

9878. I want to know what was done?—Somewhere thereabouts.

9879. Squaring up the accounts?—I think, to the best of my belief, it might be a little more than 200; I cannot say.

9880. 200 at 20*l.* would be 4,000*l.*; and Mr. Brogden spent 6,000*l.*, at least there was 300*l.* returned, therefore he spent 5,700*l.*?—There are other expenses to come out of that; it was not all for bribery.

9881. Mr. Jones spent very nearly 4,000*l.* himself?—Some got 40*l.* at Gorleston; one or two got 40*l.* at Gorleston, and they almost all got 20*l.* there. You must take 10 per cent. besides for double votes; sometimes they took it twice over.

9882. Mr. Edwards expended 1,662*l.*, and Mr. Jones 3,912*l.* some odd shillings; that is 5,500*l.*?—I cannot say. I believe when Mr. Jones comes you will arrive at every one that had the money.

9883. Do not you think there were more than 200 bribed?—I think there must be by that, but I know there was not a man to buy, because I made the calculation beforehand. According to other elections, whatever party wished to get in, to make sure of the election, would have to buy from 320 to 330 men. You might observe Mr. Brogden said he had about 4,000*l.* first. One night, in coming from the house across the market, from the "Bull;" we had had a ward meeting there, then we heard it whispered about, and Mr. Brogden told me Mr. Marshman intended to retire. We walked in the market some ten minutes, and he asked me what I thought about it, whether he should stand alone. I said, "No, it would be "madness to stand alone, the cross votes would cripple "you." He said he thought about going to find a man. I said, "You cannot do better." And he went away the next morning, for the next night a telegram came to us saying some one was coming, and I went there to meet him, and he brought his solicitor down, and that was the first I saw of him. But he had previously told me he wished to get into Parliament. I said, "You have only to make a show that you want to "bribe; send three or four of us to Gorleston; the "Tories will begin immediately. Let me have 30 or "40 men to watch their movements, and I can get "evidence up enough to unseat them." He said, "That will not do, I must get in if I can." He asked me, and I said, "If you are going to win the "election you will want to buy 320, and they average "15*l.*, and I do not know if they will not want 20*l.*, "because in the last election, in 1859, we gave them "10*l.* down, and 5*l.* if they voted right." He said, "You were for the other side then?" I said, "Yes, "that was about the utmost chance, one might get "them for 20*l.* at this time." And as I verified so it came to pass, they wanted 20*l.*; nothing down, they wanted it all certain. And that, from what I represented, made him get 2,000*l.* more down. I have not the slightest doubt of that.

9884. (*Mr. Russell.*) You think that not only you were too late in the market, but you had not money enough?—I tell you I believe we should have had quite money enough. If not, I believe another 1,000*l.* we could have had at five minutes notice. But I believe we were too late in the field, because all the best of the men had been bought up; for instance, when you go round there are plenty men will ask 15*l.*, and when they take 15*l.* that is done with. You cannot alter them. Perhaps there are 200 of them you can buy, and if the others get in first they will buy the 200 best men up first, and the other party, if in first, would get them also, and then they are sure to win the election.

9885. How did you know you could have another 1,000*l.* at five minutes notice?—I judged so.

9886. How could you judge so?—Because they would say, "We can always have plenty of money."

9887. Who said that?—I cannot say who said it. It was generally believed among a few of us there.

9888. You knew something about it. You said you knew you could have another 1,000*l.* at five minutes notice?—I said I supposed they could. It was only by hearsay. It was what was generally understood. I was in the secret in this as far as that, that if the Tories began to bribe I knew that if Mr. Brogden had had the good men we should have gone in and won, and I was satisfied of that; but I saw so clearly that old Mr. Marshman was only a sort of millstone round Mr. Brogden's neck. I was satisfied about that; and, as I said before, we were too late, and therefore we lost the election.

9889. Did you ever hear any sum of money mentioned that Mr. Brogden was going to spend?—Never.

9890. You, being very much in the secrets of the affair, believed you could get another 1,000*l.* if you wanted it, at five minutes notice?—Yes.

9891. And you cannot tell me why you formed that belief?—No. I formed the belief because I know I could have got it.

9892. Who could have got it?—Mr. Brogden could have got any amount by telegraphing. I knew his position about that.

9893. Did anyone give you to understand Mr. Brogden could get it by telegraph?—I knew it myself.

9894. How did you know it?—I knew he had large places about. I knew Mr. Brogden had places in Wales.

9895. The question is not whether you knew Mr. Brogden could do it if he liked; the question is, whether you knew Mr. Brogden was prepared with more money?—I knew that the money was here, though I did not know where it was, and though I did not know the amount.

9896. Did you know that more money was here than was spent ?—No.

9897. Do you know how much was spent ?—No, only by that at the time.

9898. You were there when Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards made up their accounts ?—Yes, I was.

9899. And that came up to 6,000*l.* ?—Between 5,000*l.* and 6,000*l.*

9900. Do you know there was more money at hand than that ?—No.

9901. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you consider that the Conservatives got hold of all those 200 best men ?—Yes.

9902. And they got them all at 15*l.* a head ?—I think they gave 20*l.* in Gorleston by what I can understand. I do not think they run so high here.

9903. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How many of those 200 did they get in Gorleston ?—I should think they got over 100. Gorleston is generally held the key. If you can do Gorleston first, it is generally safe ; you can win the election.

9904. You see 4,000*l.* was spent on the Conservative side ?—I would not believe them. They have spent 9,000*l.* I should think nobody would believe that.

9905. Can you give the Commissioners any reason for thinking the contrary ?—I know they spent 8,000*l.* or 9,000*l.*; 9,000*l.*, I believe.

9906. Where did it come from ?—I do not know where it came from ; that is kept in the dark.

9907. Who spent it ?—Different agents. That may come out before you go away.

9908. That is what we want to get at if we can ?—I think you will find it hard to get at that. It is not so well to be got at as from us ; they have better generals. But I believe what Mr. Brogden told you ; he told the truth. 4,000*l.* to buy 320 men ; it is all a farce. It is to me. They never did win one with less than 6,000*l.* or 7,000*l.*, and I know they did not the last.

9909. Will you give the Commissioners any means of getting at the truth ?—I will give you all the names I can give you. I believe there are parties in Gorleston can give you the names definite. I believe Warner and King can give you every man bribed the other side, because they have had them all in check. I spoke to John Hart, and he promised me. Then he told me afterwards he waited till Sunday night, and they had them all ; but there are men in Gorleston can tell you almost every man. I believe King and Warner can.

9910. We have examined King and Warner this morning ?—I believe they can tell you.

9911. All those who were bribed on the Conservative side ?—Yes, I believe they could.

9912. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you believe there were other men besides Mr. Cooper and Mr. Shuckford who received money on the Conservative side to spend in bribery ?—I cannot say how they manage it. You may be sure they would not let any of us know.

9913. Mr. Cooper was suspected by you, was he not ?—I knew he had the management of it ; I was quite aware of that.

9914. You thought Mr. Shuckford very likely had ?—Yes. I have no doubt ; he generally has pretty large sums.

9915. You thought Mr. Rivett ?—I had no idea of Mr. Rivett. I know very little about Gorleston.

9916. Have you got anybody in your mind at this moment when you say you think there was more money spent by the Conservatives ?—No ; I only estimate it in a rough way. At the time I picked out all the tinnable ones and found what they had got, and I estimated what they must spend to win it.

9917. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is it only an estimate you go upon ?—Yes.

9918. You have yourself said if the 200 best men were secured, at whatever price they are secured, that would be sufficient to win the election ?—Yes ; but you have to buy another 100 ordinary ones afterwards. I mean, if one party can secure a couple of hundreds of the best before the other begins, the other may go in and buy 250 or 260, and while they buy 250 or 260 you may buy another 100, and that will win the election.

9919. Less than that might win it ?—It will take 320 for either party to win this last election ; I told Mr. Brogden so myself.

9920. (*Mr. Russell.*) If you might have had your money when you wanted it, how little do you think you could have won the election with ?—I reckon 6,000*l.*

9921. You would reckon you would want the 6,000*l.* before the Conservatives began bribing ?—Yes.

9922. Then do you reckon they would want as much or more ?—I reckon they would want equally as much, and more.

9923. Is that your only reason for thinking there was more money spent than the 4,000*l.* ?—That is the only reason. Because I knew there never was an election won for 4,000*l.* lately ; and there are more voters this time than there ever was, and they want more money.

9924. What do you mean by the " best " voters ?—Men that will take 15*l.*, and you can depend upon them, and they will not stir or budge for anybody. There are some that will take it two or three times over.

9925. All the voters are not " lame ducks ? "—What do you call " lame ducks ? "

9926. Those we call " lame ducks " are not the best voters ?—I say, take 200 of the best of the tinnable ones. What we call the best, is, the men that will take the 15*l.*, and you can depend upon them ; you have no trouble to look after them any more. There are some, after you have paid them, you have to look sharp after, or else you will lose them.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 31st August 1866.

J. W. Neave recalled ; examined by Mr. Slade.

9927. Do you produce a list ?—Yes. (*A list was handed in.*)

9928. Are these the men that you canvassed for their votes ?—Yes, they are the men that I sent to Mr. Jones.

9929. We will keep this list and compare it when Mr. Jones comes ?—If you please.

9930. I want to ask you about that money you received. What steps did you take to return that 20*l.* ?—I have taken no steps to return it at present in consequence of the petition coming on, and my not knowing of course Mr. Jones' whereabouts, and not knowing, of course, where the money came from, until Mr. Brogden very honourably said that he supplied the money. I did not know till then where the money came from, but I had made up my mind from the beginning. I mentioned it to a confidential friend that the money should be sent back again as soon as we could ascertain where to send it. I had not the slightest idea of keeping the money, it was the furthest from my

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thoughts. The fact of it is, I respect Mr. Brogden too much ever to keep a paltry sum like that.

9931. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you swear that you never at that time contemplated retaining this money?—No.

9932. Have you kept the identical money you received?—No.

9933. You have spent that, but are prepared to substitute other money for it?—I have put it into the bank to my banking account.

9934. You paid that money into your banking account?—Of course, I considered that the safest place to keep it.

9935. You never spent it or any part of it?—I do not say that part of it might not have been spent.

9936. Did you know that Mr. Edwards and Mr. Salmon were making up Mr. Brogden's accounts?—I knew they had done so.

9937. Did you know before they made it up that they were going to make it up?—No.

9938. Did you hear afterwards that they had made it up?—I heard they had made it up.

9939. Why did you not return the 20*l.* to them?—I mentioned it to Mr. Edwards, the agent. He says, "It would not be legal for you to return it now, "you must wait till this affair is over."

9940. Did you propose, then, to Mr. Edwards that you should return it?—Yes, I told him I held 20*l.* which I wished to return.

9941. And you did not return it because the petition was pending?—Because this inquiry was on, and I thought it would not be proper to do it till after.

9942. Is there anybody who is aware that you tendered or offered to tender that 20*l.* to Mr. Edwards?—No, there was only me and Mr. Edwards together.

9943. But you swear that you did?—Yes.

9944. This was Mr. John Edwards was it?—Yes, from London.

R. Dumbleton.

ROBERT DUMBLETON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

9945. What are you?—A slater.

9946. Did you assist at the last election?—I did.

9947. Who were you acting for?—A committee formed at Gorleston.

9948. Were you acting under Mr. Rivett?—No. under Mr. Henry Teasdel. He was the chairman of the committee.

9949. I suppose you canvassed?—I did.

9950. Do you know anything of the bribery?—I do not.

9951. Do you know a man of the name of Symonds?—I do.

9952. Did you offer him any inducement for his vote?—I did.

9953. What was it?—10*l.*

9954. Did he take it?—No.

9955. He would not take it?—No.

9956. Anything else?—That was the only case that I knew of bribery personally. I heard that there was bribery, but personally, that is the only case that I know of.

9957. Did you offer this 10*l.* in money?—No, as a receipt of rent.

9958. Which way did Symonds vote?—Lacon and Goodson.

9959. Do you mean to say that he would not have your receipt?—He told me that he had been offered 20*l.* or 25*l.* from some party, I do not know the name; I am not positive now as to the name, but he also expressed himself against taking money at all; he said he did not want money.

9960. This 25*l.*, was it offered on the other side?—I believe so; it was 20*l.* or 25*l.*, I am not positive whether he mentioned the name of Downing or Neave, but one or the other.

9961. What day was it that you made this offer?—The morning of the election.

9962. Had you nothing to say to him before?—No, I had not seen him before.

9963. Was that a notion of your own to offer him this?—No; a friend of mine in Gorleston gave him to me as one of the shaky ones; he thought he wanted money.

9964. Who was your friend?—Mr. Rivett.

9965. When did Mr. Rivett speak to you about it?—On the Friday night; I think it was the Friday night, the Friday previous to the election.

9966. Have you any reason to believe that Symonds got money from any one?—I think he did not.

9967. Friday night we have heard Mr. Rivett had no money to disburse?—On Friday night Mr. Rivett gave this man, Symonds, as one of the shaky voters, thinking he wanted money.

9968. At that time Mr. Rivett had no money to disburse?—No.

9969. Then have you any reason to suppose Mr. Rivett did give him money when he had it?—I do not think he did. I then saw Mr. Rivett on the Monday previous to the nomination day. He mentioned this man again, as a man who would not promise. I tried to see Symonds, but was not successful on that day. On the Tuesday, the nomination day, I saw Mr. Rivett again, and he said, "If you can get this "fellow, Symonds, for 10*l.*, square him." I then saw him on the Wednesday, the morning of the election, and he refused taking the 10*l.*, or rather, the receipt that was for 10*l.*

9970. Mr. Rivett was a friend of yours, was he?—He was.

9971. Do you know of any other case in which Mr. Rivett was concerned?—I do not. I had no conversation with Mr. Rivett, except about this very man.

9972. Can you give the Commissioners any other information that will enable them to pursue their inquiry with regard to Mr. Rivett's proceedings?—No. Mr. Rivett was a very quiet man, a man who said very little. I met him once or twice, I think, at the committees, but he was a man who would sit a whole evening without saying a word, and I do not think Mr. Rivett was a man who would disclose much what he was doing. I was not an agent in any way myself of Mr. Rivett's.

9973. Who were Mr. Rivett's agents in the matter of bribery?—I think he was in communication with a Mr. Hammond and Mr. Bunn.

9974. And anybody else?—I am not positive of that, but I believe he was.

9975. That is proved; but was there anybody else?—No; I am not aware of it.

9976. What is Mr. Teasdel?—A merchant and ship-chandler.

9977. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you Mr. Symond's landlord?—Yes.

9978. Did you go to Mr. Rivett, or did Mr. Rivett come to you?—Mr. Rivett came to me.

9979. Knowing you were this man's landlord, and would probably have a hold upon him?—He spoke to me on the Friday night at one of the meetings. Names were called over of the shaky voters. One gentleman said, "I will take one or two;" and Mr. Rivett said, "Will you call on this man, Symonds, this servant of yours?"

9980. Can you remember the names of any gentlemen who undertook two or three shaky voters?—I believe Mr. Bunn was present at them; I am positive he was.

9981. He undertook more than two or three?—Not in my presence. That was done without my knowledge.

9982. I mean, exclusive of Mr. Bunn and of Mr. Hammond, can you recollect any gentlemen who undertook any shaky voters?—No.

SAMUEL BOUGHTON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

9983. What are you?—A toll hirer.

9984. What part did you take in the last election?—I voted at the last election.

9985. Who for?—Lacon and Goodson.

9986. What other part did you take?—No other part.

9987. Were you not a committeeman?—No.

9988. Your name has been given to us as one who assisted Mr. Teasdel and Mr. Diver; is that so?—No.

9989. You took no part whatever?—No.

9990. Do you know of any case of a voter receiving money?—Only what I have heard here and read.

9991. You know nothing of your own knowledge?—Nothing of my own knowledge.

9992. I am sorry you have had the trouble of coming here?—That was a lie of Mr. Livingston's what he said about me.

9993. Mr. Livingston said you gave bribes?—Yes, he did.

9994. You did not?—No.

9995. (*Mr. Slade.*) Why did Mr. Livingston fix upon you?—I do not know. I think he would fix on anybody; I do not know why at all.

9996. Had you been canvassing or doing anything?—No.

9997. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you a father living?—No.

9998. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you go up to London about the petition?—I was in London at the time.

9999. Did you come up about the petition?—I was going to London that week, and I went up about two days before just to hear; that is all. I was going to Lewes on the Friday, and I think I went up either the Monday or the Tuesday.

10,000. (*Mr. Russell.*) Yours was the third name that occurred to Mr. Livingston. He gives your name as an operator?—I do not know what he meant by that.

10,001. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you live at the Marine Terrace?—Yes.

BENJAMIN LANE recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

10,002. Since you were here last can you remember any other men that were bribed?—Yes.

10,003. Let me have their names?—Matthew Halls. I had it on my list at the time, but I forgot to mention it in the excitement.

10,004. Does he live at Market Road?—That is the man.

10,005. What did you give him?—15*l.*, which I received from Mr. Shuckford.

10,006. Can you remember any other name?—No. I asked Mr. Cooper, the same evening, to mention it the next day when he came up.

10,007. Was that all the money that you received from Mr. Shuckford?—That is all.

10,008. Do you know John Howard of South Market Road?—Yes.

10,009. Did you bribe him?—No.

10,010. Did you offer him a bribe?—No. He said he wanted money, but I referred him to my son.

10,011. Is your son on the register?—No.

10,012. Did your son help to get voters?—Yes.

10,013. Do you know whether your son bought John Howard?—I think he did; he is a likely man to be bought.

10,014. Do you know if your son had a sum of money intrusted to him?—He never told me that he had.

10,015. Do you believe that he had?—I never asked him.

10,016. How could he have bought John Howard if he had not money given to him?—Of course he could not have bought him if he had not money given to him.

10,017. He would not have done so out of his own pocket?—No; I should say not.

10,018. What is your son's Christian name?—Benjamin James.

10,019. Is he in Yarmouth?—No.

10,020. Where is he?—He is in New Zealand; I said Australia last time. Canterbury or Christchurch.

10,021. You think John Howard was a very likely man to have been bribed by him?—Yes.

10,022. You referred him to your son?—I referred my son to him.

10,023. What made you send your son to him?—I had seen him previously.

10,024. Why did you send your son if you did not think your son had any money?—He said before the election, if there was anything afloat he should like to have some.

10,025. Your son said so?—No; Howard.

10,026. Why did you send your son to Howard?—I gave my son a list of the names and he was one amongst them. I thought he would be a likely man.

10,027. Were you to pay them or your son?—My son was to pay them.

10,028. Then you believe he had money?—I believe he had, and I believe he paid him.

10,029. Who do you believe your son had the money from?—I am not aware.

10,030. Do you think it came from Mr. Cooper or Mr. Shuckford?—I am not in the least aware where he had any money from, or that he had any at all.

10,031. You told me just now you believed he had?—I believe so, but I could not swear to it.

10,032. Do you know Christmas Frosdick?—I do.

10,033. And did you bribe him?—No.

10,034. Did you offer him any money?—No.

10,035. Then do you know whether your son did?—I believe not.

10,036. Do you know if anybody did?—I do not.

10,037. Do you know Samuel Keeler?—I do.

10,038. Did you bribe him?—No.

10,039. Did you offer him a bribe?—No.

10,040. Did your son?—I do not believe he did.

10,041. Do you know if anybody bribed Keeler?—No, I do not.

10,042. Do you know Richard Balls?—Yes.

10,043. Did you bribe him?—No.

10,044. Did you offer him a bribe?—No.

10,045. Did you send your son to him?—No.

10,046. Do you know if your son went to him?—I believe he did not go there.

10,047. You do not know whether Richard Balls had a bribe?—No, I do not; only what I have seen in the papers since this inquiry.

10,048. Do you know Edward Partridge?—I do.

10,049. Did you offer him a bribe?—We had some talk about the election, but I do not think I offered him any money.

10,050. Did you give him any money?—No.

10,051. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

10,052. Was he one of the men your son saw?—No, I do not think he knew him at all.

10,053. Whom did you refer your son to excepting John Howard?—The names I have given you previously.

10,054. Every name that either you or your son had to deal with has now been handed in to us?—I believe it has to the best of my knowledge and belief.

10,055. And you are quite certain you only received 15*l.* from Mr. Shuckford?—Quite certain of that; he made a mistake when he said 20*l.*

10,056. How came you to forget that the other day?—I had it on my list. It was on account of the excitement of being examined. When I returned I looked at my list, and saw Mr. Shuckford upon the list for 15*l.*; and I made it my business to see Mr. Cooper the same evening and asked him to mention it. He said he would, and I believe he did so.

10,057. Did your son make a return to you?—No.

10,058. How many men did you bribe yourself?—I

think there was only this Halls. I do not recollect anyone else at this present time.

10,059. Did you or your son bribe Crucknell ?—My son.

10,060. Did you or your son bribe Woods ? — My son.

10,061. Did you or your son bribe Munsey ? — My son.

10,062. Then in fact you yourself did not bribe any ? —Yes, I gave Hall's father the money ; I did not give it to him personally ; I drove round to Hall's father and paid him, J. B. Halls, because Halls himself would not take it.

10,063. That was the only man you dealt with personally, the others you named to your son ?—Yes.

10,064. And you know of no other ?—I know of no other to the best of my belief. I went to a man of the name of Charles Crickmer, and he was bribed on the other side.

10,065. You went to him and he told you he had been offered money the other side ?—He told me the price in the first instance.

10,066. What was that ?—15*l.*

10,067. Did you offer him the 15*l.* ?—I said I believed he could have it ; at any rate to keep quiet and see if there was anything stirring.

10,068. When was that ?—I think it must be the Friday before the election, and he said he was at work for Mr. Brand, and no doubt he should go against his principles and support Mr. Brand, because he had promised him 12 months work, and he could have money also.

10,069. Then he did not take your 15*l.* ?—No, I had it not for him then ; that was the arrangement.

10,070. Did you go back to him ?—Yes, I have seen him since. He said, " You know what my principles are, but I must look out for myself and family." I said, " Quite right ; I should not press you in the " least ; I will leave it with you ; I should do the " same thing," I said.

10,071. Were there any other men you went to who would not take money who had got it from the other side ?—Yes ; I think I went to Henry Housago, a pieman.

10,072. What did you offer him ?—I do not think I offered him any particular amount. I asked him how he was going to vote.

10,073. What did he say ?—He said he could not say exactly ; it would all depend on circumstances. That was the tale we received from most of them ; they should wait and see what was going.

10,074. When was that ?—I think some I saw perhaps a fortnight before, while after my vocation, my business, because they would stop and tell me and ask about the election.

10,075. Did he refuse to take money from you ?—I do not think he troubled much, because he said he had been charged very high for the market tolls, and the consequence was, he thought he should go the other side, and should not take my money, and the consequence was, I think, he took it from the other side from Azariah Waters.

10,076. Do you believe Azariah Waters bribed him ? —If he did not bribe him he took him up to the " Angel." Then there is also Samuel Mobbs, the baker.

10,077. What about him ?—His price was 25*l.*

10,078. Did you offer him money ?—I said I could not give him any such figure as that ; 15*l.* was our price. He said he should not take it ; he could have more the other side. Then I said, " You had better go and take it."

10,079. Do you recollect what Samuel Mobbs got for his vote ?—No, I do not, but he was taken up to the " Angel " by Azariah Waters on the morning of the election.

10,080. Can you give me any other names of the men you went to ?—Not particular ; I might, perhaps, see a score besides these.

10,081. Can you tell me who they were ; any men you offered money to, or whom you believed took money on the other side ?—Yes, I believe Benjamin Ashby required money, and also Robert Killett.

10,082. What about Benjamin Ashby ?—I believed he would be a likely man, and would want money.

10,083. Did he tell you he wanted money ?—No, I never saw him personally, but he is a man who is generally turned ; and a man of the name of John Gillings, a baker.

10,084. Who else ? — John Gillings would be a likely man.

10,085. Did you offer John Gillings anything ?—No.

10,086. Tell me another ?—John Jones.

10,087. Where did John Jones live ?—In George Street.

10,088. Did you offer him money ?—No.

10,089. Do you believe he had money the other side ?—I believe he is a likely man.

10,090. I see it is Robert Jones who lives in George Street ?—I thought it was John Jones ; it is a mistake of the name.

10,091. Did you mention Killett's name just now ? —Yes.

10,092. What about him ?—I believe he would be a likely man to be bought.

10,093. You know it is no use giving us names we have had before. Do you think you can add anything to our list ; any names that we have not got ?—I merely answered the question you put to me. You asked me if I had been to anyone and thought of persons that could be bought, and those are the names I have given to you.

10,094. We have had all these names before except Ashby ?—I have not seen the evidence the last three or four days.

10,095. It will be better if you will make a list of any men you think likely to have been bribed, and hand it in to us ?—I will.

10,096. (*Mr Slade.*) You gave a breakfast, did you not to your friends ?—My son, I believe, might. I was not at home to breakfast that morning.

10,097. Did your son give a breakfast ?—I think in all probability he did.

10,098. I do not mean to say whether he had one friend to breakfast, but had he a good many on the morning of the election ?—I got up about 20 minutes past 8.

10,099. Do you know anything about it ?—Oh yes, I got up in the morning about 20 minutes past 8 and left home, and went down home again, I should think, between 9 and 10. I saw two or three persons there, and I saw a few sausages on the table, and a bottle or two of grog.

10,100. Was Matthew Halls there ?—Yes.

10,101. Who else ?—I think a man of the name of Youngs was there.

10,102. What is his christian name ? Where does he live ?—He lives at the back of the Nelson Road.

10,103. Joseph Youngs ?—Joseph or Sidney.

10,104. Joseph Sidney Youngs ?—That is him.

10,105. Did he get any money for his vote, do you know ?—I am not aware that he did ; I should not think he was a likely man to require it, to the best of my belief.

10,106. Did all these men poll with your son ?—Some of them went with me ; I took up several.

10,107. Who was there besides this man ?—I think John Howard was there, and I think there were three cabmen there at the same time.

10,108. Voters ?—I think not. Barber was one, and two other cabmen I did not know ; I was not there above five minutes.

10,109. What Barber was that ?—John Barber, he is not a voter.

10,110. Were there any voters there ?—Yes, Halls, Howard, and Youngs.

10,111. Any others ?—Not at the time I was there. I did not stay above five minutes.

10,112. Had you heard of any other voters being there ?—No.

10,113. How many were there altogether ?—I

think there must have been six or seven round the table when I was there.

10,114. The cabs were, I suppose, to take them up to the poll?—Yes, to take up anyone you met on the road who wanted to go.

10,115. Who paid for the breakfast?—My son; he got everything ready.

10,116. Do you think your son was likely to have paid it out of his own pocket?—No.

10,117. Do you know where he got the money?—That would not cost much. There was not above three or four pounds of sausages and a few hot cakes. It was not more than my family would consume.

10,118. Do you think your son would be likely to pay?—I think it is very likely; if he said to me he wanted half-a-sovereign or anything of that sort I should be likely to give it him.

10,119. Did you?—No, because he did not ask me for it.

ROBERT NOCKLES sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

R. Nockles.

10,120. You worked for the Tories at the last election?—I do not know about working. Mr. John Lummis asked me the Wednesday afternoon, "Do you know parties who want money, who will vote?" I said "There are three or four I know." He said "You must make a little inquiry, there will be some money." I said "Well, I will go." I went to them; I said, "What do you want?" However, there were three or four I got, and he came to me on the Sunday evening, and he gave me 60*l.*, and I gave them 15*l.* a piece.

10,121. Who were the four voters you gave the 15*l.* to?—James Middleton was one; I have a list of them.

10,122. James Middleton of St. Peter's Road?—Yes.

10,123. 15*l.*?—Yes.

10,124. Who is the next?—Edmund Bayfield.

10,125. He lives in the Nelson Road?—Yes.

10,126. Who next?—Thomas Moss.

10,127. Thomas Moss of St. Peter's Road?—Yes.

10,128. 15*l.*?—Yes, and Samuel Boulton, junior, was the next.

10,129. Of the Blackfriars Road?—Yes.

10,130. What did you get for your own services?—Nothing.

10,131. Did you work for nothing?—Yes.

10,132. What are you?—A fish merchant.

10,133. On what day did Mr. Lummis give you this money?—On the Sunday evening.

10,134. Did you go to him?—No, he came to me; I should not have been here if he had not come to me.

10,135. What made him go to you?—Because he thought I had three or four people I was friends with, and I could have more control over them than he might.

10,134. Was Lummis a friend of yours?—Yes, he lived a little way off me. We lived many years close together.

10,135. I daresay you can tell some other person Mr. Lummis gave money to?—No, I cannot.

10,136. Do you know of your own knowledge any other men who were bribed?—No.

10,137. Did you do anything of this sort at the election of 1859?—No, and I do not want any more.

10,138. Lummis had a good lot of money to spend, had he not?—I do not know what he had?—He never told me anything about it.

10,139. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were these men employed by you.

10,140–2. No, there were two owners; one was a beachman, and the other was a carpenter, only he has failed lately, so that the money did not do him much good. Middleton and Bayfield are the owners. One is a fishman, a beachman, and he keeps a greengrocer's shop, too, so he is all trades. They were friends of mine, only on the other side they went after them many times, and perhaps they would have given them more money; therefore I said, "Take this money; I am a friend of yours," and they got themselves 10*l.* less than they would on the other side.

10,143. They were all friends of yours?—We were all friends together. We are all fishermen together.

10,144. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Although you do not know to whom Lummis gave money, cannot you tell us the names of some of Mr. Lummis's friends that he was likely to employ?—No, we go on the Quay and talk about our own business.

10,145. Mr. Lummis came to you because he was a friend of yours?—Yes.

10,146. Give us the names of some of Lummis's other friends?—I do not know any other of his friends at this time of day. I have plenty to do to look after myself.

10,147. Whom had Lummis dealings with in the same manner he had with you?—On the Quay he would buy herrings with the fish salesmen, and like that. He is a buyer and he is a seller; he buys there, and he must have a buyer to come and buy these of him. He buys herrings off the Quay and sells them again on speculation.

10,148. Were you the only friend of Lummis he could trust?—I would not be under the lash of anyone. I did this, but I did not know what I was doing of at the time, or I should not have been before you.

WILLIAM PALMER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

W. Palmer

10,149. What are you?—I am a shoemaker by trade.

10,150. Where do you live?—18, Howard Street.

10,151. Did you work for the Tories at the last election?—I do work for some Tories in my trade.

10,152. I mean out of your trade?—I do not work for anybody out of my trade.

10,153. Did you canvass?—No.

10,154. Do you know of any man who took money at the last election for his vote?—I do not.

10,155. You voted for Lacon and Goodson, did you not?—Yes.

10,156. You were examined before the Committee of the House of Commons?—Yes.

10,157. Do you know Mr. Ellis?—Yes.

10,158. And did Mr. Ellis give you any money?—No.

10,159. Did anybody give you any money?—No.

10,160. If any one said so it is not true?—It is not true, I assure you.

10,161. Have you always belonged to the other party?—This is my first time of voting.

10,162. And you were not paid for your own vote?—No.

10,163. And you know of no man that was?—I do not know.

10,164. On either side?—No.

10,165. Did you promise to vote for Lacon and Goodson when they first canvassed you?—No, I did not promise the first time he came.

10,166. Why?—I had not made up my mind.

10,167. Why had you not made up your mind?—I could not make up my mind at once upon the subject.

10,168. Was it that you wanted anything?—No.

10,169. You did not know which political party you belonged to?—No, I do not understand anything about politics.

10,170. How came you at last to vote for Lacon and Goodson?—I considered it suited my interest the best, and my trade stood the most that way, and every poor man ought to look after his trade.

10,171. When did you promise them?—I cannot say. It might be two or three days before. I cannot speak to the date.

10,172. Was it after the Saturday?—I am not certain as to the date that it was.

10,173. Did you have a very good sale of boots

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just before the election ?—No, nothing extra. Mine is principally a bespoke trade.

10,174. Then you thought it was the interest of your trade merely to vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—Just so.

10,175. You mean that the Conservative party wore more shoes and better shoes than the other party ?—No, I do not mean that, but every one has their friends in trade.

10,176. And you thought your friends were more of the Conservative side ?—I considered so.

10,177. And you believe you had promised before the Saturday before the election ?—Well, I cannot form a belief upon it. I cannot speak to the day when I did make the promise.

10,178. How many times do you think you were canvassed before you promised your vote ?—Twice, I think.

10,179. Only twice ?—I believe that was all.

10,180. And you swear you received no inducement, pecuniary or otherwise, to vote ?—Nothing further than my trade.

10,181. Was it intimated to you by anybody that it would be better for your trade if you voted for Lacon and Goodson ?—No.

10,182. You formed your own opinion ?—I formed my own opinion entirely.

10,183. And that opinion was not formed on any inducement or hope that was held out to you ?—It was not.

10,184. That you swear ?—I swear that.

10,185. You know Mr. Ablitt ?—Yes, I play for him sometimes in music.

10,186. Had you any dealings with him about the election ?—No.

10,187. Was Mr. Ablitt very active in the election as a partisan ?—I cannot say.

10,188. Do you know one way or the other whether he was ?—No further than seeing him about. I met him two or three times before the day of the election.

10,189. Did you see him calling upon voters ?—No.

13,190. Did you ever go to him yourself ?—No, I never did.

10,191. Did you ever hear him speak about it ?—No.

10,192. Never?—No, to the best of my knowledge I never heard him speak anything about the election.

10,193. Neither before nor after ?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

10,194. About the petition ?—No.

10,195. Were you not in London ?—I was.

10,196. Do you know Mr. Ablitt was there ?—Yes, I saw him there.

10,197. Do you mean to say no conversation ever took place between you and Mr. Ablitt about the election or the petition ?—Not a word, that I will be on my oath. There was not a word dropped from my lips to Mr. Ablitt about the petition while I was in London or anywhere else.

10,198. You know you were accused of being connected with him in the election ?—I saw it in the paper.

10,199. And you never said one single word to him upon the subject ?—I never did.

10,200. Do you expect us to believe that ?—I must leave that to you. It is the truth that I never did speak to him.

10,201. Did he ever speak to you about it ?—No.

10,202. Did Mr. Brogden canvass you or ask for your vote ?—Yes.

10,203. What did you say ?—I told him I could not promise him.

10,204. Why not ?—I had not made up my mind which way to go at that time.

10,205. Was that the reason he put you down as a man likely to take a bribe ?—I do not know I am sure whether he might put me down.

10,206. Do you know Mr. Wilshak ? — Yes, I know him.

10,207. Had you any dealings with him at the election ?—Not at all.

10,208. Who canvassed you for the Liberals ?—Mr. Brogden.

10,209. Who else ?—I think this gentleman was there.

10,210. Mr. Livingston ?—I think that is his name. —This is the gentleman I mean (*pointing to Mr. Livingston.*)

10,211. Was Mr. Ablitt present at that time ?—I do not think he was. I did not see him.

10,212. Will you swear he was not ?—I could not swear he was not, there were several gentlemen in my shop at the same time, so I could not say who was there and who was not—only this gentleman—I believe him to be there, for I think he spoke to me and Mr. Brogden. But who the others were I cannot say.

10,213. What were they doing, the others ?—They appeared to be with the canvassing party. They appeared to form a part of the canvassing party.

10,214. Mr. Ablitt was not likely to form a part of Mr. Livingston's canvassing party you know ?—I did not see Mr. Ablitt there.

10,215. You would not swear he was not there ?—I would not swear he was not there. I could not do such a thing, for I could not swear who was there.

10,216. Was there any friend of your own there when the canvassing party came in ?—Not to the best of my belief.

B. Batley.

BENJAMIN BATLY sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

10,217. What are you ?—A fish merchant.

10,218. Where do you live ?—In the North Market Road.

10,219. Did you take an active part for the red party at the last election ?—Not in the least.

10,220. Did you ever canvass anybody ?—Not a single person.

10,221. How did you vote yourself ?—Lacon and Goodson.

10,222. Did they canvass you personally ?—Sir Edmund did.

10,223. Did you promise him a vote ?—I promised him my vote.

10,224. The very first visit ?—The first day.

10,225. Your name was given us as a probable operator for the Red party ?—I did not interfere with it at all.

10,226. You deny it altogether ?—I deny it altogether. I never asked for a single vote, nor yet canvassed anybody.

10,227. Do you know of any man who took money for a vote ?—No, I do not.

10,228. On either side ?—On either side.

10,229. You swear that ?—I swear that nobody took a less active part in it than I did.

J. Hudspith.

JOSEPH HUDSPITH sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

10,230. Are you Mr. Reynold's clerk ?—Clerk to Messrs. Reynolds and Palmer, not to Mr. Reynolds only.

10,231. Did you work under Mr. Reynolds at the last election ?—No.

10,232. Did you assist him in any way as regarded the election ?—Prior to the engagement of committee-rooms, I assisted him in getting out circulars, together with two other clerks.

10,233. Did you take any part in the illegal conduct of the election ?—Certainly not.

10,234. Did you receive any sum of money to give to voters ?—Not a farthing.

10,235. Did you give any money out of your own pocket?—No.

10,236. Are you cognisant, except from what you have heard here, of any men who were bribed?—No, I believe they have all been named, all I ever saw.

10,237. Were you cognisant at the time of the election that money was being spent by Lacon and Goodson, or on their behalf?—I heard it certainly.

10,238. But you took no part in it yourself?—Not in the least.

10,239. Do you know a man named Hammond?—Yes.

10,240. Did you give him anything at the last election?—Certainly not.

10,241. Did you pay him his travelling expenses?—I did not pay him.

10,242. Are you aware that he was paid?—I believe he had a ticket sent him to pay his travelling expenses, his railway fare; that is all he had I believe.

10,243. Do you know what he received?—No I do not. He came to me on the election day after he had voted, and asked me if I could get him anything, and I told him I could not.

10,244. Had he then voted?—He had then voted.

10,245. And you told him you could not?—I told him I would try what I could do.

10,246. What did he say he wanted money for?—He said he had come a long distance, and he did not like to come that way without something to pay his personal expenses. He came the previous day to the election. He was an intimate friend of mine.

10,247. And you told him you would see what you could do?—I told him I would see what I could do.

10,248. Did you represent that to Mr. Reynolds?—I saw Mr. Reynolds, but Mr. Reynolds waved me away, and said he could not listen to anything of the kind.

10,249. But you believe he did receive something? I believe he got 5*l.*, but I am not sure.

10,250. Why do you believe that?—From what I have heard since.

10,251. Who from?—I can hardly say whether it was from his sister or not. I believe it was from his sister. I told him he had better inquire of some one else, for I could do nothing for him.

10,252. Do you know whether the 5*l.*, or whatever it was that Mr. Hammond received, was returned as part of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson's election expenses?—No, I should think not.

10,253. Who paid it?—That I cannot say. I mentioned a name to Mr. Hammond that might possibly give him some money. That was Mr. E. O. Johnson. Whether I mentioned any other I do not know, I do not think I did.

10,254. As far as you can form an opinion do you think he received the money from Mr. Johnson?—Whether he received it from Mr. Johnson or not, I do not know. I mentioned Mr. Johnson's name, but I did not see Mr. Hammond after that.

10,255. You can give me no further information as to the method or way he received the money?—No.

10,256. Did anybody else besides Mr. Hammond apply to you?—No one applied to me. I attended the Nelson ward committe-room, and several of us took a list of names, perhaps five or six names, to see whether we could induce them to vote for our party.

10,257. When was that?—That was two or three days before the election, I think.

10,258. On the Saturday or the Monday?—I think I was in and out the committee-rooms on several occasions.

10,259. Who were these men that you undertook to try and get?—Matthew Watts was one.

10,260. Did you try Watts?—I asked him which way he was going to vote. I found from his manner that he was booked for the other side.

10,261. Did you make him an offer?—Certainly not.

10,262. Did you give him a hint he would have some money, if he voted for Lacon and Goodson?—Not the slightest, for I was very careful not to do anything of the kind with any of them.

10,263. Were you aware on the Monday the Conservative party were bribing?—On the Monday I heard of it casually.

10,264. This was after you heard they were bribing that you canvassed Watts?—Yes.

10,265. But you swear you did not offer him any money?—I did not offer any.

10,266. Or any inducement?—No.

10,267. What other names?—A man of the name of Patrick.

10,268. What is his Christian name?—That I do not know.

10,269. Where does he live?—I do not know where he resides. I merely found him at the Naval Asylum.

10,270. Did you offer Patrick anything?—No.

10,271. He was afterwards bribed?—I believe he was bribed by the other side. I am not sure, I thought so from his manner.

10,272. Who else?—There was another man in the same asylum I spoke to. I forget his name. I saw him on the same occasion, but he told me he had been offered so much money. I think 15*l.* or 20*l.* by the other side.

10,273. Will you try and remember his name?—I cannot remember his name just now.

10,274. Did you offer him any money?—No.

10,275. Anybody else?—A baker in the Tower Road. I do not recollect his name.

10,276. Tell me the names of the men you can remember?—Those are all the names I did see.

10,277. Who was it told you to go and see those men?—At the Nelson ward committee-room.

10,278. Who told you?—I do not know anyone in particular. We were going through a list for each to take a certain number of names, and see if we could get them.

10,279. Was Robert Archbold the name of the baker?—That is the name.

10,280. Did he say he had money the other side?—He did not say he had money.

10,281. That he had been offered?—That he had been offered money I had no doubt from what he said.

10,282. Do I understand you to swear, when these men said they had been offered money the other side, you went away?—Yes.

10,283. You did not try and press them at all?—Certainly not.

10,284. Did you report their names at your central committee-room?—Not at the central. At the Nelson committee-room where it met.

10,285. Who was presiding there?—I really forget unless it was Mr. Woolverton, I believe it was Mr. Woolverton.

10,286. Did you, without promising anything yourself, take any indirect steps to see that these men got money?—Certainly not. I had nothing further to do with them. I was told not to have anything to do with them.

10,287. And if they did from your side it was without your knowledge?—Without my knowledge, certainly.

10,288. And without your suggestion?—Certainly. I had nothing further to do with them in any way.

10,289. Do you know of any other man besides Mr. Hammond, who received money after the election for his personal expenses, or travelling expenses?—No.

10,290. Can you give me any further information?—No.

10,291. You have told me all you know?—That was all I had to do with the election.

10,292. (*Mr. Slade.*) What made you tell Mr. Hammond that Mr. E. O. Johnson was likely to pay him?—I understood that Mr. Johnson was one of the parties that was what they called tinning. That was the common saying.

10,293. Was he a well-known tinner?—I believe he was known to be in possession of money for that purpose.

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10,294. When did you first ascertain that Mr. Johnson had money to spend?—I think that was on the Monday, either Monday or Tuesday, I will not be sure.

10,295. Can you tell the Commissioners how you found it out?—Only from casually hearing it spoken of by parties. I could not swear who told me. I do not think I was told directly. I merely heard it in common with others.

10,296. And did you hear of anybody else who was spoken to in that way?—I do not recollect any other name that I heard of at that time. Yes, I heard Mr. Lummis was one.

10,297. Anybody else?—I do not recollect any other name.

10,298. Mr. Cooper?—No; I did not hear anything of Mr. Cooper at that time.

10,299. Did you not?—No, not till afterwards.

10,300. When did you hear that Mr. Cooper was the man?—It was talked about very much just after the election, and it may have been on the day of the election. I believe I heard his name on the day of the election, as being a man with money.

10,301. You say you heard about Mr. Johnson, was that the common talk?—It was.

10,302. You sent Mr. Hammond, you think, to Mr. Johnson?—I believe it was to Mr. Johnson, I would not swear I sent him to him.

10,303. We have it in evidence that Samuel Patrick, who you saw and canvassed, was bribed by Mr. Johnson?—I do not know that.

10,304. Was it from information that Mr. Johnson received from you, either directly or indirectly, that Patrick went to him?—Certainly not, I never spoke to Mr. Johnson.

10,305. You never mentioned Mr. Johnson's name to Patrick?—No.

10,306. Or Patrick's name to Johnson?—I believe Patrick mentioned Mr. Johnson's name to me.

10,307. What did he say?—I believe he said that some one had been to him before. I believe he mentioned that Mr. Johnson had been to him.

10,308. Did he say that Mr. Johnson had offered him money?—I cannot say whether he said that or not. He said he had seen Mr. Johnson.

10,309. Did you tell him Mr. Johnson was a man who would give him money?—No, certainly not. I did not know then that Mr. Johnson had money.

10,310. When did you first know that?—That was sometime on the Monday.

10,311. Are you quite certain, when you knew Mr. Johnson had money, you did not communicate Patrick's name to him?—Certainly not.

10,312. You did not authorize anybody else to communicate Patrick's name to him?—Certainly not.

10,313. That you were neither directly nor indirectly the means of bringing Johnson and Patrick together?—I have nothing whatever to do with Johnson at all. I did not speak to Johnson for several days before the election.

10,314. I said directly or indirectly?—Not in any way.

J. G. Ellis.

James Graver Ellis sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

10,315. What are you?—Tailor and draper.

10,316. Did you take an active part in the last election?—I took a small part in it.

10,317. Are you a member of the corporation?—I am mayor's officer.

10,318. What part did you take in the last election?—I solicited a few votes on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

10,319. Whom did you ask?—I asked Mr. Palmer.

10,320. Who else?—George Osborn.

10,321. Who else?—William Sillis. They are the only three to the best of my recollection.

10,322. When did you first see them?—A few days before the election. It might be several days before the election.

10,323. Is it William Sillis senior or junior?—Junior.

10,324. Did you offer them any inducement to vote?—I found that they did not feel disposed to vote unless they were remunerated in some way, and I said, if there was anything, I would do the best I could for them.

10,325. Did they promise?—They did ultimately.

10,326. Did they vote?—Two of them voted for Lacon and Goodson, and the other voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl.

10,327. Who voted for Lacon and Goodson?—Palmer and Osborn.

10,328. And the other?—The other voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl.

10,329. Did you give anything to Palmer?—15*l.*

10,330. When was that?—I think it was on the Monday night, or on the Monday sometime.

10,331. That is the Palmer who has just been examined?—There has been a Palmer examined I believe.

10,332. Is it the same man?—Yes; but whether I gave it to him or his wife, I will not positively swear, I gave it to one of them, but I would not swear whether I gave it to him or his wife. I swear I gave one of them 15*l.*

10,333. Do you recollect on what day?—I think it was on the Monday.

10,334. At what o'clock, the morning or evening?—I will not say. I do not remember whether it was the morning or evening. I feel certain it was on the Monday.

10,335. Where did you give it him?—At his house.

10,336. Did you give Osborn anything?—Yes, 15*l.*

10,337. Where did you give him his?—Palmer lives close by me, just across the street, about three or four yards; but Osborn lives down upon the beach, and I think I gave it him at my own house.

10,338. Did he come to you?—I feel confident that he came to me.

10,339. Now tell me what o'clock of the day that was?—I think it was early on the Monday morning.

10,340. Not upon the same day that you gave it to Palmer?—I think it was upon the same day that I gave it to Palmer, but I would not be positive about it.

10,341. Did you give anything to Sillis?—No, I did not.

10,342. How was that?—Because he had done better on the other side than I could do for him.

10,343. Where did you get the money from?—From Mr. Cooper.

10,344. Did you ever see Palmer afterwards?—I saw him in London.

10,345. Had you any conversation with him about the election?—No, I do not think I spoke to him till I saw him in London, and then I had a very few words with him. I think I saw him in the lobby at the station, but I had very little conversation with him.

10,346. Were Palmer and his wife together at the time when you gave him the money?—No, I think not. I remember Palmer coming to my house, and I remember perfectly well going across to his house; I do not think he was there. If I gave it to his wife he certainly was not there.

10,347. Did you arrange with him beforehand that he was to have it?—I told him I would do what I could for him. He said he was rather in needy circumstances. I said as much as that, that I would do something for him if I could.

10,348. And he then promised you conditionally?—If I did not give it to him. I do not think he knew anything about it, not upon the election morning. If I did give it to him, I do not think he knew anything about it up to the election morning.

10,349. (*Mr. Russell.*) Supposing you did give the money to his wife, have you reason to believe that

Palmer got it?—I have not asked him that question.

10,350. Had you told Palmer before you were going to bring him the money?—I might have done so; I will not swear that I did not, but I might have done so.

10,351. I suppose you would not have given it to his wife unless there had been some arrangement made beforehand?—I should not have given it to his wife or to him either if I had not supposed that he would vote for the party.

10,352. From what had taken place between you and Palmer before, you had very little doubt in your own mind that he would take the money?—Not the slightest.

10,353. (*Mr. Slade.*) How much money did you receive from Mr. Cooper altogether?—30*l.*

10,354. Did you receive any money from anybody else?—No.

10,355. Did you do anything at the election of 1859?—I have been trying to remember since I have heard you ask the question of two or three others, but I cannot tell you whether I did or not; I might but I cannot remember.

10,356. I mean, did you give anybody any money?—I really cannot remember whether I did or not. would tell you if I could.

10,357. I think you could say if you did not?—Upon my oath I cannot tell you whether I did or did not; I might. I would tell you in a minnte if I could.

10,358. Did you go to Mr. Cooper, or did Cooper come to you?—I think Mr. Cooper gave it to me at my own house.

10,359. I mean, did he ask you to canvass them?—It was pretty well known that I was up upon the election petition, and examined in 1859. I meet Mr. Cooper four or five times a day regularly, and it is pretty well known between him and me that I am a strong partisan, and should do everything I could to serve the party.

10,360. You had not much to do this time?—No, not a great deal.

10,361. You will try and recollect if you can give us any information as to 1859?—If I can remember anything I will tell you. I will try to do it. If it is required I daresay I can.

ROBERT BULLIMORE, junior, sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

R. Bullimore, jun.

10,362. What are you?—A carpenter and an innkeeper.

10,363. Where do you live?—North End Retreat.

10,364. You belong to the red party, do you not?—Yes, the Tories.

10,365. Did you vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

10,366. Who canvassed you?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

10,367. And did you promise them the first time they canvassed you?—Yes.

10,368. Do you keep the "North End Retreat"?—Yes.

10,369. There were a good many voters down at your house on the Monday and Tuesday, were there not?—There were a few, not many.

10,370. Who engaged your room?—Not anybody.

10,371. How came the voters to go there?—I am sure I do not know. They are living in the neighbourhood, and I suppose they came in the same as they do on other days.

10,372. There were not more men in your house upon the Monday and Tuesday night than you have generally there?—Yes, there always are at election times.

10,373. Had you got any money to give away?—No.

10,374. Not a farthing?—Not a farthing.

10,375. Did you see any money paid for their votes in your house?—No.

10,376. You knew they were paid in your house?—No.

10,377. Did they pay for what they ate and drank in your house on the Monday and Tuesday?—No.

10,378. The men who were there did they pay for it?—There was a little bill left, but they paid generally.

10,379. Who paid the little bill that was left?—Blyth, the painter.

10,380. What was the amount of the little bill?—I think he paid me 34*s.*

10,381. That was all?—Yes. How it was he paid me the bill was this, he ordered three bottles of sherry, and Mr. Royal, a clerk to Mr. Charles Cory, and two more friends were there, and he asked them to have some. The others paid for what they had.

10,382. Did Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ever come to your house?—No.

10,383. Never?—Never.

10,384. Where did they canvass you?—On the Quay.

10,385. Was there a meeting at your house upon the Sunday night?—No.

10,386. We have been told that you can tell us a great deal about the election, but you have told us very little at present?—I have answered the questions you have put to me, I have answered as far as that.

10,387. Is there anything you can tell me without my putting questions to you?—I do not think there is.

10,388. How many men do you know of that were paid for their votes?—I do not know of one that I could swear to.

10,389. Have you always belonged to the Conservative party?—Yes.

10,390. Do you know a man named Walsh, a hatter?—Yes.

10,391. Did you canvass him?—No.

10,392. Did you ever ask him for his vote?—No.

10,393. Did you ever give him any money for his vote?—No.

10,394. Did you offer him no inducement whatever to vote?—No.

10,395. Did you have any talk with him about the election?—No.

10,396. Do you know Henry King?—Yes.

10,397. Did you offer him anything for his vote?—No.

10,398. Never?—Never.

10,399. That you swear?—Yes, that I swear.

10,400. Will you swear you do not know that either Walsh or King received any money for their votes?—I told King I thought he could get 15*l.* for his vote, but he said Mr. Livingston would give him 20*l.* Mr. Livingston had had him in the stables of the "Crown and Anchor."

10,401. When was it you told King that he could have 15*l.* for his vote?—On the Tuesday before the election.

10,402. Who did you say would give him 15*l.*?—I did not name any person.

10,403. Which Henry King is it, where does he live?—At Norwich I believe.

10,404. Is it Row, 92, or Market Place?—I believe he lived in the Market Place, but he has removed to Norwich.

10,405. How did you know that he could get 15*l.*?—Because I knew there was some money flying about.

10,406. You did not mention the name of anybody who would give it to him?—No.

10,407. Will you swear nobody had authorized you to offer him money?—No; I will not swear that.

10,408. Then who did?—Buston.

10,409. Did you give Buston a list of names that you thought you could get?—No.

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10,410. Did you give him the names of any men you thought you could get ?—Yes.

10,411. What names did you give him ?—King and Jackson the baker.

10,412. Who else ?—James Last.

10,413. Do you know Jackson's christian name, the baker ?—No, I do not.

10,414. Where does he live ?—At the back of a place called the Moat.

10,415. The Moat Road ?—No. It is at the back of the Moat. There was some water at one time there, but it is filled up now.

10,416. Who else ?—John Gillings, North Road.

10,417. Who else ?—William Riches.

10,418. Who else ?—Grimes.

10,419. Who else ?—I believe that is all.

10,420. Did you see them all ?—A portion of them ; I did not see them all.

10,421. Did you tell them all they could have money for their votes, those you did see ?—No ; and I will tell you the reasons. There was a little nonsense between me and the party at the time, and I did not ask for them as I should have done if it had not occured.

10,422. And what was the "little nonsense "?—About a bill of mine, I did not get the money settled for the last municipal election.

10,423. Whom did you vote for at the last municipal election ?—Henry Blyth.

10,424. Was he a candidate ?—Yes.

10,425. Did you pay money for him ?—No.

10,426. Then what was the bill for ?—For refreshments supplied for cabmen &c.

10,427. And he would not pay you ?—I did not ask him.

10,428. Did you expect him to pay without being asked ?—Yes.

10,429. And that is why you quarrelled ?—Yes.

10,430. And that made you lukewarm this time ?—Yes.

10,431. Had you taken a very active part at the last election in 1859 ?—Yes, I believe I did.

10,432. You spent some money that time ?—A little.

10,433. We shall want you later about that election, I will not ask you about it now. Have you told me all that you can tell me about the last election of 1865 ?—I believe I have.

10,434. To whom did you return the names of men you got ?—For what ? Will you put the question again if you please ?

10,435. Whom did you make a return of the names to ?—Not to anybody. I answered that before if you look at your notes.

10,436. You told Mr. Buston you thought you could get these men ?—Yes.

10,437. And he authorized you to offer them money ?—Yes.

10,438. Do you know how those men voted that you went to ?—Yes.

10,439. How did they vote ?—On the Liberal side.

10,440. All of them ?—Yes, I there think was not one but what voted on the Liberal side.

10,441. When was it you went to them ?—Some time previous to the election they used to come down to me, and ask me about it.

10,442. Did you see these men before the Saturday ?—Oh yes.

10,443. Did you offer them money then ?—No, I told them they could get 15*l.*

10,444. How came you to tell them they could have money before the Saturday ?—Because Mr. Buston told me.

10,445. When did Mr. Buston tell you ?—I think it was on the Thursday or Friday, something like that.

10,446. Then when you went to these men did they tell you they had got money on the other side or how was it that they would not take yours ?—They told me Neave had been offering them more money, and on the Sunday night there were two of them who said if I would give them 22*l.* they would vote for the Tories, but Mr. Neave was the cock of the walk, and offered them 20*l.*

10,447. Is that J. W. Neave ?—The twine spinner.

10,448. Joseph Neave ?—I do not know his christian name I only know that he is a twine spinner in the North Road.

10,449. The Caister Road ?—Yes.

10,450. Who were the men who came to you on the Sunday night, and said Neave had offered them 22*l.* —I did not say the Sunday night.

10,451. When was it ?—I think you asked me on the Friday or Saturday night.

10,452. Was it then they came to you ?—Yes.

10,453. Who were the men ?—Jackson the Baker and James Last.

10,454. Did you say that was more than you could command ?—Yes.

10,455. And then they went away ?—Yes.

10,456. Did you ever try them again ?—No, because we thought that they were people we could not depend upon, and in common phrase we turned them up.

10,457. Had you never authority to offer more than 15*l.*?—No.

10,458. And never did offer more ?—No.

10,459. And you think you were outbid ?—Yes.

10,460. You are quite certain those were all the men you went to ?—Yes.

10,461. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had all these men whose names you gave to Mr. Buston been bribed at the election of 1859 ?—I am sure I do not know.

10,462. You do not know that you say ?—No, I do not.

10,463. You could not say one way or the other ? No, they could not be all, because a portion of them had not a vote.

10,464. What authority had you to make this offer. Did Mr. Buston say he had the money ?—No, he told me if I could get some voters they could have 15*l.* each.

10,465. That was the price ?—Yes.

10,466. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you tell young Mr. Livingston, after the petition, that if his father had come to you you could have given him some good information ?—No.

10,467. Or made it worth his while ?—No.

10,468. Did you never tell young Mr. Livingston anything of the sort ?—No ; I may have spoken to him when we have been having a little bit of talk ; but nothing about such things, as that, that I will swear.

10,469. Will you swear you have given us all the information you can remember ? — No ; I might remember more, but I will swear that is all I can remember at present.

10,470. If you can remember more, will you let us have it ?—Yes.

10,471. Will you send us in a list of any men whom you can remember ?—I think I have given you a full list of what I can remember.

10,472. If you remember more will you send them in to us ?—Yes.

10,473. I understand you to swear your house was never engaged as a committee-room ?—Yes.

10,474. And you never got any pay for it ?—No, in fact the bill is not paid now, so that I could not get anything for what they had afterwards.

10,475. That is the 34*s.* ?—No, I got that for that night.

10,476. (*Mr. Slade.*) How much are you owed now ?—Not anything.

10,477. I thought you said you were not paid ?—I thought you asked me how much they owed.

10,478. I understood you to say that your bill was not paid for what was done at the election ?—That is for refreshments and poll boards which I made for the election.

10,479. How much is owing for that ?—7*l.*

10,480. Have you asked for it ?—Yes.

10,481. Whom did you ask ?—Mr. Reynolds.

10,482. And what did Mr. Reynolds say?—He said he could not pay it.

10,483. For refreshments and poll boards?—To show the state of the poll.

10,484. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose you know that Mr. Reynolds is not the person to pay you?—No, I thought he would have paid that bill as he was agent for them. He told me it was too much, and another thing, he had nothing to do with what people had for refreshment.

10,485. Is it not generally known that the canvassers have no right to treat anybody?—Of that I know nothing.

10,486. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you poll boards outside the house on the day of the election?—No, they were made and boys took them round with the state of the poll on them.

10,487. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you been paid for these things at the previous election?—Yes, I had not a vote then.

10,488. How much did you get for refreshments and poll boards at the election of 1859?—I got nothing for refreshments, only the money for the poll boards.

10,489. How much did you get then?—10*l.*

10,490. I suppose you have no doubt you will get the 7*l.*?—No, I have given it up, because it was promised so many times, and when I was up on the petition it was promised; but I never got it, and I gave it up as they would not pay the bill.

10,491. Who promised you this?—In London?

10,492. Yes?—Mr. Boughton.

10,493. That is Samuel Boughton?—Yes.

10,494. Did you ask him for the money?—Yes.

10,495. Did you consider Mr. Boughton had authority to promise you the money?—Not exactly. He told me he would see me paid as I was a friend of his, and I took his word for it.

10,496. He did not give you to understand that he would pay it out of his own pocket?—No.

10,497. You understood that he would get it from his party?—No, I did not understand that at all. He said he would see that I got my bill paid.

10,498. Did you go up to London on the petition?—Yes.

10,499. Were you summoned?—Yes.

10,500. And how did you amuse yourself in London?—I went to the principal places of public amusement.

10,501. You did not appear before the committee?—No, I was not called on.

10,502. Did you keep away some of the witnesses?—No.

10,503. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you get anything for your own vote?—No.

10,504. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is Mr. Buston the only person you communicated with about money?—No.

10,505. Who else did you communicate with?—Little Blyth, the painter.

10,506. Did you give him any names?—No, because I did not think he was a person I should care about trusting to.

10,507. Anybody else?—No.

10,508. Have you told us all you know about the bribery?—Yes, I believe I have.

10,509. You do not know anything of Mr. Lummis?—No.

10,510. Do you know where the money that you might have got would have come from?—I got none.

10,511. I mean the money that Mr. Buston authorized you to offer; do you know where it would have come from?—No.

10,512. Do you mean Mr. Cooper?—Yes.

10,513. Did you think it would come from him?—I did not give it a thought.

Mrs. Hannah Palmer sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

Mrs. H. Palmer.

10,514. You are the wife of William Palmer?—Yes.

10,515. He is a voter for the borough?—Yes.

10,516. Do you recollect the last election?—Yes.

10,517. Previously to the last election did you see Mr. Ellis?—I do not remember seeing Mr. Ellis, only upon my husband's business—nothing about the election.

10,518. Do you remember your husband receiving anything for his vote?—No.

10,519. Did you receive anything?—No.

10,520. Did Mr. Ellis give you 15*l.*?—No.

10,521. At no time?—No.

10,522. Do you recollect your husband going up to London?—Yes.

10,523. Do you know it has been said that you received 15*l.*?—I have heard them say so about Yarmouth.

10,524. Do you not know that he did receive it?—No, I never saw a farthing of it, and my husband never keeps money from me nor I from him, I never knew him to do it yet.

10,525. How came your husband to be summoned to London?—I do not know.

10,526. When did you first hear it was said that he received money?—Directly after the election, a week or so after.

10,527. Who told you?—I was told of it outside by the people.

10,528. Do you recollect who told you?—No, I remember the people saying, "Did not your husband receive 15*l.*," and I said, "If he did, I did not see it."

10,529. That is what you said?—Yes.

10,530. Do you know Mr. Ellis?—I know Mr. Ellis, because I have taken work home to him lots of times.

10,531. Was Mr. Ellis at your house at all?—No, only when he came about his boots; he has come about his boots at different times to my husband. My husband makes his boots.

10,532. Did you see him about the election time?—No, I think it was a week before the election that Mr. Ellis came to us about some work.

10,533. What side does your husband belong to in politics, Red or Blue?—Red, I believe.

10,534. Has he always been a Red?—He never had a vote before.

10,535. Was he canvassed?—My husband promised his vote. He said he should not vote from his trade, where his trade laid, there of course he would vote for.

10,536. When did he say that?—Before the election.

10,537. How soon before the election?—A long time before the election, when they first spoke about the election.

10,538. Did either of the candidates call upon him?—Yes, a tall man called upon my husband.

10,539. Did Sir Edmund Lacon call?—I do not know Sir Edmund Lacon.

10,540. And Mr. Goodson?—I do not know him. There were a couple of tall men called upon my husband.

10,541. And did he promise them then?—I do not know whether he did or not. I was not there.

10,542. Do you know if he promised them?—I believe he promised them directly they came. I think he did. I heard my husband say all the way through he would vote for where his work was, he always said he should vote according to his living.

10,543. Do you know that Mr. Ellis has sworn that he did give 15*l.* either to you or your husband?—I do not know anything about what Mr. Ellis has said. All I know is, I have never received the money.

10,544. Where were you the Monday before the election?—At home.

10,545. All day?—Yes, I had never been from home.

10,546. You had never been from home all day?—No.

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Mrs. H. Palmer.

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10,547. Where was your husband all day?—At home, he and I generally were in the shop at work.

10,548. Will you undertake to say he was in the house the whole day?—Yes.

10,549. Upon the Monday?—Upon the Monday before the election.

10,550. And all the evening too?—No, he went to the Gardens three evenings to play in a brass band.

10,551. Who keeps the Victoria Gardens?—I think Mr. Ablitt does.

10,552. Does Mr. Ablitt employ him there?—No, Mr. Smith is the bandmaster; my husband belongs to the Rifles.

10,553. And he was in the band on the Monday?—On the Monday night.

10,554. And on the Sunday too?—No, on the Monday night and on the Tuesday; he was in the Gardens three nights that week.

10,555. Will you undertake to say he was at home all the time till he went to the band?—Yes, he was at home upon the Monday all the time. I do not remember my husband going out at all, not till the evening.

10,556. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember Mr. Ellis calling upon the Monday night?—I do not know whether Mr. Ellis called on the Monday night or not.

10,557. Were you at home yourself all the time?—Yes, me and my mother-in-law were at home.

10,558. Who is your mother-in-law?—Mrs. Palmer, my husband's mother.

10,559. You are quite certain Mr. Ellis did not call on you on the Monday night?—I never saw Mr. Ellis on the Monday night, and I was at home all the evening.

10,560. And you never received anything from him to give to your husband?—Never a penny piece. Mr. Ellis gave me a pound worth of coppers to give to my husband.

10,561. When?—A long time before the election.

10,562. What is your mother-in-law's name?—Elizabeth Palmer.

10,563. She was with you that evening?—Yes, my mother-in-law did not answer the door.

10,564. Were you apart or together that evening?—We were together that evening.

10,565. You were never apart?—No.

10,566. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How come you to remember this so well?—I do remember it very well.

10,567. Why?—I have no cause to say why, it is not so long since but what I can remember.

10,568. Did anything remarkable happen on that evening to make you remember it?—No, very often when my husband goes out, my mother-in-law comes and stays with me till I go to bed.

10,569. Why do you recollect it on this particular evening?—I can recollect anything else as far back as that, and further too.

10,570. Will you undertake to say Mr. Ellis did not come that evening?—I will undertake to say Mr. Ellis did not come that evening, and my husband went out to the Gardens at 7 at night to play.

10,571. (*Mr. Russell.*) And the Tuesday evening?—Yes, he was out three evenings that week.

10,572. Are you certain Mr. Ellis did not call the Tuesday evening?—No.

10,573. When did you first hear your husband say he was going to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—When it first came out about the election, my husband said he did not receive any work the other way, and he would vote the way his living was.

10,574. Was that well known?—Yes.

10,575. It was well known?—Yes.

10,576. You have no doubt your husband made up his mind at the first?—Yes, I am sure he had. I heard him say it at first, and he told other people.

10,577. If he has told us the contrary it would not be true?—I should not think it is. I always heard him say he should not vote for the side his bread was not; he could not get any work from the other side.

10,578. Did anybody else come into your house that evening, Monday evening?—I do not remember any one after work. I cannot say whether anyone came in after work, they often do come in, but I do not remember anyone coming.

10,579. (*Mr. Russell.*) You do not believe your husband did receive any money?—I do not believe my husband did receive a farthing. I never knew my husband to get a farthing without he tells me, and if I receive any bill I give it to my husband.

10,580. You swear you never heard him say that he received any money?—Never.

10,581. And you believe he did not?—I believe he did not; if he did I should have known it.

10,582. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you ever been asked about this before?—No; only by the neighbours.

10,583. Who are your neighbours?—Mrs. Norman, and them around, they asked which way my husband voted, and I always told them as I do you, that he voted the side his living was.

10,584. When you heard your husband was said to have received money from the other side was any name mentioned?—No, I never heard any name.

18,585. Has anybody been speaking to you about it lately?—No, I have never heard anything about it lately.

10,586. Has Mr. Ellis had any conversation with you about it?—No.

10,587. Have you had any conversation with Mr. Ablitt about it?—I have never spoken to Mr. Ablitt about it.

10,588. Has he never spoken to you?—No, never.

10,589. Has anybody connected with the Victoria Gardens spoken to you about it?—No.

10,590. (*Mr. Slade.*) Where does your mother-in-law live, Elizabeth Palmer?—I believe she is out at work to-day at the Market gate; she goes charing.

J. G. Ellis.

James Graver Ellis recalled; examined by Mr. Slade.

10,591. Did you give that 15*l.* to this woman?—I will not swear I did; I swear I gave it to her or her husband.

10,592. (*Mr. Russell.*) If you gave it to a woman would that be the woman?—Yes.

10,593. You did not give it to her mother-in-law?—No.

10,594. Do you recollect seeing her at all, then?—I frequently saw her; she does not live far off me.

10,595. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was it on the Monday night before the election?—I will not say what part of the day.

10,596. But it was on the Monday?—Yes.

Mrs. H. Palmer.

Mrs. Hannah Palmer recalled; examined by Mr. Slade.

10,597. Could you have forgotten it?—No.

W. Palmer.

William Palmer recalled; examined by Mr. Slade.

10,598. Have you heard Mr. Ellis's testimony given in this court?—No, I did not; I was out at the time.

10,599. I will tell you what it is. He has sworn before us most distinctly on the Monday before the election he gave 15*l.* either to you or to your wife in your shop for your vote. Do you still adhere to the statement you made before us that you received nothing?—Yes, I do.

WILLIAM KILLETT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

10,600. What is your name ?—Robert Killett.

10,601. I believe you are wrong upon the register ?—Yes, I think it is wrong upon the register.

10,602. You are the man ?—Yes, I am the man.

10,603. Did you get some money at the election time ?—Yes.

10,604. Who from ?—From Mr. Cooper.

10,605. To give to two men ?—Yes.

10,606. How much ?—I got 45*l.*

10,607. Did you keep 15*l.* for yourself ?—Yes.

10,608. What did you do with the other 30*l.* ?—I paid two more men with it, one named Jones and the other Houghton.

10,609. Robert Jones, it it ?—Yes, Robert Jones.

10,610. And Houghton ?—Thomas Houghton.

10,611. Is that all you had to do ?—Yes.

10,612. You bribed nobody else ?—No.

10,613. Did you canvass anybody else ?—No, I never canvassed anybody else.

10,614. Did you offer money to anybody else ?—No ; I would have had Mr. Cooper give the people the money themselves. I would take mine and they would take theirs, but he said he would pay only one man.

10,615. He forced the money upon you ?—Yes.

10,616. Did you know Mr. Cooper beforehand ?—Yes, I knew him quite well.

10,617. How came he to come to you ?—I cannot say.

10,618. Did he know you had some influence with the other men ?—Which other men ?

10,619. Jones and Houghton ?—No, I do not think he did.

10,620. Why did he give you their money ?—He knew they had a vote.

10,621. But why did he give you their money ?—Because he did not like giving it to them, I suppose.

10,622. Had you anything to do with the election of 1859 ?—No.

10,623. Had you a vote then ?—No, I had no vote then.

10,624. (*Mr. Slade.*) This is what John Hickling says ; do you know him ?—Yes, I know him.

10,625. He says, "I gave Hallday 15*l.* for William Killett ;" is that you ?—Yes.

10,626. "And I was present when he paid him the "money, and he gave him 10*s.* back to drink his "health ?"—No, that is wrong.

10,627. What is wrong ?—I will tell you if you will allow me. Hickling came to me three times ; he came in the afternoon twice and in the evening once. I told him I could not vote for him. He came late in the evening, when he appeared to be not in a fit state to do his business, and he offered me 12*l.* I told him I was engaged. He said, "Never mind, I will give you the 12*l.* if you give me a sovereign back." I said, "I shall take it," and he gave me 12*l.* and I gave him half-a-sovereign back. This I can prove by a witness. He came and laid the money on the table and he asked me for a pound. I said, "No," and I took 11*l.* 10*s.*

10,628. Who was drunk ?—I think Hickling was. He appeared not to be in a fit state to go about ; he did not know what he was after. This I can prove by a witness.

10,629. Who gave you the 15*l.*, Mr. Hallday or Mr. Hickling ?—Hickling. I did not know the other young man. I think he is a brother-in-law of Hickling; I think he is.

10,630. Did you receive that for your vote ?—No, I did not promise him. He said, "I shall leave it to you." I told him before that, when he came twice in the afternoon, that I would not vote, and he came about 9 or 10 o'clock in the evening.

10,631. What did you take the 11*l.* 10*s.* for ?—Because he gave it me, and laid it on the table and said, "I shall leave it to you whether you vote or no."

10,632. Which way did you vote ?—I voted Tory. Sir Edmund Lacon I voted for.

10,633. Lacon and Goodson ?—Yes.

10,634. (*Mr. Russell.*) You received 15*l.* from the Tories ?—Yes.

10,635. And 11*l.* 10*s.* from the Liberals ?—Yes.

10,636. You voted for those who gave you the most money ?—Yes.

10,637. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you mean by saying you knew nothing more about the election ?—I did not understand you.

10,638. Mr. Fitzgerald asked you if you knew anything more about the election, and you said "No," and you knew you received 11*l.* 10*s.* ?—When I was asked what I received on the other side I told you.

10,639. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who paid you first, the Tories or the Liberals ?—The Tories.

10,640. When did you get your money from Mr. Cooper ?—I do not know exactly, I think the day before the election, I think it was.

10,641. When did you get your money from Mr. Hickling ?—About 9 or 10 o'clock at night.

10,642. On what day ?—The day before the election. I do not know exactly what day it was.

10,643. Then you got both sums the same day ?—Yes.

10,644. And you promised nobody ?—I promised nobody.

10,645. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are you sure of that ?—I promised the Tories.

10,646. Did you ?—Yes.

10,647. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who canvassed you ?—Mr. Cooper.

10,648. Anybody else ?—No.

10,649. Did not Sir Edmund Lacon come to you ?—Yes, when they first went about Sir Edmund Lacon came.

10,650. And what did you say to him ?—I did not promise him anything ; not then.

10,651. You promised afterwards ?—Not Sir Edmund Lacon, I did not.

10,652. You promised afterwards ?—Yes.

10,653. Who ?—I promised Mr. Cooper.

10,654. No one else ?—No one else. I did not promise anyone else.

10,655. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You did not promise Mr. Reynolds ?—No.

10,656. You told us you promised nobody else but Mr. Cooper ?—I say I promised Mr. Cooper. When the canvassers came round I made no promise.

10,657. It was on what day ?—I do not know on what day. I did not keep an account of the day of the month.

10,658. Did you promise him before he gave you the money ?—Mr. Cooper ?

10,659. Yes ?—Yes, I promised him.

10,660. Before he gave you the money ?—Yes.

10,661. How long before ?—I do not know how long ; some short time before it came on.

10,662. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you have any bargaining with Hickling about how much you should have ?—Do you mean Mr. Cooper ?

10,663. No, Hickling ?—No, he came in unexpected except the last time, when he said he would come.

10,664. If he had offered you or given you 20*l.* would you have voted for the Liberals ?—No ; I do not know whether I should or not.

10,665. He did not come up to the mark with 12*l.* ?—No, he did not come with as much as the others.

RICHARD BALLS recalled; further examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

10,666. You have been examined before ?—Yes.

10,667. Did you not omit some name ?—No.

10,668. Do you know a man of the name of Isaac Spencer ?—Yes.

10,669. Did you not give him some money ?—No, I had none to give ; I had only 40*l.*

10,670. Did you promise him anything ?—No.

10,671. Did you see Isaac Spencer before the election ?—Yes, a day or two before the election.

10,672. Did you have any communication with him on the subject of the election ?—I asked him which way he was going to vote and he said he was going to

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vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, because he was going to take a house and live in one of Sir Edmund Lacon's houses.

10,673. You did not offer him any money ?—No, I had none to offer him. I had 40*l.* from Hudson and I told him where I had laid it out.

10,674. Do you know a man of the name of John Johnson ?—I know a man of the name of John Johnson. I had a man come up to me, a beggar, a shabby-looking fellow, he came up to me and said, "What do you think of the election ?" I said I did not know anything about the election. I knew what he was, he was a bad character.

10,675. This Johnson ?—The Blues got him.

10,676. Did he ask you for any money ?—Yes, he did ; and I told him I had got none to spare for him.

W. I. Sillis. jun.

WILLIAM ISAAC SILLIS, junior, sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

10,677. Which way did you vote at the last election ?—Liberal.

10,678. Did Mr. Ellis call upon you ?—No.

10,679. Never ?—No ; I met him against his own shop.

10,680. Did he canvass you for the Conservative side ?—He asked me which side I was going on. I told him the Liberal, and he says, "You had better go our side." I said, "Oh no, I shall not."

10,681. Did you ask him how much you would get if you went on his side ?—No.

10,682. Did he tell you how much he would give you ?—He told me he would give me 20*l.*

10,683. Had you promised your vote at that time ?—No, I do not think I had ; I am not aware of it. I am almost sure I did not.

10,684. Where did he say he would get the 20*l.* from ?—I do not know. He did not say where from.

10,685. Did you say that was not enough ?—No.

10,686. Did anybody else canvass you upon the Tory side ?—Yes, Mr. Cooper did.

10,687. What did he offer you ?—He said if I went down to his office there was 8*l.* for me if I liked to go.

10,688. That was not much ?—No ; I told him I did not know anything about him. He said he had got mine down, and I said, "You can rub it out again."

10,689. What did you hang out for ?—I did not hang out at all for anything particular. I made up my mind when I first heard the election was coming on that I should go that side.

10,690. On the Liberal side ?—Yes.

10,691. What did you get upon the Liberal side ?—15*l.*

10,692. Who gave it you ?—I do not know ; I suppose it was Jones.

10,693. Where did you get it ?—Down on the Quay, at the "Army and Navy."

10,694. Had you a ticket ?—Yes.

10,695. (*Mr. Russell.*) What letter was upon your ticket ?—That I cannot say. It was dark when I went down there, and I never looked at it ; I know I had it in my pocket, and when I got upstairs I gave it to the man Jones, I suppose.

10,696. Who gave you that ticket ?—Walsh, the hatter, sent it to my house. I believe he sent it to my house.

10,697. John Walsh, of Howard Street ?—Yes.

10,698. And you say he sent it to your house ?—Yes.

10,699. Whom did he send it by ?—That I do not know.

10,700. How do you know that Walsh sent it ?—Well, I was told he sent it.

10,701. Did Walsh tell you afterwards that he sent it ?—Yes, he told me himself. That was some time after the election. He told me to tell you, if you asked me where I got it from. I was to say he sent it ; that is what he told me.

10,702. Did you ask anybody else for his vote ?—No.

10,703. What are you ?—A shopkeeper.

10,704. What shop ?—I sell flour and grain, and that way. I do not know anything about it at all. I did not run about after anybody.

10,705. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you always been a Liberal in politics ?—I never had a vote before, but I made up my mind I should go that way when I heard about the election.

10,706. You never had a vote before ?—Only for the municipal.

10,707. Have you always lived in Yarmouth ?—Yes, all my life.

10,708. Did you always have political principles ?—They never bothered me about politics.

10,709. You had no political principles ?—I liked the Liberals best.

10,710. And you have always selected them ?—Yes, I think they are the best sort.

10,711. And you have always wished to see them successful ?—Yes, and I was in hopes that they were going to win.

10,712. Do you not think that you could have assisted them by promising earlier ?—I do not know, I promised them as soon as they came after me. Then I went and got the money, but I promised to go that side.

10,713. When were you first canvassed ?—I do not know ; a week or two before the election I suppose ; but I was not always at home when they came. Mr. Cooper was the first that came after me. That was about the Wednesday or Thursday before the election.

10,714. Were you never asked by any of the Liberal candidates or agents, which way you would vote ?—Yes, I think I was.

10,715. When ?—When they came round canvassing.

10,716. Was that some time before the election ?—A few days before the election ; a week or two.

10,717. And did you promise ?—No, I did not promise either party.

10,718. Why did you not promise ?—If I did not tell the parties who came to the house, I told others that were on their side. I said, "Oh yes, no doubt I shall go that side." There were parties said to me, "You dare not go that side." I said, "Why ?" And I believe that is the reason I did go, because they said "I dare not." That is about the truth of it.

10,719. The 15*l.* had nothing to do with it ?—Nothing at all ; I made up my mind to go that way before I heard money mentioned.

10,720. Why did you not return the money ?—I do not know. I gave it away as soon as I got it ; I did not have it many minutes. I know they brought me the ticket, and told me to go down and get the money, and I went.

10,721. Would you have voted that way whether you would have been paid or not ?—Yes, I would.

10,722. For the Liberal party ?—Yes, that is the truth.

10,723. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who sent you up to the "Army and Navy" to be paid ?—As soon as I got my ticket, I walked down there, I and another man, a captain of the sea.

10,724. Who went with you ?—Captain Crisp, Joseph Crisp.

10,725. Were there many men there when you got there ?—I could not see when I first went in. It was all dark. I had to feel about to see where I was going.

10,726. Was it late at night ?—Between 8 and 9 I think.

10,727. Who is Captain Crisp ?—He is a friend of mine. He does not live here now ; he used to live at Southtown, but they are residing now in Poplar, or Limehouse. He is the master or mate of some vessel in the Baltic trade.

10,728. Where did he live when in Yarmouth ?—Southtown, St. Andrew's Place.

10,729. Joseph Crisp ?—Yes, that is the man I believe ; Joseph Crisp.

10,730. Had he got a ticket with him ?—I do not know.

10,731. Did he go into the room with you ?—Into the lower room, on the ground floor. We both went in there together.

10,732. Why did he say he was going up to the "Army and Navy" ?—He called for me at my house, and said that he was going.

10,733. Did you go back with him ?—Yes ; we both came out together.

10,734. Did he tell you that he had got his money? —No, I do not think he did. I do not think he said he had got it.

10,735. Do you believe he did ?—Well, I believe he did ; I should think so, or he would not have come all the way from the Land's End for it.

10,736. Do you think he was buttered on both sides like you ?—No; I do not know; he never told me about that.

10,737. Do you know whether Crisp was offered money by the other side ?—I do not know; he did not tell me.

10,738. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When you took this 15*l.* from Jones, which you say made no difference whatever in your vote, were you aware you were committing a misdemeanor ?—No ; I did not know it, or I should not have done it if I had known it.

10,739. You do not attach anything disgraceful to taking it ?—No. Everybody was taking it, and I thought I might as well take it. I thought there was no misdemeanor in it, or I should not have done it ; it is not likely.

10,740. You did not think it disgraceful to take it? —No, I did not at the time.

10,741. Do you think it so now ?—I should not have taken it if I had not wanted it, indeed I would not.

10,742. I presume you did think it was disgraceful to take it ?—Since I did. I thought it was wrong. There were a good many took it that did not want it.

William Hewitt sworn ; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

W. Hewitt.

10,743. What are you ?—A shoemaker.

10,744. You got 15*l.* from Dr. Stafford ?—No.

10,745. Dr. Stafford has said he gave you 15*l.* ; can you explain that ?—Yes; about two months before the election Dr. Stafford came to mine, and asked me which way I was going to vote, and I told him Liberal. He said, "Well, if you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, I shall give you 10*l.*," and on the Monday night, before the election, I saw Dr. Stafford. He says, "I went to him and asked for the money ;" but he sent his little apothecary boy to mine for me to go up to him immediately, about half-past 5 in the evening ; and he said, "I promised you 10*l.*, but as the market has risen, I shall give you 5*l.* additional—that will make 15*l.* as the other ones are getting 15*l.* I said, I understood his party were giving 20*l.*, and he said, "I have got no more than 15*l.* upon my list," and he said, "I am not prepared to give you more than 15*l.*," and he counted 15 sovereigns out of a bag on to the table for me to take up, and I would not have it. With that he was rather angry, and he said he would go and hear if what I said was true ; and he went somewhere to ascertain ; but he never came back to me again, and I never saw him, and would not take the money from him.

10,746. You never had the money ?—Never.

10,747. Did he go out of the room before you ?—No, he got up at the same time. We both left the room together, and, if I mistake not, Mr. Buston was the man he sent to, to ascertain whether it was true what I said.

10,748. What became of the 15*l.* ?—He took them back again and put them into his bag. He thought I was under a great obligation. He had been very kind to me, and I always respected him as a gentleman.

10,749. (*Mr. Russell.*) Dr. Stafford has never said he gave you the money, and that you took it—he said he offered you the money ?—He said I went to him for 15*l.* or 20*l.*, and that is false.

10,750. That is the difference, whether you went to him or he came to you ?—Dr. Stafford sent for me, he sent his boy.

10,751. And you went ?—I was unwilling to go. I should not have gone if I had not been persuaded by my wife and my brother to go, for after hearing Mr. Brogden explain his principles, I was so biassed that I would not vote against him if they had given me 1,000*l.*

10,752. (*Mr. Slade.*) You did not vote for Mr. Brogden for nothing ?—No.

10,753. You got 20*l.* ?—After that I did.

10,754. Where did you get it ?—At Wright's, but still, I think, if you look you will find under the obligation I was to Dr. Stafford and many different things, that I voted according to my principles, although I was paid by my party.

10,755. (*Mr. Russell.*) You were offered 15*l.* by Dr. Stafford, and got 20*l.* on the other side, and voted for them, and those are your principles ?—Those were my principles. I should not have thought anything about money if it had not been offered, and I think if great gentlemen offer little men money, it is a great temptation. Dr. Stafford canvassed me two months before the election, and offered me 10*l.* whether there was a poll or not, and he sent for me. and he offered me the other 5*l.*, and I refused him. If I voted for the Tories I should have voted against my principles. He argued the point some little time, and said, "What would Mr. Brogden be to me ? He came here and made a fluttering speech and he was away, and I should see no more of him."

Robert Barrell Dye sworn ; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

R. B. Dye.

10,756. You are a voter ?—Yes.

10,757. What are you ?—A carpenter and ship's joiner.

10,758. Did you receive anything the last election ? —Yes.

10,759. How much ?—20*l.*

10,760. From whom ?—George King was in the company, but who the other was I cannot say. I had no chance to know who he was, for he was like the Flying Dutchman, as soon as ever he had laid the money down he was off.

10,761. Is that all you know about it ?—That is all I know about it.

10,762. Were you a voter in 1859 ?—Yes, I should say I was.

10,763. Did you get any money then ?—I will mention that another day when that is in question.

10,764. No, we will have it now ?—Then I will tell you.

10,765. What was it ?—12*l.*

10,766. From whom ?—George King paid me 10*l.*

10,767. And who else ?—Mr. George Reynolds, the baker, of Gorleston, 2*l.* after I voted, and that is all about it.

10,768. Is that all you know about 1859 ?—Yes.

10,769. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did anybody canvass you on the other side ?—What, this election ?

10,770. Yes ?—Yes, Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson. I did not promise them.

10,771. Did you say you wanted something for

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your vote ?—No, they never asked me about anything of the kind. I could not promise them at that time.

10,772. Why ?—I did not know which way my employer was going.

10,773. Who was your employer ?—Messrs. Stewart & Co. I went down the street and asked him if I could do him any favour at the election, and he told me he had no vote, and I might go which way I thought proper.

10,774. Did his partner ever ask you ?—No, he never spoke to me the whole election time. He knew it was no use.

10,775. (*Mr. Russell.*) What were the names of the gentlemen you voted for ?—Brogden and Vanderbyl, I believe it was.

10,776. Were you offered any money on the other side at all ?—No, they never came near me, only on the canvass, when Sir Edmund came down on the wharf. I never promised him.

10,777. Do you consider yourself one of the aristocracy of Gorleston ?—No, I wish I was.

Mr. E. Stagg.

Mr. Edward Stagg sworn; examined by Mr. Russell.

10,778. What are you ?—An auctioneer.

10,779. Where do you live ?—In Howard Street.

10,780. You are an active member of the Conservative party, I think ?—I take rather an active interest in the party.

10,781. Did you take a prominent part in the last election ?—No, I did not.

10,782. Did you canvass anyone for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—I canvassed one or two, I believe.

10,783. Who were they ?—I canvassed John Walsh.

10,784. Who else ?—And John Harris, and I canvassed John Stevens, and I believe that is all.

10,785. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) A man of the name of King ?—No, I think not. I saw the evidence of Mr. Livingston that I had something to do with King. He was at a sale last Friday, and I asked him about it. I do not remember seeing him, but he says I did see him on the Quay, but I do not recollect it.

10,786. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you offer him anything for his vote ?—No.

10,787. You are certain of that ?—Yes.

10,788. Did you offer Walsh anything ?—Yes, I gave Walsh 15*l.*

10,789. When ?—Part on the night before the election, and part after the election.

10,790. Did you make that arrangement to be sure that he voted right ?—I made the arrangement with him in consequence of his having been offered money on the other side, that if I could obtain it for him on the Conservative side he should have it, but I believe he would have voted Conservative whether I gave it him or not.

10,791. Did you pay him part on the night before the election and part after the election to make sure of his voting ?—I paid part the night before to make sure of his voting right, and I kept the other to make sure afterwards.

10,792. Did you give Harris any money ?—Yes, 15*l.*

10,793. When was that ?—Part the night before the election, and part after he voted.

10,794. In the same way that you treated Walsh ?—In the same way. I think you will find in the poll book that he voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl. Such is not the case; he voted for Lacon and Goodson.

10,795. Did he live in Row No. 51 ?—Yes, Row No. 51.

10,796. He voted then for Lacon and Goodson ?—Yes; it is in the poll book Brogden and Vanderbyl.

10,797. John Stevens; did you give him anything ? What I gave him I considered I made him a present of entirely. He was in London. I found him up in London, and I asked him if he would come down to Yarmouth and vote for Lacon and Goodson. He had been under various obligations to me, and he promised that he would do so.

10,798. Did you give him the money as travelling expenses ?—I gave him a sovereign.

10,799. Then ?—Yes.

10,800. Afterwards what did you give him ?—I gave him, I think, about 3*l.* or 4*l.* afterwards when he left. In fact, I invited him down almost as a guest of my own. He had been in good circumstances.

10,801. The 3*l.* or 4*l.* that you gave him afterwards you gave him for his vote ?—No, I did not consider it so.

10,802. Did he consider it so ?—No, I think not.

10,803. It was something in excess of his travelling expenses ?—Yes; I had previously assisted him, and I have done so since, so I did not consider I gave him the money for his vote at all.

10,804. And he was your guest while he was at Yarmouth ?—Yes.

10,805. Is he entered here as living in Apsley Road ?—That is the same. He was then living at Poplar in London.

10,806. You gave him about 5*l.* altogether ?—I think about 5*l.* altogether.

10,807. Did you give him any money to take him back to London ?—That is the money afterwards that I gave him to take him back.

10,808. The 3*l.* or 4*l.*?—The 3*l.* or 4*l.*

10,809. How was it you only gave him 1*l.* in London ?—I thought that was enough for him to come down with. He was in a situation and appeared to be worked very hard, and I gave him the money to come down.

10,810. Do you know whether he is in Yarmouth now ?—No, he is not; he was a little time back. He was in London, he obtained a situation in Sheffield. He wrote to me to assist him. I did, and since that time I have not heard of him.

10,811. You do not know where he is now ?—No. I sent him money and clothes to obtain a situation, which I should do again if he required it.

10,812. Had the clothes anything to do with the election ?—No.

10,813. Besides Walsh, Harris, and Stevens, did you give anybody else any money ?—No.

10,814. From whom did you receive the money you gave to them ?—I met Mr. Lummis at the "Crown and Anchor" the night before the election. I think half-past 10 or 11, and told him certain parties would vote. I was afraid the other party would give them more money, and he gave me 30*l.*

10,815. That was the money you gave to Walsh and Harris ?—Yes.

10,816. The money you gave to Stevens was out of your own pocket ?—Yes; I considered it a gift on my part.

10,817. Did you either receive to spend in bribery, or spend yourself, any further sum ?—No, I did not; I might have spent a few pounds at the time.

10,818. Can you tell me that ?—I cannot positively.

10,819. Cannot you remember the name of a single man to whom you gave anything ?—Not any person.

10,820. Not one ?—Not one.

10,821. Did Walsh tell you he had promised the other side ?—No.

10,822. That he had received money the other side ?—No.

10,823. Did he promise you at once when you gave him the money ?—I think he did, certainly. He promised me at once, or I should not have given him the money.

10,824. And Harris ?—Harris I believe would have voted for the Conservatives, whether he had money or not.

10,825. Did you know Mr. Lummis well ?—Yes, I was on very intimate terms with him.

10,826. Did your hear of any people whom Mr. Lummis gave money to ?—No, I did not.

10,827. You are unable to give me the name of a

single gentleman to whom he entrusted money?—Certainly, I am.

10,828. Or the name of a single voter whom he bought?—Just so.

10,829. Did you know Mr. Rivett?—Yes.

10,830. Well?—Perfectly well. I knew him to be a man of great influence in Gorleston.

10,831. I suppose you have heard he was entrusted with large sums of money at the last election?—Yes.

10,832. Do you know any of the people whom he employed?—No, I do not know of anything about Gorleston people at all.

10,833. You know nothing about Mr. Rivett and his dealing with the Gorleston people?—Nothing whatever.

10,834. Were there any other people at the "Crown and Anchor," when Mr. Lummis gave you the 30*l.*?—There were a great many people there the night before the election. The town was in a bustle.

10,835. Did you see him give a sum of money to any other people?—No; I did not see him give money to any other people.

10,836. Did he give the money in the presence of other people?—No.

10,837. Did he take you into a private room?—I think I walked on to the Quay with him.

10,838. Then he gave it you privately?—He gave it me privately.

10,839. Did you take an active part in the election of 1859?—I did, rather.

10,840. Did you spend money on that occasion?—No.

10,841. None?—No, only my own money.

10,842. You did spend your own money at that election?—Not for any voting.

10,843. For treating?—Or for treating either. I unfortunately paid for the luncheons on the canvass and never got it returned. That is how I spent my own money.

10,844. Did you spend much money in treating at the last election?—None.

10,845. You did not like the experience you had gained in 1859?—No, I think that was quite enough.

10,846. Did you canvass any voters besides those you have mentioned as having paid?—No, I think not.

10,847. Did you undertake them, because they were men you had influence with?—No; I undertook them because I knew they had always voted in the Conservative interest, and I did not like to lose them.

10,848. They were men you knew personally?—Yes.

10,849. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How came you to go to Mr. Lummis for the money?—I met him.

10,850. How came you to know he had money for the purpose of the election?—I asked him where the money was to be obtained from, and he said he had some.

10,851. Did he tell you how much?—No.

10,852. Mr. Livingston was asked if he believed you were bribed by anybody?—If I was bribed?

10,853. He said, "I do." Were you bribed by anybody?—No.

THOMAS ARCHER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

T. Archer.

10,854. What are you?—A grocer and baker.

10,855. Where do you live?—In the Jetty Road.

10,856. Did you get 10*l.* from Mr. Cooper?—I got 25*l.*

10,857. What did you do with it?—Paid it away to other parties; some part of it.

10,858. Will you give us the names?—Mr. Hacon.

10,859. How much did he get?—10*l.*, and the rest was for my commission for running about after those parties.

10,860. Who were those parties?—There was another party as well.

10,861. You got 25*l.*, and 10*l.* you gave to Hacon?—Yes.

10,862. And you said "other parties"?—There was another party I mentioned to Mr. Cooper, but they would not come on; but I had the same trouble about it. I was about a long time after those parties.

10,863. Who else did you run after?—There was another party, a man of the name of Laws, that I told Mr. Cooper of, and Mr. Cooper said he was of no use. I said, "Why, he has a vote," he said, "No, I remember giving him money at the last election, and he voted the other side."

10,864. What is his christian name?—I do not know; Mr. Cooper can tell you that better than I can.

10,865. Where does he live?—On the Chapel Road I think.

10,866. Is that Noah Laws, of the St. George's Road?—Yes, I think that is the name.

10,867. You did not go after him any more after hearing that?—No, I went after Mr. Cooper, and told him of this party, that is all.

10,868. Who else?—Only those two.

10,869. Did you ask whether it was 15*l.* for the trouble of going after those two?—I told Mr. Cooper of those parties, and he told me what I told you before.

10,870. And was Mr. Cooper satisfied that you should take 15*l.*?—Mr. Cooper told me I should be paid for my trouble.

10,871. Did he sanction your retaining 15*l.*?—He said nothing to the contrary. He gave me 25*l.* and said hand over 10*l.* to Hacon.

10,872. And keep the other for yourself?—Yes, for myself.

10,873. Nothing on earth to do with your vote?—I do not consider it had.

10,874. Not the slightest?—I voted for 30 years in this town and never had a penny.

10,875. You kept it as your commission?—Yes, for acting as under agent to Mr. Cooper.

10,876. You say you have lived a long time in the town?—I have voted in the town over 30 years.

10,877. And always voted the same?—I think for seven years I voted for the blues. For two elections I voted for them. And over 20 years I have voted for the Tories, and never flinched. They never asked me for a vote but what I promised to them.

10,878. In the election of 1859 did you vote for the Tories then?—Yes.

10,879. Did you get anything then?—No, not a penny.

10,880. No commission?—No commission.

10,881. Was there no money going?—That I cannot tell. I was not in it; I was not mixed up with it.

10,882. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Cooper says he gave you 15*l.* for your vote?—I contradict that. I told Mr. Cooper at the time, "Do not consider you give me this for my vote because I will not have it," and I think he will say the same thing too.

10,883. Did you offer to return Mr. Cooper the money?—No, I never was asked to do it.

10,884. Did you get anything on the other side?—No, I was offered from the other side over and over again, but I never flinched from my party for over 20 years.

10,885. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is 150 per cent. the commission you receive when you conduct business?—I do not know at all. They came to me about this business, I did not go to them for it. They came to my place of business.

10,886. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Cooper gave it you?—Mr. Cooper was the man that gave me the money.

10,887. Could you have really supposed Mr. Cooper intended to give you 15*l.* for your trouble?—I did; I expected to be paid for my trouble.

10,888. Your trouble was disposing of 10*l.* to one voter and seeking another?—If I had not given

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Hacon the 10*l.* I should never have received the 15*l.* myself. I should never have been here, I mean to say that.

10,889. I ask you the value of your services?—I asked Mr. Cooper to give Hacon the money himself.

10,890. Do you wish us to think 15*l.* is a proper reward for your labour, your visiting Hacon and the other?—If he had given me 20*l.* I should have taken it.

10,891. Mr. Cooper has told us he gave it you for your vote?—I took it for my services.

10,892. We are inclined to believe it was for your vote?—Very good, sir; if you like to believe so.

10,893. I only ask whether you think Mr. Cooper offered you 15*l.* for the trouble of giving another man 10*l.*?—I had as much right to 15*l.* as Mr. Cooper had to 100*l.* for his services, I consider.

10,894. Mr. Cooper disposed of 4,000*l.*—So would I if they had given it me.

10,895. You disposed of 10*l.*?—Yes.

10,896. Mr. Cooper got 100*l.* for his trouble, and you got 15*l.* for paying away 10*l.*?—Yes.

10,897. Do you suppose Mr. Cooper gave you 15*l.* for that?—I do.

10,898. (*Mr. Russell.*) If Mr. Cooper had done what you did he would have received 6,000*l.* That would have been his 150 per cent. commission. Do you think Mr. Cooper was entitled to 6,000*l.*?—No, I do not think he was; I should think not.

10,899. If you supposed Mr. Cooper only intended to pay you that for your vote would you have given it him back again?—I would not have taken it for my vote.

10,900. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) And you would now give it him back again?—I would.

10,901. Then you had better give it back, because you may depend upon it the Commissioner will put you down as bribed?—I cannot help that.

10,902. (*Mr. Russell.*) If you had voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl, after receiving that 15*l.* from Mr. Cooper, should you have thought you had acted dishonourably?—Certainly I should. I should not have voted for the other party on no consideration if they gave me three fifteens. I have done it for many years. I have supported the party. They have supported me in my business and I support them.

10,903. Did you consider yourself bound to support the party who gave you 15*l.*—Certainly not.

10,904. If you had voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl you do not think Mr. Cooper would have had any ground to grumble against you?—I should have paid the money to Mr. Cooper then.

10,905. It is not too late now?—No, it is not; but Mr. Cooper has no right to say I took it for a bribe.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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Mr. H. R. Harmer.

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Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 1st September 1866.

Mr. Henry Robert Harmer sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

10,906. Are you a solicitor residing in this town?—I am.

10,907. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

10,908. For whom?—For Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

10,909. Did you take any part in canvassing?—I did, at Gorleston.

10,910. Do you reside in Gorleston?—I reside in Yarmouth.

10,911. What part did you take in Gorleston?—I was appointed agent by Mr. Reynolds at Gorleston at the last election.

10,912. Were you appointed jointly with Mr. Diver?—With Mr. Diver.

10,913. Were you under Mr. Diver's orders, or were you to act with him?—I acted with Mr. Diver.

10,914. Who else acted with you?—No one else.

10,915. You and Mr. Diver only?—That is all. I do not want to take up your time unnecessarily, will you allow me to say a few words?

10,916. If you please?—You have been told, I believe, that I bribed at Gorleston. I wish to set myself right with you as to that point. I certainly was surprised, although I am not surprised at what Mr. Livingston says, but he told you, I believe, that I was the principal operator in Gorleston. Now he had no proof to say anything of the kind, and I consider he told you a palpable falsehood. I defy any man in Gorleston or Great Yarmouth ever to say that I gave them one sixpence for their vote, and I think it is a cowardly attack on the part of Mr. Livingston; and, as far as Warner's evidence is concerned, it is totally untrue, except the "Tom and Jerry" he mentioned. Very likely I did go into a public-house, not that there is anything in that.

10,917. You knew that Gorleston was the weak point on the Conservative side?—No, I did not, certainly.

10,918. Did you not know that Gorleston was a place in which the voters required bribing?—I knew that they required money certainly.

10,919. You did know that?—Certainly.

10,920. And you knew that they would not vote on either side without money?—I knew that a great many would require money, but of course I did not interfere in at all, and I defy anyone to say that I did. I do not know anything about the bribery part of the business at all.

10,921. Is it the case that you were at a "Tom and "Jerry" on the Saturday night and Sunday morning?—Certainly not.

10,922. You were there?—On the Saturday night?

10,923. Yes?—Certainly not. I was not there the Saturday night, and I was never there on a Sunday. I was down there for three or four weeks, but I was never there on a Sunday. That is another falsehood of Warner's. The only night I was there was the night before the election, and I stopped there that night.

10,924. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is not Livingston's evidence?—Warner says so, but it was totally untrue.

10,925. (*Mr. Slade.*) You were there the night before the election?—That is the only night I was there. As the poll happened early in the morning, I thought I would stop there at night, and that was the only night I was there.

10,926. What house did you stop at that night?—The "George and Dragon."

10,927. Did you bring the voters up to the poll on the polling day?—No.

10,928. What were you doing there all that night?—I was walking about and seeing that the other side did not tamper with our men. They were walking about as well. They had a gang, and I was walking about just to see, and I think I met Warner once or twice to speak to him.

10,929. Did you walk about with a large party?—I think three or four. I did not walk about with them. They were posted at different places to see what was going on. I was alone, I think, chiefly during the evening.

10,930. Were you acquainted with the late Mr. Rivett?—Yes, I knew Mr. Rivett.

10,931. Had you any communication with Mr.

Rivett about the election?—I never saw Mr. Rivett only once, and that was as I was returning to Yarmouth. He was driving to Gorleston. He said, "how "are you getting on?" I said, "very well," and his answer was, "there will have to be a lot of money "spent," and I said, "I know nothing about it." I carefully avoided everything of that kind.

10,932. What day was that?—That I really cannot tell you. I should think it might have been a week before the election. I cannot say positively as to that.

10,933. Did you report that conversation of Mr. Rivett's to anybody?—No, I do not think I did; I think not.

10,934. Can you say whether you reported it to anybody or not?—I think not, because it is a thing I never troubled my head about. I went down there for legal purposes, and not illegal.

10,935. Still it was a remarkable communication, was it not?—He said to me, "There will have to be "a lot of money spent," and I said, "That I know "nothing at all about."

10,936. I understand you kept yourself clear of everything illegal?—Everything. I did not want to be mixed up with anything of the kind. I will tell you one instance. I met a man in Gorleston Street, I forget his name, I asked him for his vote, whether he would vote for Lacon and Goodson, and his answer was, "What is the figure." I said, "What do you "mean?" He said, "Is it an inch and a half or two "inches?" I said, "What is that?" He said, "You "know well enough." I said, "That is enough; you "walk your way and I will walk mine;" and I walked off perfectly disgusted.

10,937. I ask, not that you have any knowledge of illegal practices, but what would be the sum of sovereigns which would represent two inches?—I should think close to twenty.

10,938. Twenty pounds?—I should think so. I think I remember, for curiosity sake, trying it one day to see, but I think it was 20; I should think so.

10,939. An inch an a half would be 15*l.*?—I should say something like that.

10,940. Who was the voter who made this observation to you?—I cannot call him to mind, it is some time ago, I really forget, but one or two, or two or three, I think, asked me about the figure, and I gave them the same answer.

10,941. Did you report that to Mr. Rivett?—No, certainly not.

10,942. Did you ever mention it to Mr. Diver?—I think not; no. I think it went in at one ear and out at the other, and I did not give it a thought afterwards.

10,943. It did not astonish you then?—It did not astonish me. It astonished me so far that I was disgusted at it.

10,944. Had you ever heard the expression of "two "inches" before to represent 20*l.*?—I think not. I will not be certain, but I think not.

10,945. I never heard it before, and it strikes me as a very curious expression; did it not strike you so?—I thought it a very funny expression, and an extraordinary expression. I never heard of it before, certainly not. The terms are here "sugar," and all that sort of thing, but I never heard of "inches" before. "Is there any 'sugar' holding out?" or anything of that sort, but I never heard of "inches" before.

10,946. You never mentioned this conversation to any person on your side?—No, I think not.

10,947. How many men did you canvass in Gorleston?—I should think I canvassed nearly all of them, I fancy, within a few; some I did not.

10,948. How many of those men did you put down as wanting money for their vote?—I do not think I put down any that wanted money, not one.

10,949. I thought you told me you were aware they wanted money?—Of course, those that would not promise I should suppose would require money.

10,950. Then I will put it in a different way. How many were there who would not promise?—I should think something like 80 or 90, I fancy; I really cannot tell from memory. I think we got about 70, 80, or 90 promises, something like that; it might perhaps be more, but it is a long time back now.

10,951. How many men did you poll in Gorleston; do you know?—I think about 130.

10,952. One hundred and thirty-seven was it not?—Something like that, I will not be certain, something like that number; it might have been a few more, but I think that is the number.

10,953. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Sir Edmund Lacon polled 147, including the split votes?—I really forget now the number, but I thought about 130, or something like that.

10,954. (*Mr. Slade.*) As to those 70 or 80 men that promised, did you put them down as men who would require money, or not?—Certainly not; in fact I did not put anyone down as requiring money, not anyone.

10,955. Did you not put down the 80 or 90 who would not promise as requiring money?—Certainly not.

10,956. When the men said they would not promise, did they give any reason for not promising?—No. I think they said there was plenty of time and they should wait. Warner told me the same thing; I asked Warner. He said he had not made up his mind, there was plenty of time, and he should wait.

10,957. Wait till when?—Wait till something turned up, I suppose. In fact I kept aloof. I wish to tell you everything, and I kept aloof from any of that sort of thing.

10,958. I know you had nothing to do with the actual giving of money, but we want to know how far it was known among the party that money would be required. Of course the Commissioners are well aware that Gorleston was a very bribable place, and has been so for years?—I did not bribe.

10,959. Is there any system of intimidation practised at Gorleston for keeping voters from the poll?—I am not aware of any.

10,960. When you remained down there the night before the polling day, was that with a view of preventing anybody carrying off the voters?—I went to see what was going on in the different streets; to see if they were tampering with any of our men that had already promised. That was all I was down there for.

10,961. You mean tampering with them by offering them money?—Getting them away if there was any chance, but I never heard of any.

10,962. Is the population of Gorleston a rougher population than those of Yarmouth, do you think?—I do not know; I think not.

10,963. They are a poorer class, are they not?—They are rather poorer, I think they are; but there are some very good men among the Gorleston men, very good men indeed.

10,964. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say you canvassed the whole of the parish of Gorleston?—Nearly, I should think.

10,965. Did you canvass on the Saturday, the Monday, and the Tuesday?—Just before the election do you mean?

10,966. Yes?—Well, I think I might have done so; yes, I might have done so.

10,967. Up to Saturday night did you continue the canvass?—I think I did up to the Saturday night.

10,968. And on Monday?—On Monday I might have walked about, and here and there might have met a man.

10,969. Can you tell us how many promises you had for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson on the Saturday when you left off canvassing?—As I told you just this minute, I should think between 70 and 80.

10,970. Would that come down to the Monday night or the Saturday night?—I think on the Monday night, I fancy, I cannot say positively, but I think on the Monday night.

10,971. How many do you suppose you had up to

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the Saturday night?—I should think the same number, I do not think we got any more after that; after the Friday or Saturday there was very little canvassing going on then.

10,972. Were you aware how many promises had been obtained on the other side?—No; I never heard.

10,973. Have you ever seen Mr. Reynolds' canvass-book?—Never.

10,974. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you have any returns of new promises made to you during the four days?—Certainly not.

10,975. Do you know whether the men who were bribed by your party at Gorleston were ever entered as promises in your canvass book?—I cannot say at all. We might have lost two or three perhaps, but I do not think we lost more than three or four; I cannot say positively.

10,976. You do not know whether the men who were bribed, were exclusive of the 70 or 80 whom you had got promised?—I cannot say.

10,977. Has Sir Edmund Lacon got many public-houses in Gorleston?—I think he has a few, I do not think he has many.

10,978. You do not know how many?—I do not.

10,979. Did you find in your canvass that his influence was great in Gorleston?—No; I think not considerable.

10,980. If bribery had not been resorted to at all on either side at Gorleston, what was your own impression as to the result there?—I think the Conservatives would stand just as good a chance as the Liberals.

10,981. We have been told that the feeling in Gorleston, as far as there is a political feeling, is decidedly Liberal?—Well, I do not think so. I saw it mentioned in the paper.

10,982. From your canvass, did you arrive at the opinion that political feeling was rather evenly divided?—I thought so.

10,983. Did you not really arrive at the conclusion that there was very little political feeling at all there?—Amongst a certain number.

10,984. How many men do you think you found in Gorleston who had a real political feeling?—Well, I really cannot say exactly; I should think 60 or 70.

10,985. I do not mean only on your own side. I mean a political feeling either one side or the other?—I perfectly understand your question.

10,986. That gives a lesser number of men who had real political feeling on both sides than the promises you received on your own, therefore, I may take it that a great proportion of your promises were from men who had no real political feeling?—I do not think that; certainly not.

10,987. How do you explain it?—I think a great many of them had.

10,988. But I say that a great proportion of them had not?—Twenty or 30 had not.

10,989. Do you think those were men who anticipated receiving money, or were they men over whom Sir Edmund Lacon or Mr. Goodson had influence?—Which men do you mean?

10,990. I mean this; you said 70 or 80 men promised to vote for you?—Yes.

10,991. You said, altogether, you think there were 60 or 70 men in Gorleston who had real political principles?—Yes.

10,992. On both sides?—Just so.

10,993. Taking your own estimate of political feeling to be evenly divided, there were 35 men in Gorleston who had real political feeling?—Yes.

10,994. You had 70 or 80 promises?—Yes.

10,995. Consequently full one-half of those had no political feelings?—I should think nearly that number had not.

10,996. I want to know what induced those men to promise?—That I cannot tell at all; certainly not.

10,997. You think it was the anticipation of receiving money?—I do not indeed.

10,998. Do you think it was the legitimate influence of Sir Edmund Lacon?—I think it was a wish to support the party and a promise to do so. I know of no other reason whatever.

10,999. You are unable to give us any reason?—Certainly.

11,000. And you think they would have been equally unable to give an opinion?—I think so.

11,001. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you concerned in the election of 1859?—I was.

11,002. In the same way as in this?—In the same way as in the last election.

11,003. Do you know anything about the bribery then?—No.

11,004. You do not know anything about it?—As I told you before, I told you the truth. I carefully avoided anything of the sort.

H. Teasdel.

HENRY TEASDEL sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

11,005. What are you?—An iron merchant.

11,006. Do you live in Gorleston?—No; in Southtown.

11,007. What part did you take in the last election?—I was appointed the chairman of the committee in Gorleston.

11,008. Of the Conservative committee?—Yes; the Conservative committee.

11,009. Were you canvassing?—I canvassed with Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

11,010. Not at all by yourself?—Scarcely; I believe I might ask half a dozen persons probably. I should say not more.

11,011. Do you know anything about the bribery?—Not the least, excepting what I have seen in the papers since. I suspected there was bribery, but I knew nothing except what I have been made acquainted with since.

11,012. Did you keep returns during the canvass of your promises?—Yes; on the register, not more.

11,013. On your own register?—On my own register.

11,014. Have you got it?—Yes, I have. There was a memorandum made as we proceeded with the canvassing.

11,015. You seem to have canvassed almost everybody?—With Sir Edmund Lacon; a great many of those names, I marked, were made from the parties who acted with me on the committee.

11,016. From the information of others?—Yes.

11,017. How late did you continue your canvass?—I think up to about the Saturday previous to the election.

11,018. No canvassing on the Monday?—I do not remember, it is really so long since.

11,019. Have you ever made up the result of that canvass?—I did.

11,020. Can you give me the number of promises on the Saturday night?—I think our promises were considerably in the majority for Gorleston and Southtown.

11,021. I want to know the number?—I should say about 80 or 90.

11,022. Did you also take a note of those who had promised the other side?—Yes; in that register you may perhaps notice I have marked them off as against us.

11,023. Can you tell me how many that would have been?—About 60 or 70 those that were against us, and those that we could not get an answer from.

11,024. 60 or 70 must be those who were against you?—No; I think not, if you take the number that voted it might be more, but I have not gone into that matter.

11,025. If you add 60 to 80 it makes 140, and there are 278 names on the register?—But you may take off a great many for being dead or at sea. There were a great many at sea at that time. However, I

cannot go into the figures in that exact way for it is so long since the election took place, and I paid very little attention to it after the election was closed.

11,026. At all events it was your impression that you had received more promises than the other side up to the Saturday night?—Certainly I had.

11,027. But at the same time the majority of the constituency were unpledged?—I should say so, most decidedly.

11,028. Did you form any opinion at that time?—My opinion was that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson had decidedly the preference as to the number of promises.

11,029. Could you form any opinion as to the necessity of resorting to bribery?—I had not the least idea we should have any occasion for it, not the slightest.

11,030. In the course of your canvass did any of the voters speak to you on the subject of money?—Not one.

11,031. They merely said they would not promise?—There are many that will not promise. They like a little waiting upon, coquetting, and all that sort of thing. I never put them down as against us or as wanting money.

11,032. (*Mr. Slade.*) I see that some of the voters in this ward you marked out as dead, were they dead before the election?—Yes, before the election.

11,033. (*Mr. Russell.*) As a leading gentleman in Gorleston, what opinion have you formed, both from your general experience and from your canvassing, of the political feeling there?—My opinion was decidedly Conservative.

11,034. Do you believe that if no money had been spent on either side in Gorleston, there would have been a Conservative majority?—I firmly believe it.

11,035. How large a one?—I could not say for the number, but no doubt we had a majority in our favour.

11,036. Do you think it was a narrow majority or a considerable majority?—I think possibly there might have been 20 or 30 or even more than that.

11,037. Do you think the majority of men in Gorleston have political feelings?—I think there are a good many, as you just now asked Mr. Harmer, who have not much political feeling.

11,038. You agree with Mr. Harmer?—Yes, I do, that there are some who have no political feeling.

11,039. But you do not agree with those gentlemen who have told us if they were left to themselves there would be a very considerable Liberal majority there?—I do not believe that in the least. I do not believe it, certainly not.

CHARLES ROOKS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

C. Rooks.

11,040. What are you?—A retired supervisor of the Inland Revenue.

11,041. Do you live in Gorleston?—Southtown.

11,042. Did you canvass Southtown at the last election?—Certainly not.

11,043. Did you not work with Mr. Diver?—No.

11,044. Did you canvass in Gorleston?—I did not canvass anywhere on any occasion.

11,045. Or anybody?—No.

11,046. Did you take any part whatever at the last election?—No.

11,047. Whom did you vote for?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

11,048. Did they canvass you personally?—Yes.

11,049. Have you always belonged to that party?—I never had a vote before. In consequence of the situation I held under Government I was excluded.

11,050. If we have been informed you took any part we have been misinformed?—Certainly, I was scarcely out of my own house during the canvass until after tea. Then I took myself to the bowling green for my own recreation.

11,051. You really can give us no information whatever?—I cannot give you the slightest

11,052. We are sorry to have called you, only we thought it our duty to summon you?—Do not name it. I should be very glad to give you any information that laid in my power.

EDWARD SPRATT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

E. Spratt.

11,053. What are you?—A coal merchant.

11,054. Are you equally ignorant as the last witness?—I have nothing to say upon it.

11,055. You have no information to give us?—There is hardly anything I can say upon it.

11,056. Have any information to give us?—No.

11,057. Did you take an active part in the election?—Only chance times. After I left work I walked up, and once or twice I went into the committee room and saw Mr. Diver and Mr. Harmer at times.

11,058. Did you canvass anybody yourself?—No.

11,059. Do you know of any case of bribery?—I do not know of one. The first time they came round I promised Sir Edmund and the other gentlemen and I had nothing more to do with it, only as I walked out I met some friends sometimes and spoke to them, that is all.

11,060. We are sorry we have given you the trouble to come here?—I must obey orders when I am summoned.

RICHARD WRIGHT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

R. Wright.

11,061. What are you?—A boot and shoemaker.

11,062. You took an active part, I believe, in the last election?—Not at all.

11,063. Was your house hired?—It was.

11,064. By whom?—By Mr. Neave and Mr. Skinner.

11,065. When did they hire it?—It was the latter part of the week prior to the election. I do not know the day.

11,066. For what purpose was it hired?—As a committee room, not the house hired, it was only a room for a committee room.

11,067. A room in the house?—Yes.

11,068. Was it downstairs or upstairs?—Upstairs.

11,069. When was it first used?—On the Monday.

11,070. Not before?—Not before.

11,071. Where is this house?—On the Church Plain.

11,072. You say it was first used on the Monday, what time of the day?—In the morning. It was engaged some time in the week previous to that, and the parties came there on the Monday, if I recollect right, on the Monday morning at, perhaps, 9 or 10 o'clock, something like that.

11,073. Who were the parties that came then, do you recollect their names?—There was a committee.

11,074. Do you know Mr. Edwards who was examined here?—Yes, pretty well.

11,075. I do not mean Mr. Tom Edwards?—The Yarmouth Edwards.

11,076. No, not the Yarmouth Edwards?—No; I do not know the other, only the Yarmouth one, the tailor. I never saw the other. If I did, I do not know him.

11,077. Was this room occupied by these parties all day on the Monday?—Yes; I think it was. I am pretty sure it was. From the time of their commencing it was occupied until after the election. I do not know what time of the day it was, but if

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it be any mistake, it was, perhaps, about 9 or 10 o'clock.

11,078. On the Monday morning ?—Yes.

11,079. It was occupied continuously by these people up to the time of the election ?—Yes.

11,080. On Monday night did Mr. Jones come there ?—I heard he did.

11,081. Do you know him yourself by sight ?—I do not.

11,082. How long did he stay ?—That I do not know. I will tell you exactly how it was.

11,083. You will save us some trouble if you do ?—I will tell you if I can. On the Monday and Tuesday of the election week, there appeared to be a great sensation here, that the other parties were buying, and in the course of the day I heard that there was likely to be some buying on our side, but from whom I could not tell you, but that was the talk.

11,084. Your side was the Liberal side ?—The Liberal side; and on the evening of that day there was a meeting at Gorleston. I was coming downstairs. I had been upstairs to wash. A party was going to take me over, and there was a rush of several people coming in at my house, and I believe those were the people to be moneyed. I ordered some of them off the stairs. I did not know they were coming there for that purpose, or else they would never have had my house for it.

11,085. You would not have allowed them to have your house for it ?—Indeed, I would not. I knew nothing about it until I saw them there, and then I asked them their business, and told some of them to go out.

11,086. How many people do you suppose came on Monday night ?—There were several of them before I went away, but how many afterwards I do not know. The house was clear enough when I came back.

11,087. What time did you come back ?—Between 9 and 10 o'clock. It is the usual time for the candidates to address the electors, and I am very fond of it, and I do not know that I missed one. A friend of mine drove me over that evening, and I left about 9 or 10 o'clock.

11,088. What took place on the Tuesday ?—Nothing that I know of. There was a buzz about the town that my house was open all night, but that is wrong.

11,089. Did you hear of Jones being there on Tuesday ?—I heard that Mr. Jones had been there, and I heard on the Sunday that Mr. Jones was to come, and that is when I ordered some of these people out. They came to see Mr. Jones, that is how I came to know Mr. Jones.

11,090. Did you hear of Mr. Edwards being there ?—No; I never heard of his being there. I heard of Mr. Jones being there, and he was to come there.

11,091. It was the same thing on the Tuesday ?—No; on the Monday. I heard nothing about it on the Tuesday, only it had been done. They had been tinned, a lot of them.

11,092. Were had you been on the Tuesday ?—Backwards and forwards. I may either drop in and out, but I do not think there was anything done before or after the Monday, not from what I can gather. But I believe there was a good deal done then.

11,093. You are not cognisant yourself of any money having been paid at all ?—Not a penny.

11,094. I suppose we shall hear from Mr. Jones the people who were there ?—I daresay Mr. Jones can tell you better than I can. I know I have seen several I could tell you. I did not see them all. This job was done when I was away.

11,095. Who did you leave your house in charge of when you went away ?—I have a father.

11,096. A wife ?—I should tell you there was a man, when I left the house, there. This room, they had as a committee room, was a schoolroom. One of my daughters kept a schoolroom, and before I consented to let them have it I went and asked. It was the time they give the holidays, so it was entirely in their hands whether they should have it or not. And there was a man engaged to stand in the shop, and keep the shop, very independent. So that that is having charge like. The house was left with him. My son was there, my daughter, and my wife was there, for my fitting room was at the back of the shop, and there is as good a view of the shop as there was from the window without being in the shop.

11,097. These people that came into the room did not pass through the shop ?—Yes; all through the shop, that is why I had the man there, they passed through the shop to go upstairs.

11,098. I do not know that we need go through the list with you, as Mr. Jones will probably be here?—He will tell you a great deal more than I can. I only saw a few on the stairs, and ordered them away.

11,099. Supposing Mr. Jones does not come, will you furnish us with a list of all that came to your house ?—Yes. I know a good many people, and my people know a good many more.

11,100. Get a list from them of all the people who came there ?—I will.

11,101. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you get paid for your room ?—It was something about five guineas, and that included a card ticket for my son. I had nothing to do with it, for I left it to them. My son took a more active part than I, he was a card bearer, and the bill was made out, and taken to Mr. Clowes. I never saw the money. My girl took a part of it for the room.

11,102. Did Mr. Clowes pay it ?—Mr. Clowes paid the bill, and I think it was *5l.* something.

11,103. Your room was put down as a committee room ?—Yes.

11,104. Who was with Mr. Jones in the room upstairs ?—I do not think Mr. Jones went upstairs at all. From what I can gather of it, Mr. Jones went into the kitchen, I think. I do not think he went upstairs.

11,105. Not in the committee room at all ?—I do not think he was there, or ever saw it that I know.

11,106. Who was with him in the kitchen ?—I do not know, this took place just as I was going out, between that time and the time I came back.

11,107. Did you go out on purpose ?—No; I do not know anything about it until these people came clamouring in, and then I ordered some of them out.

11,108. Who told your people that Mr. Jones was coming ?—I do not think anybody told our people. It was the talk of these people on the stairs. When I asked them what they wanted, they said they were come to see Mr. Jones. I think that was the first word I heard about Mr. Jones. They never told my people nor yet me about that.

11,109. Did you see Mr. Downing there ?—Never. I do not think he ever was in my house, either before or after the election. I never saw him.

11,110. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you hear anything about the tickets ?—Not a word about it until it broke out here. When Mr. Downing stood here, was the first word I ever heard about the tickets.

11,111. Did you complain afterwards of their having used your room in this way ?—No; I did not. I think they might have gone better to work about it.

11,112. Better ?—Yes. They went and fetched the game to the gun. If they had taken the gun to the game they could have caught them in all directions.

11,113. (*Mr. Slade.*) There was not time you know ?—No; there was not. I should have gone and shot the game. They got a good many of them that way on the other side. That is the only thing I know unfair about this election. The other party got in first. It would have been a very fair election independent of that, if they had started fair. It would have been fair then.

11,114. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you say there was a

meeting at Gorleston on Monday?—The candidates addressed the electors, and that is what I went for and I returned, and I do not know of any other meeting. I know Gorleston as well as I know Yarmouth. I did not know there was any other public-house meeting there, or perhaps I might have stopped. I was driven there and back by a neighbour of mine.

11,115. Which Mr. Neave was it that took the room of you?—The twine spinner and Mr. Skinner the miller.

11,116. Did you get anything besides the money you had for the use of your room?—No; nor yet that, I never touched that.

11,117. How do you mean "nor yet that"?—Because the room they took as a committee room belonged to my daughter. She had a school of young ladies, and that was the time of their holiday, and they paid for the cleaning of the room, and my son, and the shop. I never got a shilling, and as to there being a great deal of talk, I am glad I am able to speak. I never had a shilling for that election or any other, and I never bribed a man nor did they bribe me.

11,118. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know anything about the election of 1859?—I do. It was just such another election as this only on a little way. This was the biggest.

11,119. Both sides?—I think there was. I never saw an election without here, and I do not believe there ever was, not in my time, and I have been there now ever since 1831. I have been a voter ever since, and there never was a pure election.

11,120. There was one pure election?—When there was two on one side you mean.

11,121. Yes?—I do not call that an election at all.

11,122. What do you call that?—A one-sided affair.

11,123. That was your side, was it not?—Yes.

11,124. Do you think it was pure?—If you call it an election, that was a pure one.

11,125. (*Mr. Russell.*) What do you think the political feeling of Gorleston is?—Gorleston is like this. If they left it to the people there is no question about it. You should see at the time the public have a time to show themselves what they are, and if you do not see 50 to 100 to 1, my name never was Wright. There never was a time that the public could show themselves or show a feeling, but what you would see 50 to 100 to 1.

11,126. Which side?—The Liberal side, and that is the reason the Tories never come out to take the opinion of the constituency. They go into a room. They could only get a handful of the brewer's men, that come from the beer-house.

11,127. You think Gorleston is a very Liberal place?—You may call it Liberal. If there had been another election like this, they would be all alike, even to the mayor. I do not think there would have been a free and independent voter as the price gets up. They see the right and left-hand neighbour take the money, and they say, "Why should they "counteract my vote?" I do not know but if there was another election that I might not have taken it myself.

11,128. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Your purity would have given way?—It must have been so if the sum had been big enough; and other people as well.

11,129. (*Mr. Russell.*) You mean the price was going so high that it would be worth anyone's while to take it?—Yes, even to the mayor.

11,130. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) We shall probably want you again in regard to 1859?—I think I can tell you, and will tell you about that.

JAMES THOMAS FROSDICK sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

J. T. Frosdick.

11,131. What are you?—A fish merchant.

11,132. Your name has been mentioned to us by Azariah Waters?—Yes, he stated here that he was sent to look after me, with the others, in the Market Ward. That I believe to be utterly untrue. Then he goes on to state that he had seen me, and he says, "He saw Frosdick the next day, who, in answer to "his inquiry, said he would wait and see who gave "the most." That is utterly untrue.

11,133. Did he say James Thomas Frosdick?—I do not know.

11,134. He meant Christmas Frosdick?—That may be, but I want this to go into print, to correct what is said about me.

11,135. Is your Christian name put to it?—James Frosdick. I only want to explain he was mistaken. It was Christmas Frosdick was the man.

11,136. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you a Conservative?—No, a Liberal. The Conservatives know it is of no use troubling themselves after me. I simply go up and vote, since the freemen have been disfranchised. Before then I took a part in it, but now I merely go up and vote.

11,137. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is Christmas Frosdick a relation of yours?—No relation at all. That is the young man he alluded to; only, seeing my name in the papers, I thought it no more than my duty to come here and contradict it.

11,138. (*Mr. Russell.*) You got nothing?—It is no use their coming to me with anything of that kind, they know that very well. I had never anything to do with it; it is the other Frosdick. He is a venal one, if ever there was.

JOSHUA SHEARMAN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Shearman.

11,139. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—This last election?

11,140. Yes?—I voted before I got anything. I never got a farthing. I voted for nothing. I went and voted for nothing. A gentleman made me a present afterwards, but I went and voted for free good will for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl. That is my regimental number. I never took a farthing nor nothing else.

11,141. Who gave you the present afterwards?—A gentleman made me a present in a public-house.

11,142. Who was it?—What's-his-name, he lives up the street there.

11,143. Was it Edwards?—No; I forget his name. I shall think of it one of these days. I know the man right well, but I do not know his name. Only I can tell you I went and voted of a free good will for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl, and nobody offered me any money, and if anybody likes to offer me money after that, why I take it.

11,144. How much did you get?—He made me a present. I put it into my pocket. I never counted it, and I got drunk for a night or two with it.

11,145. How much was it?—About 15*l.*, or something like that.

11,146. You do not know who it was from?—I know the man very well, but I cannot think of his name; but I know the man well, as well as I know anybody.

11,147. Was it after the election?—Yes.

11,148. What day?—The day after the election. He lives up Charlotte Street; he keeps a public-house right opposite Charles Garwood's.

11,149. Is it Longhurst's?—That's his name; I could not think of it before.

11,150. What did he say to you when he gave you the 15*l.*?—He said, "This is a present for you." He says, "You are a good voter, you voted straight "away." That is all he said. He put it into my hand, and I never had any more talk about it; and it would have been a good job if I had never seen him at all, for I got three months through it.

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11,151. What is Longhurst's christian name ?—I do not know.

11,152. Does he live in Charlotte Street ?—Yes.

11,153. Then his name is William O. Longhurst ?—I do not know. That is the man. I believe he keeps a public-house that belonged to Mr. Thornton the tobacconist.

11,154. Did you have any ticket given you ?—No.

11,155. Did you go to Mr. Longhurst's for the money ?—Yes, the next day.

11,156. Had he promised it to you ?—He said, "Will you vote for me ?" I said "Yes, if no one "else asks me," and I went and voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl, and he said, "If you will go and do "that, I will make you a present." I said, "Thank "you, Sir." I went and voted, and the next day I went to him, and he put it into my hands, and I put it in my pocket, and went out for a ride in the country.

11,157. What are you ?—I am a wool-comber by trade.

11,158. Were you asked for your vote on the other side ?—No, because I went to London once before. They would not understand me this time, because I went and spoke fair for them. They do not understand speaking fair about here.

11,159. What do you mean by speaking fair ?—I went to London on Lacon and Stracey's getting in. I went up, and they said, "What do you go up for ?" I said, "Why, to protect Lacon and Stracey when "they knocked all the windows out in the Market "Place." And I was employed to see there was no knocking about this time. When we went to the nomination, and 11 more of us, we went, and they took us, and they subpœnaed me to go to London, and when I went there they said, "What did you "go for ?" I said, "To protect Lacon and Stracey." They said, "What did you do ?" I said, "We went "arm-and-arm down to protect Mr. Franklin on the "Quay, to see how he was knocked about. There was twelve of us."

11,160. Never mind that. What do you mean by not speaking fair ? Do you mean the other side did not speak fair for you ?—No, because I voted the other way.

11,161. Did they not pay you ?—Yes, here sat a man who gave me money many a time.

11,162. What did you get in 1859, when Stracey came in ?—At the time they put me off the book, and so they have this time, and I have got a paper in my pocket to show you they can put it off when they like, according to their estimation.

11,163. Who promised you 15*l.* for your vote ?—Nobody. A gentleman told me, you mentioned his name just now, if I voted for a certain party he would make me a present.

11,164. Is that Longhurst ?—That is the one.

11,165. Was he by himself when he said this, or was anybody with him ?—There was a whole lot of people in the public-house. We were having a drop of brandy-and-water, I think. I met one or two this morning that were there.

11,166. Had you heard anything about the tickets before the election ?—I never saw a ticket, and I heard no talk of it. I went to Gorleston one night, when Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl went to Mr. Barber's, and I saw a gentleman go up and make a speech, and, what is more, I saw four gentlemen march over the bridge at 4 o'clock in the morning, and they went and bought them. I saw them, and I can tell you who they were, too. I can show you some of them, I know. There was Mr. Bunn, that sells corn.

S. Barber.

SAMUEL BARBER sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

11,167. What are you ?—A tinman.

11,168. Where do you live ?—In Gorleston.

11,169. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election ?—Yes.

11,170. What ?—Fifteen pounds.

11,171. Who gave it you ?—John Hammond.

11,172. Who did you vote for ?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

11,173. Did you get anything on the other side ?—No.

11,174. Were you offered anything ?—Yes.

11,175. Who by ?—Robert Warner.

11,176. How much did he offer you ?—Twenty pounds.

11,177. That was after you had taken the 15*l.* ?—No, long before that.

11,178. Not long before ?—Yes.

11,179. And you would not take it from them ?—No.

11,180. Why was that ?—Because I made up my mind to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

11,181. Do you mean you would have voted for him if you had not had the 15*l.* ?—No ; I should not have voted against him. If the money had not been brought to me I should not have run after it.

11,182. If you had had no money at all would you have voted ?—Yes.

11,183. Who for ?—Lacon and Goodson.

11,184. You think the 15*l.* was thrown away then ?—I considered it so, although it came into my possession, and I made use of it ; it was thrown away on their part.

11,185. Did you get anything at the election of 1859 ?—I did not vote.

11,186. Had you a vote ?—I had not a vote then.

11,187. Had you promised to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson before you got the 15*l.* ?—No, I had not.

11,188. When did you get the 15*l.* ?—I think it was on the Monday before the election ; either the Monday or the Tuesday, I will not be sure which.

11,189. Why did you not promise before that ?—I mentioned to Sir Edmund Lacon, when he called on me, that if I promised him I should think he would look to me to hold to my promise and to keep to it, he having a large brewery and a lot of work being done in my line. I had been promised it over and over again, but I never had it, and I told him I would not promise on that account. They had promised it me, and I never had it, and I told them I would not promise in case I should break it.

11,190. Why not promise for Mr. Goodson ?—I had nothing to do with Mr. Goodson at all, they both came together, and I told them I would not promise them.

11,191. Was it your feelings were Conservative, but you did not think Sir Edmund Lacon had done as much for you as he ought, and you would not promise ?—I considered that from the many years I was in business in the town I ought to have a share of it.

11,192. Then Mr. Hammond gave you the 15*l.*, and that turned the scale ?—I took the 15*l.*, as I found others had taken it.

11,193. You had never promised anybody ?—No, nor yet them.

11,194. When did you promise ?—Never at all.

11,195. You thought, having taken the money, you were bound to vote for them ?—I said if you will not look after me I will vote against you. I will not be drawn to the poll by you or no man else.

J. Harbord.

JAMES HARBORD sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

11,196. What are you ?—A cowkeeper.

11,197. At Yarmouth ?—Yes.

11,198. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—Not anything.

11,199. Are you sure you did not get 15*l.* ?—No.

11,200. Never ?—Never.

11,201. Whom did you vote for ?—I voted for Brogden and Lacon.

11,202. Did you get 11*l.*, if you did not get 15*l* ?—I did not get anything.

11,203. How came you to vote for one on each side ? Because I had a wish to vote for the Liberals, but I was spoken to by the Tory party, and I was compelled to split my vote.

11,204. Let me know why you were compelled ?—Mr. Nightingale happened to be with me the Wednesday before the election, and he says, "Harbord, you "have got a vote, have you not." I said, "Yes." "You have a contract for grain ?" I said, "Yes." He said, "You have no objection to vote for Lacon "and Goodson." I said I had made up my mind not to vote at all.

11,205. Was that Mr. Lacon who canvassed you ?—No, Mr. Nightingale.

11,206. If it had not been for the grains should you have voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl ?—I was inclined to vote that way, but I had seen Mr. Preston the night before the election; he spoke sharply to me, and I thought it was better to vote one and one; but I made up my mind when Mr. Nightingale spoke to me not to vote at all.

11,207. Do you think pressure was put upon you ?—I received certain words from Mr. Preston that caused me to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

11,208. What did Mr. Preston say ?—He met me in New Street. "Harbord," he said, "have you made "up your mind which way to vote." I said, "No." He said, "You will find something the matter at the "brewery when the election is over," and on that account I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden.

11,209. You thought if you did not you would not get any more grains ?—I have known instances of parties who would not vote for Sir Edmund Lacon who has been deprived of them. I did not receive any such threat from Mr. Nightingale. He did not say to me, "If you do not vote for us you shall not have the "grains." There was no such word mentioned.

11,210. Did Mr. Nightingale say so ?—No, he did not.

11,211. Did anybody say so ?—No further than what Mr. Preston had said. Mr. Preston did not mention about the grains, but he said I should find something the matter when the election was over if I did not vote for them.

11,212. Did you tell Mr. Garson Blake that Mr. Nightingale had spoken to you ?—I did.

11,213. And asked you to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Mr. Nightingale had. I had a little bit of talk with Mr. Garson Blake.

11,214. Did you say you were under an obligation to Mr. Blake, and he ought not to press you ?—I did say so to Mr. Nightingale.

11,215. And did you tell Mr. Blake that if you had not voted one and one Mr. Nightingale would have let you have no more grains ?—No, there was nothing of the kind mentioned.

11,216. You did not say that to Mr. Garson Blake ?—No, I did not, that was taken on supposition. I told him I thought it was very likely that I should not get any, but I did not say positively.

11,217. Had Mr. Blake got a mortgage upon your property ?—Yes, he had.

11,218. Did you vote for Mr. Brogden because of Mr. Blake's mortgage, and Sir Edmund Lacon because of the grains ?—As I had some business to do with Mr. Blake I thought it was best to mention it to him, so that I did not offend him, but Mr. Blake never interfered in any way whatever.

11,219. Did you ask Mr. Preston for some money ?—Never. I never spoke to Mr. Preston no further than he met me in Regent Street the night before the election, and he asked me whether I had made up my mind about the voting.

11,220. You told us that; did you then ask him for 15*l.*, or any money ?—There was not a word passed any further than what I have told you.

11,221. If it had not been for the mortgage, and if it had not been for the grains, how would you have voted ?—I made up my mind not to interfere at all. I got treated, I considered, badly since the last election, and I made up my mind not to vote at all.

11,222. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you vote at the election of 1859 ?—I had not a vote then, only for the county.

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11,223. Have you any additional names to furnish us with ?—Yes, I should say that I have left my poll-book at home this morning not expecting to be called, and I cannot give you the christian names of the men. The first is Minter, Southtown.

11,224. How much ?—If you will take these three names together I can explain better afterwards, Starling, Southtown.

11,225. John Starling ?—Yes, and Richard Harrod. I gave a man of the name of Lindoff 60*l.* for those three.

11,226. For those three votes ?—Yes. Harrod, I find since, was bribed upon the other side, although he voted for us. I think you have evidence of Downing that he had 20*l.* Palmer, the man here yesterday, I gave Mr. Ellis 15*l.* for, and I feel bound to say that as far as Mr. Ellis is concerned, I am quite convinced that Palmer had the money. I did not mention it before. I read his evidence in the House of Commons, and I thought I would take a little time to consider it, because I thought it was a serious thing.

11,227. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you any reason for supposing that Mr. Ellis gave Palmer the money ?—Yes. I recollect the evening before the election there was some little talk about Palmer being shaky, and I saw Mr. Ellis about it, and I recollect Mr. Ellis going to Palmer's house to see if he had got money on the other side, and he came back again. I was at the "Crown "and Anchor," and he said, "I have seen Palmer; he "is quite right." I mentioned to Ellis at 10 o'clock on the morning of the poll that Palmer had not polled yet, and he said, "I will go and bring him," and he polled him in Regent ward, the room underneath here.

11,228. That is your reason for thinking that he had the money ?—Yes; I know he would not vote without money. Then there is a man of the name of Watts; I think it is John Watts, Isabella Square. I think you will find it upon the register.

11,229. Symonds Square ?—That is the same place.

11,230. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How much did he get ?—He had been doing something like Archer, a little work, and I saw him. He told me he thought he ought to be paid, and I gave Mr. Buston 15*l.* to give to him. I did not recollect the circumstance when I was here before. I mentioned it to Buston the other day, and he remembered it as well as myself. Mr. Buston had the money quite independent of the money I gave him. I merely gave him the money to convey to the voter. He was one of my men, as I should reckon him.

11,231. Now the next ?—Osborn, the man spoken to by Mr. Ellis yesterday. I gave Mr. Ellis 15*l.* for him.

11,232. Nelson Road ?—Yes.

11,233. How much was that ?—15*l.* Then I think I had another man, I do not recollect the name. I have left my poll book at home this morning.

11,234. Did you give the name of Ablitt ?—I will tell you in this way how that is. I always supposed that I did give money to Ablitt for Hulley. When I read his evidence my opinion was rather shaky about it, but I have been trying to remember it since. I believe I did give Ablitt the money.

11,235. Hulley was a musician ?—Yes.

11,236. And Ablitt ?—Ablitt is the lessee of the Victoria Gardens.

11,237. If you wanted to influence Hulley in that way, you would go to Ablitt ?—No. I do not re-

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member the circumstance. I assure you I do not recollect where or when I gave Ablitt the money. In my own mind I believe I did.

11,238. Any others ?—No, I have not any others. I suppose there will be a discrepancy of 60*l.* or 70*l.* in my account. I have gone carefully over the poll book, and I do not remember any other names.

11,239. That is 120*l.* in addition ?—I think Mr. Wharton gave me a list yesterday. I think about 170*l.* was not accounted for.

11,240. And this accounts for 120*l.*?—I am quite in the hands of the sub-agents. I have adopted what they have stated to the best of their ability ; but they may, I think, have made a mistake as well as myself. I believe, as far as I am concerned, that is about the amount of money I disbursed.

11,241. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose in the distribution of a large sum of money like this, a little of it sticks to the pockets of the people who distribute it ?—I am bound to say, those who had the money from me, were men I could trust, I think so. This money was not given to these sub-agents all at one time. They would come to me, and say, "I want 20*l.*, 30*l.*, or 40*l.*" and I should give it ; and it has been surprising to me that I have recollected it as I have.

11,242. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you not recollect the names of any other parties ?—No, I do not know that there are any others. I have nothing to conceal in the matter now.

11,243. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you keep any memorandum at the time, or might you have given money twice to the same people ?—No, I kept memoranda. I might meet them in the evening, and give it them upon the Quay, or anywhere else. When I went home, I should make a memorandum of it.

11,244. Had you guarded against giving money twice over ?—Yes, and there are two or three men who had the money twice over, but it was not my fault at all. If they had kept to their own lists it would not have happened. They used to run about to people that they had no business to interfere with.

11,245. Is the term an "inch and a half" a common term here ?—I have heard it frequently mentioned, I recollect a man of the name of Burroughs. He said he should like an "inch and a half," and I was rather curious at the time to measure it.

11,246. And at what did you measure it ?—At something like 20*l.* It is a thing more common in Gorleston than in Yarmouth.

11,247. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you give us any information as to the sub-agents through whom Mr. Lummis acted ?—I do not know any of Mr Lummis's agents, except yesterday morning Mr. Stagg mentioned the circumstance to me that he had money from Lummis. I did not know Nockles till he came here yesterday. They are a class of men I have nothing to do with. They are among the shipping interest.

11,248. Lummis's men ?—Yes, and I have no doubt before this inquiry is over, you will come to that conclusion.

11,249. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have the alleged expenses upon the other side, come up to about your estimate of them ?—I thought it was more. I have no particular reason for knowing, more than the reports that were current prior to the election, but it was always said, Mr. Brogden was coming down here to buy the borough.

11,250. Taking the average price they paid for a vote, 15*l.* or 20*l.* and the number of voters they did get, have you any reason to think still, that a larger sum was expended ?—I have looked over my poll book, and I have reckoned of the 637 that voted for Mr. Brogden 320 were purchased ; and I have watched the evidence during the time I have been sitting here, and I have not yet mistaken a single man.

11,251. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Will you tell us how many you suppose were bribed by your party ?—I should say between 150 and 200.

11,252. I daresay you heard the evidence of Mr. Downing ?—Yes.

11,253. Who laughed at the idea of 4000*l.* being the sum which was spent upon the side of the Conservations ?—Yes.

11,254. Have you any reason to believe that any further sum was spent ?—I am sure, speaking solemnly, upon my oath, there was nothing more spent than the 4,000*l.*

11,255. Except that 15*l.* which Dr. Stafford paid out of his own pocket ?—Of that I know nothing.

11,256. Do you think money of which you know nothing was spent ?—No, I should never have been so stupid. I should have been buying men that the other parties were getting.

11,257. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose your estimate is arrived at in this way, that you from your experience in these matters, know the number of venal men in in the place ?—Yes.

11,258. And you can calculate how many voted for you, and how many voted upon the other side ?—Yes, I should think there are about 500 bribed men in Yarmouth and Gorleston.

11,259. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Downing was once upon your side ?—I can tell you a little about that. The fact is, I believe Downing had a sum of 40*l.* or 50*l.* given him in 1859 by Mr. Shuckford for four men and three of them voted against us and one did not vote at all. I believe that was the only thing that Downing ever had to do with for us. He knows nothing about money matters. He never was entrusted with any of our secrets ; and as far as Yaxley is concerned, speaking vulgarly, it is a big lie. Yaxley is dead. I know that Yaxley was a man never entrusted with money.

11,260. Downing's estimate of 600 was a little too high, in your opinion ?—I should think so. He knows nothing about it. I reckon that it is no credit to lick a fellow like that. He knows no more about electioneering than a child.

11,261. If he had had his way he would have outgeneralled you ?—If he had had his way he would have liked to have had 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* more to spend, no doubt.

11,262. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose your idea of good generalship is, to spend the right sum at the right time ?—At the right moment to do it.

11,263. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who were the men who were in your secrets upon your side, on the Conservative side ?—In the secrets ?

11,264. Yes ?—Well, I was the principal person. Of course, the men who were engaged in bribing.

11,265. You mean your sub-agents ?—The sub-agents, Mr. Shuckford.

11,266. Mr. Shuckford was not a sub-agent of yours ?—No, he was not. Still, he would be one of those in the secret. I always consulted Mr. Shuckford.

11,267. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you of opinion that the money would have been spent upon the other side if they had known that money would not have been spent upon yours ?—I am certain they would. I should tell you these men laid by two or three weeks before the election on the Liberal side, and Downing has proved that. He states, if I recollect his evidence right, that there were 80 or 90 men he put aside, and he found afterwards that 60 or 70 were taken from him.

11,268. There is very little doubt that Downing's notion of an election was a corrupt one ?—Entirely so. I know men used to call upon me and tell me certain parties had been to him, telling him to keep quiet, that money would come at the right time, and of course the money came at the right time, which rather disconcerted them, I think.

11,269. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know yourself how it was that the money came at the right time and in the right sum ?—To me ?

11,270. Yes ?—No, I do not.

11,271. You have no idea how you and Mr. Nightingale came to the same conclusion ?—I had not the slightest communication with Mr. Nightingale. I dare say Mr. Nightingale had access to the books,

and would know the venal voters, and the amount of money that would be necessary. I dare say I may have expressed my opinion that the election could not be won without money.

11,272. To Mr. Nightingale?—No. I do not recollect ever mentioning it to Mr. Nightingale. Then I should tell you, as far as my evidence the other day went, I never supposed Mr. Nightingale had found the whole of the money. I judged, of course, that Mr. Goodson might possibly have stood part of the expenses, and I had no idea where the money came from.

11,273. I suppose I may take it you expressed your opinion that the time had come to spend the money, in the hearing of some people who would carry it to the proper ears?—I do not know that I did it so as to call any particular one's attention to it. I have no doubt I mentioned it to many persons. I have no doubt I must in the course of the election have said so.

11,274. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was it ever your opinion that if no bribery was resorted to upon their side, the election was safe for your party?—I was certain the election was safe for Sir Edmund Lacon, and I believe now, supposing money had not been spent, that Mr. Goodson would have been returned. I have heard a good deal mentioned here about the shipping interest. Now the shipping interest in Yarmouth consists mostly in colliers, and the principal importers of coal here are Mr. Bessey and Mr. Hilton. They were the great supporters of Mr. Goodson and Sir Edmund Lacon. That is the principal shipping interest here. Mr. Goodson's influence, no doubt, was much larger than has been estimated by many of them, and, I should say, there is a Mr. Watling. I should think Mr. Bessey, Mr. Hilton, and Mr. Watling are the principal importers, both of dry goods and coal. With the exception of Mr. Garson Blake, there is scarcely any party on their side interested in the shipping interest.

11,275. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you go the length of saying you believe that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson might have been returned without spending any money?—If the other side had not spent money; but, if the other side spent money, of course we must protect our canvass. I disagree entirely with Mr. Harmer's statement about Gorleston. I believe he is wrong. I have no doubt that the canvass showed a much larger number than Mr. Harmer has stated. Supposing there was no money spent, with a deal of trouble, and with what we call "liquoring up," we could have got the men to vote.

11,276. You know the state of the canvass?—I can judge. I have been engaged in the registration of this borough for the last 10 or 12 years.

11,277. Do you think that the money you spent was given to men who had promised or to men who had never promised?—To men who had promised, and, if they had the money, they could not fly from it; that is the fact, that is known to be the truth.

11,278. Do you consider that the majority of men whom you bribed had promised?—Yes, I do.

11,279. A large majority?—I forget Sir Edmund Lacon's numbers. I should say Sir Edmund Lacon polled very nearly 700 without the expenditure of a shilling, whereas Mr. Brogden polled about 320.

11,280. Are you of the same opinion as Mr. Downing, that there are a certain number of these corrupt voters who, when they are secured at the proper time, can secure the election?—No. I differ from him there. I believe most of the men that we purchased on our side were men that Downing could not have purchased, provided we had the money. I am certain of that. Mr. Livingston has mentioned the five B.'s I recollect quite well we had nothing to do with those B.'s I found the brothel-keepers, Mr. Shearman, who was here this morning, and the others, were for Brogden. They voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl, and not for us.

11,281. (*Mr. Russell.*) The men you call "lame "ducks," are the men who take money and vote against the man from whom they take it?—Yes.

11,282. How many of that sort are there in Yarmouth?—Upon the Conservative side, I should think we lost possibly 20 or 30.

11,283. How many do you think there are altogether?—I did not know how the others went. I do not know the men that broke their promises upon the other side. I find several men who came up here voted quite right, and it seems they took money upon the other side. Killett, yesterday, was one. I did not know it at all till he came here. Mr. Livingston entirely over-estimated the canvass, there is no doubt about it. I have heard men say, Mr. Livingston would introduce Mr. Brogden to a voter, and say, "Mr. Brogden, So-and-So, this is one of our sup-"porters." Then they would bow, and the voter would not speak a word, and he would be put down right. Kelf is an instance of it, and there are many other instances in the borough. I have no doubt the canvass was over-estimated.

11,284. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was it the opinion on your side that Mr. Goodson would find money in case it was necessary at the last election?—I do not know what the opinion might be, but it was always my opinion, Mr. Goodson, being a new member, would have found his share.

11,285. Was that always the understanding?—I do not know. I carefully avoided entering into any conversation about it, but I judged myself, of course, if Mr. Goodson wanted a seat in Yarmouth, he would be prepared to pay his share as well as anybody else.

11,286. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose you thought it would be only fair that he should?—It would be quite right that he should.

11,287. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was Mr. Goodson's brother at Yarmouth during the last election?—Yes, he was. I saw him at the dinner afterwards, I think, at the "Star," but I am bound to say I do not believe that Mr. Goodson furnished one farthing towards the illegal part of the election.

11,288. I understand that none of the illegal expenses were repaid to Mr. Nightingale?—No, I do not think they have been.

11,289. The question is, whether they are liable?—That is a question, of course, between the candidates. I think Mr. Goodson expected Yarmouth would return him without money.

11,290. Did he expect it?—I think he expected to be returned without any illegal expenditure.

11,291. What makes you think that?—Because during the whole of the canvass it was stated that it was an extraordinary canvass, and I believe it was, for Yarmouth. I should tell you there were a great many who formerly voted Liberal, at this election voted Conservative. I could name you 20 men who voted without any inducement, men in respectable positions in life, Cox and Son, of King Street, and, if I had the poll book here, I could mention 20 names who always supported the Liberals that voted Conservative this time, and 20 taken from one to the other makes a difference of 40.

11,292. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) One or two Conservatives voted Liberal?—With the exception of Mr. Downing, if he calls himself a Conservative, I do not know of anybody else.

11,293. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was that, do you think, owing to the influence of Sir Edmund Lacon?—I should say a few years ago Sir Edmund Lacon was unpopular rather here. That was owing to the effect of a man of the name of Toogood being engaged to write him down in the "Yarmouth Independent," and he wrote in a most abominable way. Everybody knows that I am speaking the truth. The consequence was Sir Edmund Lacon became unpopular. They were distributed in Gorleston before the election, and rendered him obnoxious. I may say this, I am certain for the last eight or nine years Sir Edmund Lacon has been gaining in the opinion of the people of Yarmouth.

11,294. I was putting the question of influence

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and not of popularity?—I do not think there was any influence brought to bear upon the parties. I do not think there was any influence brought to bear, because persons rather like one of their own townsmen to represent them in the borough. The Liberals knew they had no chance of putting Sir Edmund Lacon out without money and never could.

11,295. Do you believe with Mr. Chamberlin that a compromise would be good for Yarmouth?—No doubt, it would allay the asperity of party feeling in Yarmouth.

11,296. You do not agree with him in thinking that parties are pretty evenly divided?—I know they are not. The history of all elections in Yarmouth proves the contrary. Our municipal elections generally here are carried without the expenditure of a single penny. I say for the last seven or eight years I do not know two Conservatives in the corporation that have been returned by illegal means. I recollect Mr. De Caux and Mr. Downing going down to Gorleston last November, and buying them up at a shilling a head and a pint of beer to oust Mr. Preston and Mr. Teasdel, the gentlemen here this morning. I should say up to 1 o'clock on the election day, when Mr. Teasdel and Mr. Preston had polled 100, those gentlemen Mr. De Caux and Mr. Downing had only polled 16. They got them all into a public-house at Gorleston and gave them a shilling each and a pint of beer. The consequence was that Mr. Preston and Mr. Teasdel were obliged to come out with their half-crowns too.

11,297. You admit they spent half-crowns?—Yes, they had not polled more than 20 votes at 2 o'clock, and we had polled 100. I think Mr. Brand was assisting, and Mr. Lovewell Blake and several others. I am not stating it from irritation or from anything of the kind, it is the truth; and I should say in the Nelson Ward election, a year and a half before, of Mr. Henry Barber, I believe there was an expenditure of 150*l.* on the Liberal side, and 80*l.* upon the Conservative, and the Liberal was returned, but with those two exceptions, I am not aware of any bribery on the Conservative side for the last eight or ten years, and that cannot be denied.

11,298. (*Mr. Russell.*) In what light do you regard the election of Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young?—At the time there was a great deal of irritation in Yarmouth about the petition. I remember I was one of those who said it was better that we should give way, and allow them to go in, and I had another reason for doing it. I understood that each of the candidates had provided themselves with 1,500*l.* to contest it.

11,299. Did you hear that from good information?—It was like the information we had at the last election of Mr. Brogden. It was generally rumoured 3,000*l.* was brought down, 1,500*l.* a piece to contest the seat.

11,300. I can hardly understand if you had a clear Conservative majority upon the canvass, that you should allow Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young to walk over?—If it had been a pure election, we should have been right, no doubt. I felt certain the money was provided on the other side to try and buy it.

11,301. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you think the fact that Sir Edmund Lacon petitioned against the other side had made him unpopular?—Certainly it had.

11,302. Why?—Anybody who petitions in Yarmouth is sure to be unpopular among a certain class of voters, they think you are interfering with their rights and privileges.

11,303. You said you could give us no reason for it, and now you give us this reason?—That is the reason no doubt.

11,304. (*Mr. Russell.*) You told us there were a certain number of venal voters to turn the election either way?—Yes.

11,305. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You do not think a petition by Sir Edmund Lacon made him less popular with his own party?—Not with his legitimate supporters.

11,306. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did the election of 1859, do you suppose, cost Sir Edmund Lacon?—I do not know. I only know I did not play quite so conspicuous a part in that election. Mr. Green was the man who had to do with it.

11,307. Do you suppose 1,000*l.* was all that was paid for the illegal part of it?—I should think 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.* was the outside that had been expended. Of course, I do not know how the money was provided, or what part each candidate paid.

11,308. Is it your opinion it was divided between Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey?—I never heard anything one way or the other.

11,309. Do you know 1,000*l.* was spent?—Yes.

11,310. I mean on your own side?—Yes.

11,311. You have little doubt about that?—No, I do not believe there was so large an amount spent in 1859 as in 1865.

11,312. We hear that the election prices go on increasing?—If you get a wealthy man like Mr. Brogden to come down.

11,313. Still Sir Edmund Lacon has never been returned for Yarmouth without spending something?—Yes, he has.

11,314. Which election was that?—The election of 1857 was a pure election.

11,315. That is when he was beaten by Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin?—I beg your pardon, Sir Edmund Lacon was returned.

11,316. You are thinking of Lacon and Rumbold?—I believe Sir Edmund Lacon did not expend a shilling then. I think it is possible at 1 or 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for Mr. Rumbold there was 200*l.* or 300*l.* spent to obtain his election, but not more, and Sir Edmund Lacon was safe then. Mr. Rumbold was a Liberal, and I am certain from what I have always heard that Sir Edmund Lacon never spent a shilling; and, to prove my assertion, the others not buying votes, Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Napier, Sir Edmund Lacon was returned without spending a farthing.

11,317. He was then fighting against a very poor man, Sir Charles Napier?—Yes, he was, and Mr. McCullagh too; there was no money.

11,318. Of course Mr. Rumbold at that time had spent 1,000*l.* a year for many years in the borough, and Sir Edmund Lacon was a banker and brewer?—Yes, and they returned Sir Edmund Lacon.

11,319. And then came the rich man, Mr. Watkin?—Yes. I understood Mr. Peter Ashcroft, the engineer upon the Manchester and Sheffield line, brought the money down on that occasion for that election.

11,320. What did you hear that election cost Mr. Watkin?—I heard it cost him about 4,000*l.*, and it must have cost him that.

11,321. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you hear anything about what has been alleged here, the sale to Mr. Young by Mr. McCullagh of his interest in the borough?—I have heard it repeatedly. I heard it at the time of the election. I always believed that Mr. McCullagh received something for his interest. I thought possibly Mr. Watkin had not. Mr. Mellor being his relative, they both came down here to use their influence, Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh.

11,322. When did you hear that Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young were prepared to spend 3,000*l.*?—I heard it at the time of the election, prior to the election before Sir Edmund Lacon retired.

11,323. Do you recollect from what source you heard it?—No; I have been endeavouring to recollect since this inquiry commenced whether I could say who mentioned it to me; it was somebody on the other side.

11,324. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you hear what Mr. McCullagh received for the transfer of his interest?—I always understood he received 500*l.* I believe it is no secret. It was mentioned by both parties.

11,325. We have it in evidence that Mr. Young was urged to contradict that statement?—Most likely a friend might have paid it.

11,326. You have not altered your opinion?—Not in the slightest, I think not, and nobody else in Yarmouth; Mr. Young wished to ease the conscience of

some of his sensitive Liberal friends here, and he put it in such a way that he could deny it.

11,327. I suppose you do not know if Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Young were friends ?—I believe they were not. I suppose it was only after a meeting at the Reform Club that he was sent down here.

11,328. You do not know whether they stood upon those terms of friendship towards each other, as to make it probable that Mr. McCullagh would transfer his interest to Mr. Young ?—No ; Mr. Livingston mentioned that Mr. McCullagh first named somebody else before Mr. Young.

11,329. You do not know of course who that was ?—Certainly not.

11,330. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you aware whether it was generally agreed or determined upon to keep Sir Edmund Lacon in ignorance of the state of the borough ?—I am not aware of anything of the kind. I feel bound to say Sir Edmund Lacon flattered himself this time his canvass was so good, he would be returned without money. I thoroughly believe Sir Edmund Lacon's evidence which he gave here the other day.

11,331. Do you think he had no idea that it was necessary to spend money on his behalf ?—No.

11,332. You do not think that he would have been returned if money had not been spent ?—I do not know he was aware that Mr. Brogden was coming out as he did.

11,333. In 1859 it was necessary to spend money to secure Sir Edmund Lacon's seat ?—Yes ; Sir Edmund Lacon did not stand at that election so well upon the general canvass as he did in 1865. I am quite sure he did not. I do not think there was so large a sum of money at that time brought to bear against him.

11,334. Sir Edmund Lacon canvassed in entire ignorance of the corruption of Yarmouth ?—I cannot answer for Sir Edmund Lacon.

11,335. I want to know whether you are aware that he was kept in entire ignorance of it ?—I do not know about that. I believe Sir Edmund Lacon thought he would be returned without money. I do really, and he had a very good right to think so, because his influence is very considerable in Yarmouth, and, as I said before, he has gained in popularity within the last few years in Yarmouth.

11,336. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you not to fortify a great many of your promises with money ?—Yes, afterwards. I believe that is all we did. I do not think we went out of our way. I could only select men whom I supposed to give us the preference.

11,337. The promises were not much without money ?—A large number of them.

11,338. A great proportion so as to turn the election were worth nothing ?—Without money is brought on the other side. If not, nearly all, except Gorleston, would have voted I think for Sir Edmund Lacon. Supposing money were not spent at all, I think, they would have voted with us.

11,339. Did that cause great excitement among the Conservative party when they heard such a man like Mr. Brogden was coming down ?—I should think it would.

11,340. It would be at pitched battle then ?—Yes ; I made up my mind he was coming to try to buy the borough. I think he is very much to be pitied.

JOHN WILLIAM DE CAUX sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. W. De Caux.

11,341. What are you ?—A shorthand writer and fish salesman.

11,342. Mr. Cooper has said something which we understand you wish to make a statement about ?—Mr. Cooper has said just now that at the last municipal election for the borough in Gorleston Mr. Downing and myself were candidates, and Mr. Downing and I in some public-house or other spent certain monies in order to oust Mr. Teasdel and Mr. Preston. I beg to contradict that, and to say it must be a most wilful falsehood or wilful mis-statement on the part of Mr. Cooper, because he, as everyone else in the borough, knows well, I was not a candidate for the St. Andrew's ward at the last election, and issued no address, and had nothing whatever to do with the election. I was not at Gorleston. I wish explicitly to deny all those parts of Mr. Cooper's statement that he has made with reference to my name being associated with Mr. Downing, and if Mr. Preston were here or Mr. Teasdel were here, they would, I am sure, bear that statement out. I never spent a penny for any election. I never was cognizant of any bribes being given, nor do I think any man who has any respect for his own character would either give a bribe or take a bribe.

11,343. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you a candidate at all ?—No.

11,344. Did you stand with Mr. Downing ?—No.

11,345. You were never even a candidate ?—No.

(*Mr. Russell.*) Then there must be a mistake here.

(*Mr. Cooper.*) I believe Mr. Downing spent the money, and not Mr. De Caux.

(*Mr. James Rivett.*) I have a voting paper here for that election with only Downing's name upon it.

11,346. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was your name upon a voting paper ?—Never.

(*Mr. Cooper.*) If I have named Mr. De Caux by mistake it is quite unintentional. I understood his name was upon the paper with Mr. Downing.

(*The Witness.*) I should not like the Commissioners to understand that I would either give a bribe or take a bribe, or be cognizant of those proceedings.

(*Mr. Slade.*) You are quite right in making that statement.

JAMES HARBORD recalled ; further examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Harbord.

11,347. Do you want to correct the evidence you gave just now. I asked you if you had ever received any money, either 15*l.* or 11*l.*, or any sum ?—I did not understand you. I thought you confined me to the Tory side. Since I have been told you asked me in respect of the Liberals. I received 15*l.* from Jones.

11,348. You misunderstood me before?—Yes, I did.

11,349. When did you receive it ?—Well, I cannot say whether it was the Monday or Tuesday.

11,350. Where did you get it ?—At Cattermole's.

11,351. Who told you to go up there ?—I thought I might as well get it with others ; the money was very free.

11,352. Who told you to go to Cattermole's?—I cannot say who told me to go.

11,353. Did you have a ticket?—Yes, I think I had one, but I am sure I cannot say who I got it from. I believe it was left at my house.

11,354. You told me before you never had a ticket?—No, I do not recollect saying so. I believe it was left at my house.

11,355. Do you know who left it ?—I do not know who left it. I think it was left at my house.

JOHN WHITING sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

J. Whiting.

11,356. You got 45*l.* from Mr. Brand ?—Yes.

11,357. What did you do with it ?—I gave Henry Cooper 20*l.*, and 5*l.* to Fulcher.

11,358. Is that James Fulcher ?—I do not know his Christian name.

11,359. Where does he live?—He lived in Yarmouth then.

11,360. Lancaster Road ?—I believe it is. And 20*l.* to Robert Hurrell, of Gorleston.

11,361. Hurrell, of Southtown ?—Yes.

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11,362. Who else?—That is all I had.

11,363. Did you vote yourself?—Yes.

11,364. Who for?—I voted for the Liberals.

11,365. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

11,366. Did you receive any other money?—No.

11,367. You got Fulcher cheap?—He only gave us one.

11,368. We have heard all these names before?—You have; but I thought I should be called.

11,369. I wish you would give us a little further information?—I do not know any more.

11,370. What are you?—I live on my means, on a small property.

11,371. Independent?—Yes.

11,372. What were you?—I used to be a shoemaker in London.

11,373. How came Mr. Brand to come to you?—He lives opposite me. Brand, Cooper, and Fulcher, we all do not live 20 yards from one another.

11,374. What day did Mr. Brand give you this money?—I should say about 8 o'clock Tuesday night.

11,375. That was after Mr. Edwards had been down to Gorleston?—I never saw Mr. Edwards down there that I know of.

11,376. Did you not hear of him?—I have heard of Jones, not Edwards. He might come.

11,377. Mr. Edwards went down?—Not to where I lived, that is not Gorleston.

11,378. That is Southtown?—Yes.

11,379. Did those men vote all right?—Yes.

11,380. Did you know Mr. Rivett?—I knew him to see him, but I never spoke to the gentleman in my life. You mean Mr. Rivett that is dead?

11,381. Yes?—I never spoke to him in my life that I know of. I did know him, he lived a mile and a half from me.

11,382. Did you give Cooper and Fulcher the money yourself?—Yes.

11,383. You are perfectly right Mr. Edwards divided the sum, and thought they each had 12*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes; so I heard. That is not right, one had 20*l.*, and the other 5*l.*

11,384. That is all we want to ask you, except this, had you anything to do with the election of 1859?—I had no vote then. I had just left London.

11,385. You did not give anybody any money then?—No. There is one thing I should like to say respecting Mr. Brand. Mr. Cooper said Mr. Brand interfered in that election about Gorleston. I assure you Mr. Brand was neither nigh nor by. I can assure you of that.

Mr. G. Blake.

Mr. Garson Blake recalled; further examined by Mr. Russell.

11,386. Were you present at the meeting at the "Angel" mentioned by Mr. Brand?—No, certainly not. No meeting at which bribery was discussed.

Adjourned to Monday at 11 o'clock.

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J. Ling.

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James Ling sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

11,387. What are you?—A relieving officer.

11,388. Where?—Of the Gorleston district.

11,389. You wish to correct a statement made by Mr. Warner?—Yes; and Mr. King. Mr. Warner said in his evidence that I did not take the bribe, but I would not vote for Sir Edmund Lacon without my salary was advanced 10*l.* a year. I wish to say, as a public officer, that as it is my public duty, that there is not a word of truth in that statement, for Sir Edmund Lacon never named such a thing to me. I have been now relieving officer to that district for 20 years, and none of the guardians or directors ever asked me which way to vote, or requested me to vote.

11,390. What was your salary?—80*l.* a year.

11,391. What is the amount now?—90*l.*

11,392. When was it raised?—About 12 months ago.

11,393. That would be just two months after the election?—No; before it was promised, long before.

11,394. When was it promised?—It was promised six months before the election, but it was raised a quarter before; but Sir Edmund Lacon has no interest in that district, not the slightest.

11,395. Who has the raising of the salary?—The guardians, and there are 60 guardians and directors living in that district.

11,396. Did you ever have any conversation with Sir Edmund Lacon about raising your salary?—Never in my life; and the first time Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson came round canvassing, I met him with a friend of mine, a gentleman of the parish. We met them walking together, and I then and there went and gave them my unqualified support, and promised I would vote for both of them, and never such a thing was ever mentioned or thought of.

11,397. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you ever intimate to anybody that you would not vote unless your salary was raised?—Never in my life; an election in Yarmouth cannot influence the directors and guardians in my district, because they do not live in it.

11,398. Was there any connexion between the raising of your salary and the election?—Not the slightest thing; I never heard of it until the other day.

11,399. Have you come from Gorleston for the purpose of making this statement?—Yes, I live in Gorleston. It is a great pity you do not know more of Mr. Warner and Mr. King, or you would not put so much confidence in them as you do. They have slandered a great many more than me. There is a man named Stebbings he named. I do not believe the man ever took a penny. It is done to degrade us who did not take a penny, to bring us down to a level with themselves; that is what it is done for.

Mr. R. A. Bentham.

Mr. Robert Alexander Bentham sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

11,400. We have heard you are the manager of the Imperial Bank?—I am general manager of the Imperial Bank.

11,401. Is that a joint stock bank?—It is.

11,402. Where are the offices of that bank?—One in Lothbury and one in Victoria Street; it is a branch in Victoria Street.

11,403. The head office is where?—In Lothbury.

11,404. The firm of John Brogden and Sons banks, I believe, at the Victoria Street branch of your bank?

—They have an account at both places, one at the branch and one at the head office. It was formerly opened at the head office, and they found it more convenient to work through the branch occasionally, so that they work through either, in fact.

11,405. Mr. Alexander Brogden is a member of that firm ?—He is.

11,406. Have you brought a copy of Mr. Alexander Brogden's account with you ?—I was not directed to do so, but I took minutes of the account; I think I have it somewhere. I merely wrote it to assist my own memory.

11,407. Will you explain to us exactly how the account stood when it was opened, and all about it ?—It was opened on the 3rd July 1865.

11,408. Did you credit Mr. Brogden with a sum of money then ?—We credited him with a loan.

11,409. Of how much ?—I credited him as he required it.

11,410. The security of that loan was a transfer of consols ?—It was.

11,411. From whom and to whom was a transfer of consols made ?—It was made to two of the trustees of the bank in the usual way that transfers are made.

11,412. And from whom ?—From Mr. Alexander Brogden.

11,413. And it stood in his name before ?—It stood in his name before, as far as I can recollect; yes, it did. I have not the slightest doubt that is right—Mr. Alexander Brogden.

11,414. What sum of consols was transferred ?—5,000*l.*

11,415. 5,000*l.* on the 3rd of July ?—I think it was before that; perhaps it may be a day or two before. I do not know exactly the date of the transfer, but certainly before the money was advanced.

11,416. Was that the only transfer that was made ?—The only transfer.

11,417. What was the arrangement between you as to how much money you were to advance to Mr. Brogden on that transfer ?—We generally leave a cover; there is no particular amount. He said he should want some money, and he afterwards transferred 5,000*l.* consols. When I thought it was too much I should have stopped it and said, "You cannot have any more;" but with such a man as Mr. Brogden, if he drew 1,000*l.* more than he transferred consols, I should readily have honoured his cheque; there was no stipulation as to amount.

11,418. On that transfer of 5,000*l.* consols would you have advanced Mr. Brogden a loan of 10,000*l.* ?—Not so much as 10,000*l.*; I should have taken 1,000*l.* over. I should have used my own discretion. I should not have liked to have gone as far as 10,000*l.*; I should have said 6,000*l.*, or perhaps 7,000*l.* I might have gone 2,000*l.*; if one of the cashiers had come and said, "Mr. Brogden has drawn 2,000*l.* more," it is probable I should say, "Honour the cheque; he will pay in during the day or make some arrangement."

11,419. You would have done that, I presume, on your own responsibility ?—Yes, unless the chairman of the bank happened to be there, and then I should consult him.

11,420. Did Mr. Brogden make the arrangement with you about this loan personally ?—Yes.

11,421. Were you cognizant of what purpose he wanted this loan for ?—Only as far as he said he was going to put up for Yarmouth, and he might want some money; that is all.

11,422. What arrangement did you and Mr. Brogden come to as to the manner in which the money should be drawn out ? Was he to send a private person to your bank for it ?—He was to draw it out by cheque or order upon me; upon the bank, that is generally it was in the shape of a note that it came.

11,423. You can tell us who drew the money out of the bank ?—I really cannot, for I am in my room, and the note would go to the chief cashier or the assistant manager. Sometimes it would not come into my room if there was money on the account.

11,424. Would not the note have been brought to you ?—No, the note would not have been brought to me in the regular course; because, if there was money enough on the account, they would assume that to be the same as a cheque. In the one or two cases the notes were brought to me.

11,425. In what cases were those ?—The case where Mr. Salmon states I brought some money down. I received a note in the morning, to the best of my recollection, to say that some one would call for 1000*l.* in the afternoon.

11,426. What day was that ?—Friday or Saturday. I think it was on the Friday, and they wanted it ready by the afternoon, that some one would call for it. It was called for; but I deny ever having brought any money down myself. I happened to come down on the occasion of the election, but that was merely for my own health's sake.

11,427. You were told on the Friday 1000*l.* was wanted ?—Yes, to have it ready.

11,428. Did they say it was to be ready in gold ?—Certainly, or else there was no necessity for giving the notice.

11,429. And who came for that money ?—I cannot exactly recollect, but I think it was Mr. Tahourdin; and I tell you why I think so, because I met Mr. Tahourdin at the railway station when I came down in the evening. What might have misled Mr. Salmon was this, probably, that I was down here about the same time.

11,430. What day did you come down to Yarmouth ?—I think it was on the Friday; Friday or Saturday.

11,431. And Mr. Tahourdin was here ?—Mr. Tahourdin was here, he came down by the same train.

11,432. In the same carriage ?—In the same carriage.

11,433. And you had 1,000*l.* with you ?—I do not know. I suppose he had possession of it, I took no charge of it. I should have left the carriage and left the 1,000*l.* there in the carriage, because I had no charge.

11,434. How long did you stay here ?—I think until Tuesday. When was the nomination day?

11,435. Tuesday ?—No, Wednesday morning. I went up by the first train or a very early train.

11,436. But there was more money drawn out of the bank after you left then ?—There was money drawn out on the Saturday.

11,437. How much was that ?—It appears to be 1,500*l.*

11,438. The best way will be for you to read out your memorandum ?—I will read the memorandum. On the 3rd July, 1,000*l.* was drawn; on the 7th July, 1,500*l.*; on the 8th July, 1,000*l.*; the 10th July, 1,000*l.*; and then the 11th, there was 1,500*l.*

11,439. That is all ?—That is all, and that makes 6,000*l.*

11,440. The 1,000*l.* that were drawn on the 3rd July, I understand, Mr. Tahourdin brought down ?—On the Friday or Saturday he brought some down, it was the Friday or the Saturday.

11,441. That would be the 7th or the 8th ?—I suppose he brought it down. I did not see who it was took it away from the bank.

11,442. Mr. Tahourdin says he came down on the Friday before the election, in the afternoon, with Mr. Brogden ?—That is the time I came down, on the Friday. I saw him at the station, and Mr. Brogden also.

11,443. That was the day on which the 1,500*l.* was drawn out ?—The 1,500*l.* was on the 11th.

11,444. And the 7th ?—Yes, there is 1,500*l.* that day.

11,445. Were you and Mr. Brogden and Mr. Tahourdin together ?—I saw them in the carriage, and went into the carriage of course, seeing them there.

11,446. You all came down together ?—Yes.

11,447. Can you tell me who drew out the 1,000*l.* on the 3rd ?—No, I cannot tell you at all who drew out the others, not the slightest idea.

11,448. I thought the arrangement was, that it was

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either to be drawn out by cheque or by a note to yourself?—Yes; but I do not know who took the money. They would naturally come into me in my room, and I would give instructions to the assistant manager or the cashier to deliver the money, but I would not know who took it away. I do not go into the office to see who receives the money.

11,449. Could not any of your cashiers tell us?—I think not. I do not think they could remember.

11,450. If they came with a note they would?—I do not think they would.

11,451. Would the cashier give up a large sum like 1,000*l.* without knowing to whom he gave it?—If you came, for instance, he would know you again after coming into my office.

11,452. He would not know my name?—Certainly not.

11,453. And he would not care about knowing?—If I said it was right.

11,454. The bearer is to have it?—Yes; he would not know you or your name at all.

11,455. Mr. Salmon is well known to your bank, I understand?—Yes, very well.

11,456. I presume the cashiers would know Mr. Salmon?—Yes; and I believe Mr. Salmon took some of the money away from the bank.

11,457. Mr. Salmon took a note of yours?—Yes; and a stranger would bring the note in to me, and I would give it to the chief cashier in all probability.

11,458. (*Mr. Russell.*) We have got Mr. Salmon's evidence that he brought down some of the money?—He had some.

11,459. Mr. Salmon having stated that he brought the 1,000*l.* on the 3rd July, you, I suppose, would have no doubt that he did?—Not the slightest in the world.

11,460. (*Mr. Slade.*) Now let us come to the 1,000*l.* on the 8th; that was after you left London on the Saturday?—Yes, I was here on the Saturday.

11,461. How was that drawn out of the bank?—I suppose by note or by cheque.

11,462. What is the use of your coming down here and not being able to tell us?—I cannot remember, because we do not keep vouchers.

11,463. We ought to know who drew out each sum and to whom it was paid. I presume it is all known to the bank?—No, it is not, we cannot tell at all.

11,464. But you might have brought the vouchers?—The vouchers are given up; we never keep the vouchers.

11,465. Would you not have any account in your bank to tell us how each sum was drawn out?—Only in cash. I have got all the evidence that the books would prove. It is payable to self.

11,466. Have you any doubt that the 1,000*l.* on the 3rd, and on the 8th, and on the 10th, were drawn out of the bank by Mr. Salmon?—If he says so, I have not the slightest doubt.

11,467. Can you tell us at all who drew out the 1,500*l.* on the 11th, or how it came down here; did you send up for it?—No.

11,468. That is on the nomination day?—Certainly not.

11,469. 1,500*l.* was drawn out on the 11th you say?—There were 1,500*l.* drawn out.

11,470. How was that drawn out?—I suppose in the usual way, by a letter from Mr. Brogden, in the usual way. I do not recollect any other.

11,471. Are you not at all aware how it was got hold of?—Not the slightest. I do not recollect anything about it.

11,472. Have you ever heard how it was drawn out?—No, except that it was drawn in gold.

11,473. By what person?—No, I do not know at all, I never heard; most likely by Mr. Salmon, I think, if he was there. I do not know whether he was here or there. Mr. Salmon seemed to do that kind of work generally.

11,474. Mr. Salmon was not the only man who brought money to Yarmouth?—Mr. Tahourdin did, and I do not know anybody else.

11,475. Do you not?—No, unless young Mr. Talhourdin might have brought some down.

11,476. He did not. Mr. Tahourdin told us he did not, that he only came down with his father?—He was here I know.

11,477. He came with his father, and his father brought the money. Did young Mr. Tahourdin come down in the train with you?—No, I think not. I think he was down here, or came down afterwards.

11,478. Was Mr. Brogden's brother down here when you came down?—I think he was.

11,479. Did he leave Yarmouth while you were here?—No, I think I left him here.

11,480. I mean, did he go away between the Friday and the election day?—I do not know at all. I was not at the same hotel. He came down to see me on one or two occasions, and spent the evening with me once. He was staying at the "Angel."

11,481. Could nobody in your bank tell us what individual it was who drew out that 1,500*l.* on the 11th?—They might recollect. I could ask them the question whether anybody could tell.

11,482. It was all in gold?—I can write or telegraph, and ask whether either of the cashiers can recollect the person who took it away.

11,483. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What do you do with the cheques?—We give them back to the customers of the bank.

11,484. When?—Once a fortnight. We like them to come, for they take away the book and the cheques.

11,485. Mr. Brogden would have the cheques?—Yes.

11,486. And the notes that he sent to you?—In all probability they would be likely to be sent with them or filed. We should generally send them back as they are vouchers.

11,487. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know of your own knowledge who brought down that 1,500*l.* on the 11th?—I have not the slightest idea. I should be happy to give you every information I am possessed of. I am not interested in any way.

11,488. When you left the bank for coming down to Yarmouth did you give any instructions about Mr. Brogden's cheques being honoured beyond the amount of the transfer of consols?—No, certainly not.

11,489. Would the cashier on his own responsibility go beyond the 5,000*l.*?—I do not know whether he would or not; he would ask the chairman, or the assistant manager would ask the chairman in that case certainly, whether he should honour the cheque.

11,490. You see, on the 11th, he was overdrawing his account?—He paid in 1,500*l.* afterwards.

11,491. At that moment he was overdrawing, there was only the 5,000*l.*?—He paid in cash 1,500*l.*

11,492. What day was that?—On the 19th he paid in 1,500*l.* That is to write off part of the loan. It would appear by the account he was overdrawn certainly on that date.

11,493. Then, I presume, the cashier would go to the manager for the time being and ask his instructions?—The cashier would go to the assistant manager in my absence.

11,494. Had you left any instructions yourself about that?—No, not any.

11,495. Did you write any notice up to London from Yarmouth?—I think I wrote a note when Mr. Tahourdin brought down that on Saturday.

11,496. Who did you write to?—I wrote to the assistant manager.

11,497. To what effect?—To send down by bearer—I enclosed an order from Mr. Brogden, I think—send down the money that was required, whatever it was, 1,000*l.* I think it was.

11,498. Who did you send that by?—I think Mr. Tahourdin took that, or Mr. Salmon, I do not recollect.

11,499. That was the 1,000*l.* which was brought down on the 10th?—Yes.

11,500. That was brought down by Mr. Salmon?—That is right.

11,501. You sent him up with an order ?—I sent up the order to the assistant manager.

11,502. Give the bearer 1,000*l.* ?—I enclosed Mr. Brogden's order. I had something else to say to the assistant manager about other business, I suppose, and I sent up this order.

11,503. Did you ever send up any instructions to the assistant manager to honour Mr. Brogden's order for a further amount ?—I do not recollect ; I think not. Certainly not. Only once, I think that was on the Saturday I had to write a letter, and I enclosed the order, I think, as far as I can recollect.

11,504. You were Mr. Brogden's personal friend ?—I was.

11,505. The assistant manager, I presume, did not know Mr. Brogden more than as a customer ?—Except in the management of the business. I have known Mr. Brogden many years.

11,506. It was your arrangement that he should be allowed to overdraw his account, I presume ?—No, I made no arrangement whatever about the overdrawing.

11,507. You say you would have honoured his cheque to a higher amount ?—I should not like to return his cheque. He would have no stipulation about overdrawing his account certainly with me.

11,508. He did not ?—Not the slightest.

11,509. Did he ever say that he might require perhaps more than this ?—Never. Certainly not.

11,510. Did he suppose 5,000*l.* consols was enough to cover all expenses ?—I suppose he did, for that was his arrangement. I did not ask him how much he was going to spend. He transferred this 5,000*l.*

11,511. And opened an account ?—And opened an account.

11,512. Is that a common way of doing business upon loans of that sort ?—Yes, especially where the firm has an account. Very often one of the partners wishes to do some transaction, and they open a private account for particular purposes, not to mix the matter up with the firm. It is very general.

11,513. If you can ascertain for us to whom that 1,500*l.* was given in gold on the 11th we should be much obliged ?—I will do so. I had better write to-night, had I not.

11,514. Yes. Nobody has spoken of that ; Mr. Salmon has spoken of the three other sums ?—That is on the Tuesday, the day before I went up. I fancy Mr. Tahourdin's son, or one of his sons, brought down something.

11,515. Mr. René Tahourdin ?—Yes, Mr. Tahourdin said that he had not.

11,516. I will tell you what Mr. Tahourdin says. This is his evidence, "I was going to mention, at the "same time I received a letter asking me to come "down, I received a letter asking my son René. He "knows less than I do. I put it to the Commissioners "whether it is worth the expense of bringing him "down here. *Q.* Did he bring anything with him ?— "*A.* No. *Q.* We were told by Mr. Salmon he brought "some money ?—*A.* It is merely from the fact that "he came with me. He is one of my young sons, I "brought him here to see the election. He accom- "panied me in a cab to the Imperial Bank and waited "till I came out and he came down with me here. "It was Mr. Salmon's idea that he brought the money. "I was the party, and he came merely as my com- "panion. *Q.* Then your son never came down except "in your company ?—*A.* Never."—That may have misled me. I may have seen Mr. René Tahourdin at the bank.

11,517. But were there two of Mr. Tahourdin's sons down here ?—I only saw one, René, I think.

11,518. You know Mr. René Tahourdin, I suppose ?—Yes, very well.

11,519. You see that forbids the idea of Mr. René Tahourdin bringing that money on the nomination day ?—Yes.

11,520. Then who do you think it was now ?—I cannot tell at all, because everybody connected with the election was down here on that day.

11,521. Do you think it was Mr. Brogden's brother ?—No, I think not, because he was here. I fancy he was here on the nomination day. I think I saw him here.

11,522. Could you say whether it was Mr. Johnston or not ?—I do not know ; it might have been Mr. Johnston.

11,523. Mr. Johnson said he brought nothing ?—I will ascertain by letter who it was if I can.

11,524. (*Mr. Russell.*) There were four names that Mr. Salmon gave us with reluctance ; the two Mr. Tahourdin's, your own, and Mr. Brogden's brother. We have traced one sum of money through you to Mr. Tahourdin ; the 1,500*l.* on the 7th, and the only sum unaccounted for is 1,500*l.* on the 11th. You did not bring it ?—Certainly not ; I was here.

11,525. Mr. René Tahourdin did not bring it here, or Mr. Tabourdin himself ; consequently, if it was one of the four names that Mr. Salmon gave us with reluctance, it was Mr. Brogden's brother, and he was here that day ?—I think I saw him here that day.

11,526. You do not remember if he went up to town ?—No. I should not know much, I was staying at a different part of the town. They were staying at the "Angel," and I was staying at the water side.

11,527. Mr. Salmon said of Mr. Brogden's brother, "I believe he did bring some down ; I cannot swear to it, but I believe he did." Do you believe the same ?—I cannot tell at all. I do not recollect at all. I fancy I saw him here on the day of the election.

11,528. Who is the assistant manager of your bank ?—Mr. Brown.

11,529. Was he down here ?—No ; we cannot both leave together.

11,530. Did you remit any money through any other bank ?—No, certainly not ; and why Mr. Salmon should have a particular wish to keep my name a secret is a mystery to me. I cannot understand it.

11,531. It is very clear that the sum your name was connected with was the money that was brought down by Mr. Tahourdin on the 7th, and the mistake arose from your being in his company and Mr. Brogden's ?—I suppose that would be the reason.

11,532. Do you know what 5,000*l.* consols would produce at that time ?—No ; I know what it produced afterwards.

11,533. What?—4,371*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

11,534. What sum did Mr. Brogden afterwards pay in ?—1,500*l.*

11,535. I understand that the consols realized 4,371*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*?—4,371*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

11,536. Then Mr. Brogden subsequently paid in 1,500*l.*?—He paid in on the 19th cash 1,500*l.*

11,537. That makes 5,871*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, therefore Mr. Brogden is still in your debt ?—He paid in other sums to make up the difference. He paid in the balance, whatever it was, to close the account.

11,538. Did he pay in a subsequent balance ?—Yes ; subsequent cash. I only took out in my memorandum those that appertained to election matters. He paid in several sums of money and, in cash.

11,539. That does not close the election account ; Mr. Brogden drew out 6,000*l.*?—Yes.

11,540. And you have only accounts to his credit for 5,871*l.*?—He paid in several sums, and the account actually was not closed until May in the following year, because we charged him interest on the loan, and then he paid money from time to time in 200*l.* or 300*l.* at a time.

11,541. Then has Mr. Brogden opened an account with you since ?—No, he has not opened an account. He keeps his firm account the same as before.

11,542. Not at your branch ?—Not at the head office. The firm, as I said before, have an account at both the head office and the branch. They work through both ; but for their business in Victoria Street it is more convenient to have one there.

11,543. Is this the only loan you made to Mr. Brogden ?—That is the only loan.

11,544. Can you tell me what the next payment that Mr. Brogden made into your bank was, subse-

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quent to the 1,500*l.* he paid in?—You mean the next credit.

11,545. Yes?—No, I cannot tell you, but I will get the statement of the account sent down; that will be the better way.

11,546. For the present the election account is not balanced?—No, it is not, according to my account. You shall have it down by Wednesday morning.

11,547. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When Mr. Brogden first came to you about this loan, you say he told you he might want the money for election purposes?—Yes; he was going to put up for Yarmouth, he said.

11,548. Did it not appear to you a considerable sum of money for election purposes?—It did to me. I told him I thought he was very foolish coming down to such a place as Yarmouth.

11,549. You know something about Yarmouth?—Of course everybody knows Yarmouth.

11,550. Except Sir Edmund Lacon?—I have not been dead all my life.

11,551. You did not suppose for one instant that the money was going to be spent in legal expenses, did you?—If he spent it at all, certainly not.

11,552. Perhaps now you can account for the reason why Mr. Salmon was unwilling to mention your name?—I could not tell what he wanted it for. Of course he might draw it out for what he liked. I will let you have on Wednesday morning the result of my inquiry.

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CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

11,553. What are you?—A chemist and druggist and innkeeper.

11,554. Where do you reside?—At Preston.

11,555. In Lancashire?—Yes.

11,556. We hear that you came down at the last election here, and passed under the name of Mr. Jones?—I did.

11,557. Who sent for you?—Mr. Edwards.

11,558. When he sent for you did he say for what purpose you were wanted?—To assist him in the election.

11,559. Had you on previous occasions assisted Mr. Edwards in election matters?—Yes.

11,560. On what day was it that you came down to Yarmouth?—Well, I do not know whether it was Friday or not; I am not certain; I do not know exactly; I cannot speak positively.

11,561. Was it not earlier than Friday?—Well, I really cannot speak positively.

11,562. Was it the week preceding the election?—It was.

11,563. When you came down to Yarmouth you found Mr. Edwards here?—I did.

11,564. Did you make acquaintance with Mr. Brogden?—I fancy that Mr. Edwards introduced me to Mr. Brogden.

11,565. Did Mr. Edwards introduce you to Mr. Livingston?—I think he did.

11,566. Did he introduce you to Mr. Hammond?—He did not.

11,567. Did he introduce you to Mr. Marshman?—No.

11,568. Did Mr. Edwards introduce you to Mr. Clowes?—I do not remember that name.

11,569. Did he introduce you to various parties who took an interest in the election?—No, he did not introduce me to so very many of them, only, I should think, about four or five.

11,570. Downing was one?—Yes, Mr. Downing was one.

11,571. We have got three names now?—I think a person of the name of Edwards was another.

11,572. Tom Edwards?—Yes; and Mr. Neave, I think.

11,573. Can you recollect any other person?—No, not that he introduced me to.

11,574. What did he introduce you to these gentlemen as?—That I had come to assist him in the election.

11,575. Had you arranged with Mr. Edwards for this, that you were to pass under the name of Jones?—No, not at all. I very often call myself Jones if I go to a strange place, inasmuch as my name is rather a peculiar name, and it is very difficult to get people to think of it, "Satterthwaite." Some of them say, what is it? They ask me a dozen times, even at home. I sometimes say I am Jones from Inglewade.

11,576. Do you always go by the name of Jones when you go electioneering with Mr. Edwards?—I have assumed Jones once or twice.

11,577. Have you ever gone under any other name than Jones?—In Yarmouth?

11,578. Anywhere?—I might have done so. I cannot exactly state at present.

11,579. When you were summoned by Mr. Edwards to assist him in the election I presume you knew it was to assist him in the way in which you did assist him afterwards?—I beg your pardon; I did not. When I was wrote to by Mr. Edwards I thought it was for another purpose entirely. I thought it was one of those places where there was a close contest, and had it been so by Mr. Edwards and I from the way we arranged making the lists, and so forth, we could have made 40 difference in the votes by a little strategy, not with bribery at all. That never entered my mind at the time he wrote to me, that there was any bribery purposed at all. It was for another purpose entirely that I thought I was coming over here, because I never was at a place yet, at least very few places, where they really did understand the electioneering, making out the books, the lists, the sheets, and everything of that sort, in order at a glance to know who has voted and who has not, and who is to be got up or not.

11,580. Did you assist Mr. Edwards at all in making up the books when you came down here?—I did, in making the lists and so on, but it was broken through. Had I known I was coming here for the purpose of bribery I should not have allowed myself to be introduced to Mr. Brogden or anybody else.

11,581. We hear that you had nothing to do when you came?—I said to Mr. Edwards, "How is your list going on, and your books?" I examined them, and suggested several alterations myself, and he said, "The parties here object to the style of making out the lists we have;" and I said, "If that is the case, it is no use my bothering," and I went loose then.

11,582. You found your services were of no use?—Yes.

11,583. Still you remained on?—Yes, I was preparing to go away; I had another place to go to, and Mr. Edwards asked me to stay a little longer.

11,584. Your services were not called into requisition until the Monday?—My services were not called into requisition until the Monday evening, but on the Sunday I think it was, Mr. Downing took me in his conveyance round the country, and we called on several voters, and they told us we were too late. Some of them said they had got 20*l.* from the other side, and they were then bribing them in Gorleston, and we waited some time to see if we could see the parties who were purchasing them, and we could not; and when we came back Mr. Downing reported that to some one that they were bribing on the other side. This was on the Sunday evening.

11,585. Was that the first time Edwards had heard of it?—This is Downing and I that were out in the country.

11,586. Did you go back and report this to Mr. Edwards?—I told Mr. Edwards what I had heard.

11,587. Was that the first time Mr. Edwards had heard of it?—I do not know, but that is the first time that I reported it to him; in fact, we came across three men that had received 20*l.* each on the Sunday.

11,588. In Gorleston was that?—Yes, in Gorleston.

11,589. You did more than that in that drive with Downing?—On the Sunday?

11,590. Yes?—No, we did not.

11,591. Did you not arrange about the tickets?—

That was afterwards, when we came back. He said we should have to do the same, and I said, "You do not intend to pay the people before they vote for you?" He said, "Oh yes, certainly." Mr. Edwards suggested I should have to have a certain amount of money, and various other parties would have to have money. I said, "That seems to me a very strange way of proceeding; "why not pay them with tickets, and let one man pay "the whole of the money, and let him be responsible "for the tickets; let no one handle the cash but him; let "him be answerable by tickets; you each make a mark "with your initials for the amount, and give me a copy "of your handwriting." Several parties they gave me a copy of the handwritings of, and the tickets were presented to me; but when I found out that arrangement was broken through I said I would give over, inasmuch as there was no check on anyone how the money went.

11,592–4. Can you tell us what each letter stood for?—A. stood for 5*l.*, B. for 10*l.*, C. for 15*l.*, and D. for 20*l.*

11,595. In whose handwriting did you receive them?—I do not know the parties, further than I knew the handwriting. I will not be positive, but Mr. Edwards gave me the handwritings of the various parties who would send the tickets.

11,596. We want to know who they were?—I do not know who they were.

11,597. How many were there?—Four or five. I cannot say. I cannot speak positively just now. I did not retain it so much on my memory after the election was over.

11,598. Mr. Downing was one man?—Yes; in fact, Mr. Downing came several times to get money from me, but I made him always give me tickets for the amount I handed over to him in order that I might answer for the money I had received.

11,599. Downing told us that he wrote all the tickets himself, was that true?—He would only write the tickets for the money that he wanted for the election for his voters. He did not write all the tickets for the various parties, inasmuch as he could not see all the voters and know their requirements. Some man would want 5*l.*, and another 20*l.* The party who goes to him is supposed to be the captain. The runners take the man to him, and say, "Here is a man wants so much." Downing could not know what that man would want; it must be the party who is arranging with him; therefore, Downing could not make the tickets, or put the A, B, C, or D on without knowing what the amount was that he wanted.

11,600. You only allowed five persons authority to write these tickets?—Five or six.

11,601. Who were they?—I do not know their names. It was handed in to me. The handwritings of the various persons who would write the tickets. Who handed it in I cannot swear to at present, only I referred to the handwriting every time a ticket was produced to me.

11,602. Was there an initial in the corner of the ticket?—There was a small private mark that I had made.

11,603. What was it?—I do not exactly know the mark. It was something that suggested itself to me at the time, so that there could be no forging it.

11,604. How did you guard against forgery?—I told them what sort of mark to make.

11,605. Tell us what it was?—I think it was a sort of a cross or something, or a little "o." I forget how it was done now; I cannot call to mind at present.

11,606. Was it not an initial?—No, there was the number on the register of the party. I had a register with me. I referred to the register, found the number was correct, then I looked at the initial for the amount they had to receive. I paid the amount they had to receive, and upon the register I made a remark A, B, or C, or D, what I had paid them, and kept the ticket as well.

11,607. Did you ever see that before (*handing the register produced by Mr. Edwards to the witness*)?—Yes, I saw this previous to the election in fact; I went through the promises.

11,608. That is Mr. Edwards' book?—That is Mr. Edwards' book.

11,609. Had you a book of your own like that?—I had a register, not like this; an ordinary register.

11,610. And against the names in that register you put down the letter?—I did.

11,611. At whose dictation?—My own. When the tickets came in; supposing a person brings a ticket to me with the number so and so upon the register, I refer to the register, and find he is upon it; then I put the C., D., or B., whatever it might be, opposite that name.

11,612. After you gave him the money?—After I gave him the money in order that he could not come a second time.

11,613. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you got that register?—No, I gave all up to Mr. Salmon that I had.

11,614. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you no paper at all?—No, I gave all up to him after he checked me off; he went through my papers.

11,615. Look at those two (*handing two papers to the witness*)?—These are mine.

17,616. Those are what you gave up to Mr. Salmon?—Yes, copied off the register.

11,617. Did you give Mr. Salmon up the register too?—I really do not know whether I gave it him up. However, I took nothing away with me. If I did not give him the register, I left it on the room table after I balanced up. This is according to the register. Here is the number on the register, and the amount they received. I kept a register of them and their prices, so that they could not come a second time.

11,618. When were those lists written out?—After the election. Mr. Salmon, as it was his duty to do, balanced us up. I produced my papers with the number on the register. Mr. Salmon goes through this in order to check me, to see whether my cash stood right with the amounts I had paid in the register.

11,619. Did they balance exactly?—According to this, there are 10, I think that I could not account for. I had paid 10*l.* more away than I had tickets for, or I had not paid so much perhaps, and I account for this by paying a C ticket instead of a D. I had an overplus of 10*l.* that I could not account for, and I accounted to Mr. Salmon for it in this way: supposing a person brought me in the hurry of the moment a D ticket, and I had only given 15*l.*, and that happened twice over, that would account for the 10*l.* I paid them 5*l.* too little at each time.

11,620. Was that the only error that occurred in squaring the account?—It was with me; it was not with Mr. Edwards. We were a week almost, I think, tracing up Mr. Edwards' accounts afterwards. I stayed and assisted Mr. Salmon to try and make Mr. Edwards' account right, if we could. He appeared to have paid some parties whom I had tickets for signed by other parties, and when we went to the parties, the parties said, I had given it to them, and not Mr. Edwards. Then Mr. Edwards said he thought some one else must have come and used their names, for instance, they personated some one else.

11,621. When you paid away this money had you some one in the room to guard against the personation of voters?—No, I had the register, and I also had their handwritings as to the figures, and so long as it was not ticked off on my register, I was not aware that anyone else was paying but myself, because when they concluded to bribe, I would not consent to have anything to do with it, unless they allowed all the money to go through my hands, and only to be paid by tickets, in order that there might be a check. I have seen a good many parties come and say, "I want so much for so-and-so," and it has not got into the proper channel, and that is the reason why I suggested the tickets.

11,622. Did you get a ticket for every sum that you paid away?—Yes, I either got a ticket or a list.

11,623. But you received a ticket at the time?—I

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either got a ticket or a list of the names of the parties; and of course I paid them according to the amount on the list. It was the same to me as a ticket. Mr. Edwards, I think, gave me a list for one.

11,624. You knew the handwritings of the persons making the lists?—Yes.

11,625. If a man came with a ticket that he had stolen or picked up, would you have paid him, not being the right man?—I should certainly have paid him, but still, I think they would stick too well to them to allow them to be stolen.

11,626. What I want to know is, if a man came and represented himself as such a man upon the register, what guarantee had you that he was the man?—He would have to produce his ticket; and of course I should know by the captain's order that was the party who signed the ticket.

11,627. You were content with that voucher?—Certainly. That was my voucher, because no one else, only the captains, knew what initials to make.

11,628. Who were the captains?—I think I have told you the principal names that had to do with it. I do not remember any other name that was given to me.

11,629. You have only given us Downing and Edwards?—Oh, yes; there was Mr. Neave.

11,630. Those were the men that were introduced to you when he first came down?—Yes; then I had a list presented to me, saying, "These are the hand-"writings of the parties who will be distributing the "tickets."

11,631. Those are the three men?—I did not know; I did not get the names of the parties who would bring them.

11,632. Were those the three men whose handwritings were shown to you?—There were five or six different parties handwritings shown to me, but they did not give me the names.

11,633. But Downing, Edwards, and Neave were three of the people whose writings you saw?—Yes; Downing I had a good deal to do with, because first of all he told me he had always been on the Conservative side, and he told me the Sunday night, after we found the bribery affair out, that he had been the agent always for the Conservatives, and he had always done the bribery. I said, "What is the "reason you have turned over?" He said, "They "sent me out of the road, to Paris," or somewhere "when there was a petition, and they would not pay "my expenses, and that is the reason I am going "against them now."

11,634. Do you mean that because of that, you were loath to trust him?—I am loath to trust anyone unless there is a check upon them. I suggested then the tickets. That was the reason I suggested the tickets.

11,635. Because he had been bribing on the Conservativo side before?—Yes, and because he had been doing that, and I heard how the money was given away. He told me how the thing was done, that certain parties had the money given to them to pay the voters; I said "That is a very loose way, there "is no check either upon you or anybody else who "pays it; and not only that, I do not see but what "the parties can be paid twice over." I said, "It "will be far better if the voters were not paid at all "until after they had voted, and then give them a "ticket." He said, "That will not do here."

11,636. They must have their money before?—They must have their money before.

11,637. When Downing and you arrranged that the tickets were the best way of giving the money, did he suggest to you who the captains should be?—No, he did not.

11,638. Who did?—I will not speak positively, I will not swear it, but I think it was Edwards.

11,639. You mean Tom Edwards, the tailor?—No, Edwards, the agent.

11,640. You have given us those three; we must have them all?—I cannot give them all, because I do not know them positively.

11,641. Was Moore one?—There was a person named Moore that went with me to Cattermole's.

11,642. He told us that?—He did not go with the intention of bribery or giving any tickets. He merely said he should like to watch my system, and I said "If you want to do it, come in the room and be "behind a screen, and you will hear what people "have to say," because when I find a person to all appearances a man of education and standing, I generally have something to say to them as to why they should take a bribe, and he wished to hear that.

11,643. You were going to read them a lecture?—Yes, I was.

11,644. Against the sin of taking bribes?—I thought men like them should be above it.

11,645. And Moore came to hear these little orations?—Yes, but he was behind the screen; he could not see them, or they could not see him.

11,646. Before we get to that room, where Moore was sitting as a spectator, I want to know was he a captain?—No.

11,647. Are you sure he was not one of the men who was named as a captain?—He was never mentioned to me.

11,648. Did you ever see his handwriting for that purpose?—No.

11,649. That you are positive of?—I think so; I do not know the whole of the parties. The handwriting was given to me without the names of the parties.

11,650. You did not know who the parties were whose writing you saw?—No; I could not swear to Downing's handwriting now.

11,651. You were told at the time who they were?—Not the names; but I should have certain tickets, and those persons were authorized to give those tickets that they showed me the handwriting of.

11,652. Was that a part of your plan not to know the names of the persons whose writing you were shown?—I did not ask the names.

11,653. Did you think it safer not to ask?—Perhaps I might at the time; however, I did not ask, and I did not know the parties names.

11,654. Did you ever know a man named Barber here?—I have heard the name of Barber, but I do not remember having anything to do with him; I cannot remember having anything to do with him.

11,655. Do you know whether you saw him at all at the election time?—I was not introduced to him. There were a great number, for instance, Mr. Hammond. I do not know him, and several others I do not know. I did not mix much among them, only sometimes of an evening I saw them.

11,656. However, Mr. Barber and Mr. Hammond were not exactly in the same position in life?—I do not know anything about their position.

11,657. Can you say whether or not Mr. Barber was one of the captains?—I cannot.

11,658. However, you say there were five captains?—I say I was introduced to about five. There were five or six different handwritings I know.

11,659. All those handwritings you honoured?—Yes.

11,660. Mr. Edwards gave tickets as well as you, or at least he honoured the tickets as well as you?—No, he paid without tickets.

11,661. Did you go to Gorleston at all?—Yes.

11,662. The ticket system went on there?—All the money I paid I paid with tickets.

11,663. Was Warner one of the captains?—I would not swear it, because I did not know them; I only knew the handwriting.

11,664. Do you know Warner?—I do not know him.

11,665. Did you never see him during the election?—I might see him, but I do not know him.

11,666. Do you know King?—I heard speak of King frequently, but I do not know him.

11,667. Was he one of the captains?—I cannot say.

11,668. It is no use my suggesting a name to you

because you would not be able to tell me I suppose?—I could not, further than hearing their names.

11,669. I want to know who the five captains were?—I do not know.

11,670. We know they took a considerable part in the election?—I heard they were taking a part in it, I do not know that I saw them. There were plenty of people that I saw whom I do not know.

11,671. You enlightened Mr. Downing as to the ticket system upon that Sunday afternoon?—Upon that Sunday evening.

11,672. Had you got to enlighten Mr. Edwards upon that subject, or was he pretty well up?—I had no conversation with Mr. Edwards about the ticket system.

11,673. I understood Mr. Edwards gave you the name of the men whose handwritings you were to honour?—This was on the Monday evening when they concluded to do as the other side was doing.

11,674. Then did you have some conversation with Mr. Edwards?—I misunderstood your question. I understood you did I mention the ticket system to Downing.

11,675. I mean, whether, when you came back, after you rode with Downing, you told Edwards what you had arranged?—I told Edwards that I should go upon the ticket system.

11,676. The ticket system is well known to Mr. Edwards?—Yes, he did know of it.

11,677. Before the last election here?—Yes.

11,678. It was nothing new to him?—No; because it is adopted at municipal elections, where he has worked.

11,679. Did you explain the mystery of the ticket system to anybody else besides Downing?—No. I think it was left to Downing to explain it, I think so; I cannot be positive. I might do so, I will not be positive that I did.

11,680. Had you any conversation with anybody upon that subject?—I had very little conversation after I found what was going to be done. I did not make it my business to have much conversation with any one.

11,681. You wrote no tickets yourself?—No. If I wrote tickets, they would have been no check upon me.

11,682. Then upon the Monday, I understand, you and Mr. Edwards came to the determination that the ticket system was to be adopted?—On the Monday evening after it was concluded to do as the other side was doing, I said to Edwards—"I shall not do any-"thing unless the system is adopted they were adopt-"ing," and the money was to go through my hands.

11,683. Can you tell me, from what you heard, and from what you were given to understand, whether the ticket system was quite new in this borough?—I believe it was; in fact I am certain it was, because there was an objection raised to the ticket system.

11,684. What was the objection?—That it would not answer here. The money must be given to the captains, and we had to leave the captains to distribute it.

11,685. I understand the pure ticket system would have been, to have paid after the election, would it not?—Yes; after they had voted.

11,686. But you were obliged to compromise the system by paying before?—I was obliged to give way, because I was told to give way. What I suggested was this, that they were to be paid after they had voted, and to have a separate runner from the polling booth to me with the lists—something in this form,—the number on the register, the name, and whom they had voted for; so that when the ticket came, I could see whether they voted for us or not, or if they had voted, and then I paid them as the list came in.

11,687. There were two objections to that system which you suggested; one was, the men wanted the money before the poll, and the second was, that the captains wanted to have the distribution themselves?—Yes. I think it was Mr. Downing said it would never act in Yarmouth, that the people must be paid, and they would only take it from the parties they knew. I think that was the objection. I said, "It "is the first time that ever I saw any one refuse money let it be who it might."

11,688. Then on the Monday afternoon or evening, you began the operation which you have told us of?—Yes.

11,689. Have you any memorandum of the sums that you received, and when you received them?—I gave them all to Mr. Salmon when we were balancing up.

11,690. Can you tell us what they were?—The sums?

11,691. Yes?—I could tell by referring to this paper.

11,692. If you please?—The amount I paid do you mean?

11,693. First of all, I want the amount you received, and from whom. You received money from Mr. Johnston, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Edwards?—No; I received none from Mr. Edwards. I did not know that he had any money at all. I received from Mr. Johnson 2,000*l.*, and from Mr. Salmon 1,717*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* It says here, (*referring*) to Edwards 195*l.*, but I do not remember receiving anything from Edwards.

11,694. Can you say by looking at that memorandum, whether you did or not?—No, I cannot.

11,695. Do you believe you did not?—I believe I did not. I did not know, till the election was nearly over, that Edwards had any money at all.

11,696. Whose handwriting is that?—Mr. Salmon's, after he balanced me up.

11,697. Were you present when he wrote it?—Yes. This is the list (*referring*). He balanced me up the money I received from various parties.

11,698. It was brought to your notice at that time, that Mr. Edwards had debited you with 195*l.*?—Yes; and I said I did not remember Edwards giving me any money.

11,699. You mean at the time?—Yes, at the time. I said to Mr. Salmon, "I do not remember getting "any money from Mr. Edwards; I think I got all "from you."

11,700. And what did Mr. Edwards say to that?—He did not say anything.

11,701. Was Mr. Edwards present?—Yes; he was present the whole of the time, because we were engaged upon these accounts.

11,702. I see Mr. Salmon, in balancing his accounts, has allowed that amount of 195*l.* against you?—Yes, I see he has; but I think it was Mr. Salmon gave it to me.

11,703. You acknowledge receiving the money?—Yes.

11,704. You dispute the person who gave it you?—Yes, that is all.

11,705. And you received altogether 3,912*l.* 10*s.*0*d.*?—Yes.

11,706. On what day did you receive the first sum?—On the Monday evening.

11,707. When did you receive the 1,717*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*?—I kept on receiving it.

11,708. You cannot say at what time?—No. When my money ran short, I went down again.

11,709. Who was the person that you sent to for money when it became necessary?—I went myself. I took a cab and went myself.

11,710. To Mr. Salmon or Mr. Johnston?—To Mr. Salmon or Mr. Johnston.

11,711. What limit was there as to how far you were to go on?—I do not know that the limit was ever named to me.

11,712. Did Mr. Edwards send you to Mr. Johnston and Mr. Salmon?—He did.

11,713. Were Mr. Johnston and Mr. Salmon living together?—No. I think Mr. Johnston lived by himself in a cottage somewhere by the sea-side; at least, it was a cottage I went to him at, and I think he was staying there. Mr. Salmon I think I saw at the "Angel."

11,714. Did you give Mr. Johnston and Mr. Salmon

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any memorandum of the amount you carried off each time?—Yes, of the amount I received each time from them.

11,715. Who accompanied you when you went on those occasions?—I went by myself.

11,716. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What became of the tickets?—After the election was over, Mr. Salmon and I adjourned to the "Angel," and he went through the numbers of the tickets with the register, to see if the tickets were correct, and after that, I do not know what became of the tickets. We found the tickets correct, except the 10*l.* over, and of course we did not go into that, because I thought I might have paid some two of them 5*l.* less. The tickets most likely would be destroyed.

11,717. (*Mr. Slade.*) As I understand you, the tickets that were brought to you had the number upon the register, and one of the letters A B C, or D upon them?—Yes.

11,718. I want to know, what was the use of your learning a man's handwriting, to know whether it was a *bonâ fide* ticket or not? You could not know a man's handwriting by merely seeing three or four figures, and the letter A?—Yes, you could tell a person's figures.

11,719. Then it was the figures?—It was the figures I had before me in his handwriting.

11,720. He wrote out the figures to show how he formed his figures?—Mr. Edwards presented me with a list of the parties who would send tickets. and with the figures they would represent, and when the tickets came to me, I referred to the figures, and I found it was correct.

11,721. Then there was also a private mark?—Just so. I do not know whether it was an "O," or something of that kind. I know I suggested that there should be something that I should know.

11,722. It was a mark that you knew no one else would make out?—Yes.

11,723. And you knew that one of the Captains would make it?—I should know that it would be made by a party whom Mr. Edwards had told me of. He wrote out the ticket that he wanted, and I made a sort of mark, that I wanted.

11,724. Was this mark so minute that it would escape observation?—Very few people would notice it.

11,725. It was very small?—It was very small; not one in 20 would notice it.

11,726. Have you got a ticket?—No, I have not.

11,727. Now I think we had better take you to the places were you spent the money. Where did you go to on the Monday evening?—I think the first place I went to was Cattermole's?—I think so.

11,728. The "Army and Navy" tavern?—Yes; the "Army and Navy" tavern.

11,729. And that is where Mr. Moore accompanied you out of curiosity?—Yes. He said he would like to see it. I said "Very well, come; but you must make a screen, and you must be behind the screen."

11,730. You would not admit many people into that room?—No, I should not.

11,731. Mr. Moore was a very highly favoured one?—Well, I had been in his company two or three nights, at the "Angel," or one or two nights. Of course we got into election matters, municipal elections, and so on. I told him what I had seen, and so on, and this ticket system was rather a new thing for them, and so they wanted to see it.

11,732. Do you think you were incautious in admitting Mr. Moore into that room?—Well, I do not think I was very cautious. I thought it was an error of mine afterwards; I thought it was an error of judgment.

11,733. Was Mr. Moore acquainted with Mr. Edwards?—Well, I never saw them together, I cannot speak to that. I only saw Mr. Moore when we were having a glass and enjoying ourselves in the evening at the hotel. There were all sorts of people there, Whigs, Tories, and Radicals, I suppose, a regular miscellaneous company, and a good deal of chaffing going on.

11,734. Was Mr. Moore the only man that was admitted into the room when you were exchanging tickets for money at any of these place?—Yes. There was no other person in the room at any other place unless it was at the "Angel." That was very near the close of the poll I think.

11,735. Who was present at the "Angel"?—I fancy Mr. Edwards was there once or twice.

11,736. Do you know Mr. Fill?—Well, I do not know him to have any conversation with him. I heard his name, just the same as I might Mr. Moore's.

11,737. You know Mr. Moore?—I only know him casually in the company.

11,738. You made a firm friendship with him?—Yes. I knew I had committed an error of judgment.

11,739. Mr. Moore was your best friend?—I do not know that.

11,740. He was the only man you admitted into that room?—He was.

11,741. Did you suggest the screen being put up in the room at Cattermole's?—Yes, I did.

11,742. Who was that to screen?—Mr. Moore wanted to see this, and I said, well, he should be behind a screen. It was not put up; it was up when we went into the room.

11,743. It was at somebody's orders that the screen was put up there, at all events?—No. It was something standing in the room he sat behind, not a proper screen. I merely put it in front of him in order that they should not see him. It was something in the room.

11,744. It was brought into the room we have heard?—No, that was a mistake. It was in the room when we went in. No one knew that Mr. Moore would be in the room.

11,745. Mr. Moore was not hidden was he?—No. He was so, that if they came a long way into the room, they might have seen him; but there was a sort of recess, such as this might be (*describing*). He was sitting in that corner, and I was a little before it. Had they came into the middle of the room, they might have seen him.

11,746. The landlord saw him?—Of course the landlord knew he was there.

11,747. Did the landlord go into the room with you and Mr. Moore?—The landlord showed me the room that I was to be in.

11,748. Did he show Mr. Moore the place that he was to be in?—Mr. Moore went up with me, and I suggested this place.

11,749. Then Cattermole placed you there, and then went to fetch up the voters?—Cattermole brought the voters up into the room who had the tickets.

11,750. He was a sort of door-keeper?—Yes. I suppose he would be the door-keeper, as he showed them into the room.

11,751. Mr. Cattermole was perfectly well aware what you were going to do there?—I do not think he knew till I got there.

11,752. When you got there, he knew exactly what you were going to do?—He must have known; or else why should they have tickets?

11,753. Did you tell Mr. Cattermole you were going to receive voters?—I told Mr. Cattermole I should be down in the evening, and he must get a quantity of voters up to meet me.

11,754. When was that?—I do not know whether he was not at the "Angel," and went straight away home.

11,755. You sent him to prepare the room?—No, not to prepare the room, but to get the voters up. Any sort of room would have done for me. I told him I should want a room to myself.

11,756. Did you mention about a screen at all?—No; because when I sent him off, I did know about admitting this Mr. Moore. It was only as I was taking the cab I came across Mr. Moore, and told him that I was going to Cattermole's, and he said he should like to go; and in the excitement of the moment I might have said, "Well, I will admit you." I do not know that I did. I said "Come along, you shall see."

11,757. You knew that Mr. Moore was a strong partisan upon the Liberal side?—I knew he was a warm Liberal, by the remarks that he made in company.

11,758. And Mr. Moore was very anxious that Mr. Brogden should come in of course?—There is no doubt about that.

11,759. You know that Cattermole, who showed you into that room, has described where you and Mr. Moore were sitting?—Yes.

11,760. And that Mr. Moore was there as a sort of checker?—There was no necessity for any checker; Cattermole cannot know anything about my proceedings; he admitted the parties into the room by tickets, that was all.

11,761. Mr. Moore was not there to prevent personation?—No; he had nothing at all to do with it.

11,762. We understand you are going to give us the numbers of the tickets which you exchanged for money upon the occasion when you spent the money. Have you got those numbers at the different places in which you exchanged the tickets, or are they altogether?—No; they are altogether.

11,763. You cannot tell me how much money you paid at Cattermoles?—No, I cannot.

11,764. You will give us at the end all the numbers that you did pay?—Yes; I shall have to calculate this out.

11,765. Then the best way will be to tell us all the different places you went to at which you exchanged tickets for money?—I went to Cattermole's, and to a place opposite the "Angel." I do not know the name of the place, it was a committee-room, I think.

11,766. Was it James Thompson's?—Yes, that would be the name. I think it is an eating-house.

11,767. Did you go there as the next place to Cattermole's?—I went to James Thompson upon the Tuesday.

11,768. At what time?—I cannot speak to the time; I rather think I went to Gorleston after I had been to Cattermole's.

11,769. Before Thompson's?—Yes; I think I went to Gorleston upon the Monday night after I had been to Cattermole's; I think so, but I will not be quite positive about it.

11,770. Where did you go to at Gorleston?—I cannot tell you the name of the public-house. It was a public-house, and I had a private room there. It was upon the left-hand side, just going into Gorleston.

11,771. Do you know whether it was called the "Barking Fishery"?—Well, I do not know; it was dark, and I do not know what it was.

11,772. Who conducted you there?—The driver.

11,773. The cabman?—Yes.

11,774. What did you ask for?—He was told where to take me to.

11,775. You were put into a cab, and he was told to take you to some place?—Yes, I should have heard the name, but I cannot remember it now.

11,776. What time of the night was it?—It was after dark.

11,777. In July, it would not be dark till late?—Yes, it was late.

11,778. Eleven o'clock at night?—I daresay it was 11 or 12.

11,779. Was anybody in the room at the public-house where you paid the money?—I did not allow anyone into the room; they were sent to me with tickets.

11,780. Do you know who was at the door to let people in?—I do not; it was a sort of fisherman, dressed as a fisherman.

11,781. How did you announce yourself when you went there?—Well, I think they were prepared for me; I do not know that I did announce myself. When I went in I wanted to know if there were any voters there for Brogden and Vanderbyl. I was shown into a private room; in fact I said I wanted a private room, one with an easy access, and they gave me a room that they could pass through. They brought me their tickets in, I cashed them, and they passed through.

11,782. Did they always come in singly?—Yes, they always came in singly. The fisherman opened the door for them. I called out "Come in," and when I had done with one he admitted another one.

11,783. That was on the Monday night?—That was on the Monday evening.

11,784. It was not the evening, it was very late?—Well then, Monday night.

11,785. It was past 12 o'clock when you came back?—Yes, it was good upon Tuesday morning when I came back. During the election I did not think much about going to bed.

11,786. What o'clock on Tuesday did you begin operations again?—Well, I cannot say; I will say I do not know that I took so much notice of the time. I know I was very busy doing one thing and another.

11,787. Do you know where you went first on Tuesday?—I fancy it was to Thompson's.

11,788. Did you ask for a room, the same as before?—I think that was where the committee was held; I will not be certain. I was shown into a little room by the landlady, I think it was a bed-room, but I am not certain, I cannot speak to it just now.

11,789. Did you see many voters there?—Yes, I saw a great many voters there. I forget the name of the ward they called it; they went in wards.

11,790. What other place did you go to besides?—I went to another place; I do not know where I am now; it is the contrary side, in the same street as it were, but further on.

11,791. Further on than Thompson's?—The same street as it were, but further along, further down.

11,792. Was that a private house?—I think it was a shop.

11,793. Was it a shoemaker's?—I believe it was.

11,794. I expect that was a man named Wright?—I do not know; I remember it was a shoemaker's shop that I went through.

11,795. What room did you go to through that shop?—A little back parlour that they had. I paid them there, and they went out at the back door.

11,796. Was it not the kitchen?—I think it was an intermediate room between the shop and the kitchen, I think so.

11,797. Do you know the Church Plain?—I do not know the Church Plain by the name.

11,798. Did you go to any other places besides those places you have just named?—I do not know. I will not swear whether I did not go to some place opposite the shore, I will not swear that.

11,799. Do you mean upon the Quay?—Yes, I think so; I will not swear it, but I think I did.

11,800. Where do you imagine this house to have been?—I do not know exactly. I fancy it is somewhere about here; I have a slight recollection that I was in a place of that sort.

11,801. Was it a public-house?—I think it was a shop, I am not certain. It is only a sort of recollection that I have; but I have a distinct recollection of the other places; I will not swear that I was there.

11,802. Will you swear you were in more than one shoemaker's shop?—I only remember one.

11,803. And that is the one you mentioned that you went into the back room between the shop and the kitchen?—Yes.

11,804. It must have been Wright's upon Church Plain. Was it in an open space?—Yes; it was a large open space, and it was almost in the corner.

11,805. Can you tell us a little more particularly where this house was upon the Quay that you went to? Was it near the Town Hall?—Yes. I suppose this is the Town Hall; I fancy, or rather something runs into my mind, that it was somewhere about here.

11,806. Close by the Town Hall?—Yes; I have a recollection of that sort, that it was in a house near the Town Hall.

11,807. You know you paid away this money in wards?—Yes. I understood the house I was in represented a ward.

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11,808. We have four wards now; there are two more to be accounted for?—Well, I paid some away at the "Angel," perhaps that would be one ward.

11,809. They say the "Angel" and Thompson's are both in the Market ward?—Yes; but the "Angel," might represent another ward for convenience.

11,810. There were six distinct payments that you made?—Yes.

11,811. Representing six wards?—Yes.

11,812. Can I suggest the name to you? Was it the "Steam Packet Hotel," kept by a man named Savory?—I think I was there. I think I only went there to listen to the speeches that were made. I rather think that was the place where the nomination was, but I went there I think. I remember being at the nomination, and I may be confounding the two.

11,813. Did you ever hear of the name of Botwright?—I have heard that name.

11,814. Can you say whether it was his house?—I cannot. I remember hearing that name.

11,815. I have a receipt here of yours for a sum of 20*l.* paid over to you by Mr. Neave?—Yes, this morning.

11,816. On account of Mr. Brogden?—Yes; on account of Mr. Brogden.

11,817. And you will account to Mr. Brogden for it?—Yes.

11,818. Had Mr. Neave received the money from you?—Yes. He would give me the tickets for the various parties that he would want the money for, and of course, then, I should hand him over the money.

11,819. I understand this to be a different man from *the* Mr. Neave. There are two Mr. Neaves. There is James William, and Joseph Fleming; do you know which it was?—No, I do not.

11,820. The man who gave you this 20*l.* this morning is the man you mentioned as one of the captains?—I think he was. I knew him at once when he presented himself to me this morning, so that I think that he must be the man.

11,821. And how did he receive the money from you?—He came to me and said, "There are two voters who want a certain amount," "Very well," said I, "I'll "tell you to give me the names, or the numbers on "the register, or give me a ticket, and I will give you "the money." That is not the system that I wanted to go upon, but it was the system they would have. He would give me the names of the parties upon the register, or give me the tickets, and I think he received 35*l.*, that is, 15*l.* and 20*l.*, C. and D. I merely wanted it as a sort of check for myself.

11,822. Had this man, Mr. Neave, any opportunity of repaying you that 35*l.* before you met him in Yarmouth?—I was here a fortnight after the election.

11,823. Did you see him after the election?—I must have seen him after the election, I think so; I cannot speak to it. I saw several parties.

11,824. You have no doubt in your own mind you did see this man?—Yes, of course. We were going about the streets to ascertain Mr. Edward's accounts.

11,825. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect how much you gave him?—I think he gave me two names, one was C. and the other D. I think so, I will not be positive. I have no recollection of giving him that, but one would be 15*l.* and the other would be 20*l.*

11,826. When he came to you this morning and repaid you this 20*l.* did he say it was money he had received from you to give to a voter?—Yes, he did.

11,827. And which he had omitted to give?—Yes, the man had voted upon the other side he said.

11,828. Did you ask him why he had not returned it to you before?—No, I do not know that I did. I do not like to ask questions of that sort.

11,829. You would not say anything of the sort?—No.

11,830. Are you certain the man who brought this 20*l.* to you this morning was the man you mentioned to us as one of the three captains?—I think so. I had a very good recollection of him when I saw him, and I think he must have been the one.

11,831. Did you understand he wanted money for a vote?—He gave us the names. That was the very reason I wanted those tickets, and I wanted to pay the voters themselves. I know it is the practice for the people to come and say "We have a certain number of voters who want a certain amount of money," and you give them the money and you never get any check afterwards, and this is an instance of it.

11,832. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was any arrangement made as to the sums the captains were to receive for their services?—Not with me.

11,833. Do you know if any arrangement was made?—I do not. That would not be connected with the office that I undertook. That would be legitimate, I suppose.

11,834. Do you think that would be legitimate?—A committee of the House of Commons has decided that paying a person for his services is allowed to pass.

11,835. If the services consist of bribery and corruption?—No. These captains we supposed to be canvassers as well. It was for their time and services as well. The canvassers were the most likely parties to know who would want buying.

11,836. (*Mr. Slade.*) I think you had better give us, if you please, the names, or at least the numbers upon the register, and we will put the names to them, of the persons that you paid money to?—I will do so. You have got the list there. Shall I read them over?

11,837. I think if you read out what you have there, what you say you paid at the time, we will follow you and tick off the names?—This is a copy that I copied off the register.

11,838. Let me look at it. (*The list was handed to the Commissioner.*) Did you compare that list you have in your hand with the register at the time you made it?—Yes; at least Mr. Salmon read over the register and I put down here the numbers upon the register.

11,839. Did Mr. Salmon read over the numbers or the names?—Either Mr. Salmon or Mr. Edwards. I think it was Mr. Salmon. He would read over the number of the register and shout out "C." or "D." and then I ticked these off.

11,840. And you put down in figures what "C." and "D." represented?—Yes.

11,841. All the money that you gave to the voters was given in exchange for tickets?—Tickets or lists.

11,842. Then besides that, you gave money to several persons whom you call captains?—Not without their giving me a list of the names or the tickets. I would not give them any money unless they gave me the list with the number on the register, or tickets with it.

11,843. Take the case of Neave; he gave you two names?—He would read them out to me and I put those in my bag, then I should give him the amount of money. Of course I should refer to the register to see if they had been paid before or not.

11,844. The second name he gave you would be put down in your list as paid?—It was.

11,845. And that would be inaccurate?—I paid it.

11,846. But Neave did not?—I had nothing to do with that. I paid it to a Mr. Neave. This is only a check upon me.

11,847. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Will that list tell us what you paid by tickets and what by lists?—No.

11,848. It will not?—No. I then put the number upon the register opposite the name. When they gave it to me they told me they had put "C." or "D." and the number on the register opposite the name; I added them up and gave the money over, and put this into a bag as a check upon me.

11,849. You do not know what has become of those lists?—I do not.

11,850. They were passed to Mr. Salmon?—They were passed to Mr. Salmon; they were gone through at the time this sheet was made out. I was the cause of their being gone through for my own satisfaction.

11,851. Will you give us some idea what sum of

money you gave the captains?—I could not tell. I did not wish to give them any but they would have it.

11,852. Was it 400*l.* or 200*l.*?—I should think some of them got as much as 200*l.* or more than that I daresay.

11,853. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did these captains represent to you that some of the voters objected to take the tickets?—They represented to me they would not receive the money from me, that they would have it from them. I said it was very strange, it is not very often you come across persons who will not have money from anyone.

11,854. Was it in consequence of the publicity?—I cannot see that there was any publicity in it. I do not think it was that. I do not wish to state what it was.

11,855. (*Mr. Slade.*) It would be known to two people instead of to one?—There were only two people.

11,856. It would be known to the captain and you?—I do not see what distinction there can be between the captain giving them a ticket, and allowing me a stranger to pay them.

11,857. Except, as I say, two people knowing it?—I never knew it done before. I think it was for another purpose.

11,858. You think the captains wished to have no check at all?—I do not wish to put any misconstruction upon it.

11,859. The Commissioners have heard in this town there have been persons of rather a higher class of society who have accepted bribes and might not wish it to be known except to the people who bribed them. I paid parties of high position in the town money.

11,860. Do you know of the persons in what you may call a high position in the town coming for tickets?—Yes, I mean by tickets.

11,861. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did any of the voters object to the screen the first night?—I do not think they saw it. I am not certain, but I did not allow them to come in so far. I sat between the screen and the door, and my table was between the screen and the door, and they did not get so far as to see.

11,862. Then Mr. Moore really was not behind the screen as a check upon you?—No, he was not behind the screen at all, but merely to see this ticket system, and what I did suggest to him, that I should make a few remarks to them. I suppose, as the chairman said, I lectured them.

11,863. Which you did?—Which I did to one or two whom I thought were in a position not to receive a bribe.

11,864. I suppose between the period of one voter entering and another leaving, some slight time would elapse, a few seconds or so?—Yes, a few seconds.

11,865. Did you have any communication with Mr. Moore between those intervals?—With reference to the voters?

11,866. Yes?—He could not know who was coming in.

11,867. But could he not see?—No.

11,868. Was there not a hole in the screen?—He was in a recess behind; he could not see the parties; all that he could tell would be their voices, that is all he knew them by.

11,869. Did he suggest to you that was the right man?—He stated to me repeatedly, after the parties had gone out, he could not have believed those men would have received a bribe.

11,870. Showing by those remarks he knew them to be the men they were?—He knew by their voices who they were.

11,871. In fact, whether he meant to be so or not, still he was a check?—No, he was no check, because the parties had gone out before he had made the remark.

11,872. He informed you that they were the right men?—No, he did not inform me that they were the right men; all he said was, "I could not believe that "a man like that would have received a bribe." He did not know who the man was till he heard his voice or what he was coming for, or the amount, or anything else.

11,873. Supposing a man came and represented himself to be a person he was not, then Mr. Moore behind the screen would have detected him?—I did not wish to know, it was not my business to know. I knew the number of the ticket, and I had nothing to do but to take that ticket with the register. I had nothing to ask Mr. Moore; Mr. Moore had nothing to do with it.

11,874. It was not because you found Mr. Moore superfluous that you gave up his services for the future?—He was only there one night. He could not tell me whether it was right or wrong. I paid them by the tickets and the number upon the register. If I found I had not ticked them off upon the register I paid them.

11,875. (*Mr. Slade.*) When the ticket was presented to you with the number upon it, take for instance No. 375, did you say then, is your name John Davis?—Yes.

11,876. Something like that?—No, I did not do that, I said, "What is your name?"

11,877. And then he said his name?—Yes, he said his name.

11,878. And you saw that it was right?—And then I referred to the number to see whether the name was correct.

11,879. Each man you asked his name?—I did not say "Is your name so and so?" but "What is your "name."

11,880. That would be the safest thing to do; that was the way in which it came to Mr. Moore's knowledge of who the men were?—Yes.

11,881. And then he recognized the voice in answer to the name?—Yes.

11,882. That is all the conversation that passed?—Yes, he merely said he did not think such men would take it.

11,883. Now if you please will you give us the numbers in your list and the sums that you paid?—It is rather a long one, I am sorry to say, No. 1, 17*l.* 10*s.*

11,884. Edward Ablett?—No. 4, 5*l.*

11,885. Peter Adamson, what amount?—5*l.*

11,886. What ticket represented 17*l.* 10*s.*?—That would be the C. and 2*l.* 10*s.* I did not expect anything of that sort coming; it is C. with 2*l.* 10*s.* put to it.

11,887. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is the amount down in that list or the letter?—The amount, this is merely a balance sheet.

11,888. (*Mr. Slade.*) Now go on with the list?—No. 5, 20*l.*

11,889. John Adcock?—No. 13, 20*l.*

11,890. Samuel Aldridge?—I have not the names here.

11,891. I will give you the names?—No. 16, 10*l.*

11,892. Stephen Alsop?—No. 24, 5*l.*

11,893. James Appleton. Have you No. 19 down there?—No. 19 is crossed out.

11,894. What does that mean?—I do not know I am sure.

11,895. He did not get the money?—That must have been it, it is crossed out however.

11,896. You cannot explain it?—No. It may have been in this way, some one might have taken the money, the man may not have got it, and they might have returned it again; that may have been it, I know there were two or three sums brought back before we concluded our balance sheet.

11,897. What, retured?—Yes, returned; and this may have been one of them.

11,898. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you tell how the C is against No. 19 in Edwards' book?—I cannot tell anything about Mr. Edwards' account.

11,899. Was that book made up before the election or after?—Made up after; that only contains the

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list of promises, I think, for and against, and the doubtfuls.

11,900. There is T against all those who wanted to be paid, and a letter against those who have been paid?—It was done afterwards to show those who wanted tinning, to show who we had tinned and who we had not tinned. I think it was merely to see how we came to a calculation. I remember something of that sort being done after the election.

11,901. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you make up your balance-sheet from that book?—No, an ordinary register.

11,902. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) As I understand, Mr. Edwards made up this from yours and his own?—I had a ledger of my own.

11,903. As I understand, Mr. Edwards made up this book from your list and from his own?—That might be after the election.

11,904. A sort of ledger?—I do not know what his object may have been; that I do not know.

11,905. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you introduce the word tinning or did you find it as an established word?—It is possible I may have introduced it; it is a very common phrase; they want tin or sugar.

11,906. (*Mr. Slade.*) No. 24 was the last; what did No. 24 get?—*5l.*; No. 27, 20*l.*

11,907. That is James Noah Arbon?—No. 29, 15*l.*

11,908. Robert S. Archbold?—No. 34, 10*l.*

11,909. Daniel Arbon?—No. 35, 20*l.*

11,910. George Arbon, the younger?—No. 38, 15*l.*

11,911. Robert Bacon?—No. 39, 20*l.*

11,912. Robert Bacon again?—No. 60, 15*l.*

11,913. Henry Charles Balls?—No. 61, 15*l.*

11,914. William Balls?—No. 67, 20*l.*

11,915. Thomas Robert Barber?—No. 80, 20*l.*

11,916. Henry Barnes, junr.?—No. 87, 10*l.*

11,917. Robert Barnard? Is No. 82 down?—Yes.

11,918. What is he?—20*l.*

11,919. Richard Barnes? Is No. 86 there?—No.

11,920. What is the next?—No. 98, 15*l.*

11,921. Daniel Beales?—No. 104, 15*l.*

11,922. William Beckett?—No. 116, 10*l.*

11,923. John Bell?—No. 118, 20*l.*

11,924. Frederick Bellamy?—No. 131, 15*l.*

11,925. William Bickers?—No. 135, 10*l.*

11,926. John Bitton?—No. 141, 20*l.*

11,927. William Blake?—No. 144, 15*l.*

11,928. James Bland?—No. 146, 20*l.*

11,929. John Blazer?—No. 171, 15*l.*

11,930. Samuel Boulton, junr.?—No. 181, 10*l.*

11,931. Edward Brady?—No. 184, 5*l.*

11,932. Matthew Brereton?—No. 193, 15*l.*

11,933. Alfred Brown?—No. 196, 15*l.*

11,934. Jeffrey Brown?—No. 198, 15*l.*

11,935. Robert Brown?—No. 211, 20*l.*

11,936. William J. Budds; are you sure of that 211?—Yes, it is 211; No. 226, 15*l.*

11,937. Edward Burman?—No. 241, 10*l.*

11,938. William Butcher?—No. 242, 15*l.*

11,939. James Butler?—No. 243, 20*l.*

11,940. William Butler?—No. 244, 15*l.*

11,941. John Butterfield?—No. 246, 20*l.*

11,942. George Cady?—No. 247, 20*l.*

11,943. Henry George Cadywould?—No. 253, 15*l.*

11,944. William Carr?—No. 255, 15*l.*

11,945. Daniel Carter?—No. 256, 10*l.*

11,946. Another Daniel Carter?—No. 257, 15*l.*

11,947. George C. Carter?—No. 276, 20*l.*

11,948. John E. Chestney?—No. 283, 15*l.*

11,949. Edmund Clark?—No. 289, 20*l.*

11,950. Thos. W. Clements?—No. 309, 10*l.*

11,951. Edward Collins?—No. 320, 20*l.*

11,952. William Cooper?—No. 333, 15*l.*

11,953. John Cox?—No. 342, 10*l.*

11,954. Charles R. Crickmer?—No. 346, 20*l.*

11,955. Barker Crisp?—No. 351, 10*l.*

11,956. John Crow?—No. 354, 15*l.*

11,957. Henry Crucknell?—No. 375, 20*l.*

11,958. John Davis?—No. 403, 15*l.*

11,959. Samuel Drake?—No. 409, 20*l.*

11,960. George Dunnell?—No. 410, 20*l.*

11,961. Robt. Durrant?—No. 411, 15*l.*

11,962. Alfred Durrant?—No. 414, 20*l.*

11,963. Charles Dye?—No. 428, 15*l.*

11,964. William Edwards?—No. 450, 15*l.*

11,965. Michael Field, junr.?—No. 451, 10*l.*

11,966. Joseph Fill?—No. 455, 10*l.*

11,967. James Fish?—No. 456, 20*l.*

11,968. Henry Fisk?—No. 457, 20*l.*

11,969. Robert Fisk?—No. 473, 15*l.*

11,970. George Francis?—No. 475, 20*l.*

11,971. Jeremiah Fransham?—No. 488, 15*l.*

11,972. William Frosdick?—No. 489, 15*l.*

11,973. Christmas Frosdick?—No. 492, 12*l.* 10*s.*

11,974–5. James Fulcher; was that in the same way?—Yes, it would be 2*l.* 10*s.* besides. No. 499, 20*l.*

11,976. Robert Garwood?—No. 515, 15*l.*

11,977. William Glanfield; have you not omitted 505?—There seems to have been some sort of scratch there; 504 is the next.

11,978. And 505?—No; this is not 505. It seems to have been altered. 512, 20*l.*

11,979. 504 is 15*l.*?—Yes.

11,980. That is Henry George?—Yes.

11,981. Now 505?—I cannot account for it.

11,982. We will scratch that out then. No. 504 is certain?—Yes.

11,983. Then you go on to 511?—Yes.

11,984. George Gillings, 15*l.*?—Yes. Then No. 512, 20*l.*

11,985. John Gillings?—No. 516, 20*l.*

11,986. George Godbolt?—No. 519, 10*l.*

11,987. Alfred Goffin?—No. 525, 15*l.*

11,988. Thomas Gooch?—No. 541, 20*l.*

11,989. John Gowing?—No. 542, 15*l.*

11,990. Daniel Gravener?—No. 558, 20*l.*

11,991. James Grymes?—No. 563, 20*l.*

11,992. Matthew Gurney?—No. 583, 20*l.*

11,993. Robert Hunting Hammond?—No. 592, 10*l.*

11,994. Thomas Harbord?—No. 595, 15*l.*

11,995. Robert Harbord?—No. 596, 15*l.*

11,996. James Harbord?—No. 603, 20*l.*

11,997. William Harman?—No. 624, 15*l.*

11,998. Samuel Haylett?—No. 626, 10*l.*

11,999. Joseph Heath?—No. 631. 20*l.*

12,000. William Hewitt?—No. 643, 15*l.*

12,001. William Holmes?—No. 644; but I have put query outside to this. I do not understand the meaning of it. My recollection is it has been to ask some question about it.

12,002. You cannot explain it?—No.; No. 644, 20*l.*

12,003. Francis Sloman Holmes, with a query?—Yes.

12,004. There is a D. down in Mr. Edwards book against the name?—That must be the query for inquiry between 20*l.* and 10*l.* Then No. 645, 20*l.*

12,005. George Martin Holmes?—No. 649, 20*l.*

12,006. William Houghton?—No. 651, 15*l.*

12,007. Thomas Houghton?—No. 653, 12*l.*

12,008. Henry Housago?—No. 658, 20*l.*

12,009. Have you not got 657?—Yes; I have got 657; it is crossed off in my list.

12,010. Then 658 is the next?—Yes.

12,011. Charles Howard?—No. 668, 20*l.*

12,012. Benjamin Howlett?—No. 674, 15*l.*

12,013. George Humphrey, No. 675, 20*l.*

12,014. William Humphrey?—No. 677, 15*l.*

12,015. George C. Hunt?—No. 692, 20*l.*

12,016. John Jackson?—No. 703. 15*l.*

12,017. Francis Jay?—No. 708, 20*l.*

12,018. Edward Jex?—No. 712, 20*l.*

12,019. John Johnson?—No. 715, 15*l.*

12,020. James Johnson?—No. 716, 15*l.*

12,021. Samuel Johnson?—No. 718, 15*l.*

12,022. Robert Johnson?—Then there is 721, with a query.

12,023. Can you explain it?—I cannot now; it must be for to ask some question or something; I put it there for a memorandum. No. 721, 20*l.*

12,024. That is with a query?—Yes; but there is 20*l.* against it.

12,025. He did not vote, I think?—That must be the query to ask the parties who had sent me the ticket or the list how it was; I think that will be the reason of the query there.

12,026. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You have him as 20*l.*?—Yes; 20*l.* drawn on account of this person; that must be the reason why the query is there to make inquiry. No. 725, 16*l.*

12,027. (*Mr. Slade.*) John Jones?—No. 726, 15*l.*

12,028. Robert Jones?—No. 735, 15*l.*

12,029. Samuel Kelf?—No. 746, 15*l.*

12,030. Henry King?—No. 747, 15*l.*

12,031. Another Henry King?—No. 750, 15*l.*

12,032. Thomas Kirk?—No. 755, 15*l.*, but I have a query again.

12,033. Charles J. Knowles?—I have query opposite that name.

12,034. We have a C. against his name here; he voted for Lacon and Goodson?—That will be the query, who had got the money. This money had been drawn from me; that is why I put the query, because he had voted against us.

12,035. (*Mr. Russell.*) The query never seems to imply the man did not have the money?—No.

12,036. The money was drawn for him?—The money was drawn from me for him; the query is who got it. Then we refer to the list to see who the party was who drew the money. The query is to ascertain how the money was got, or whether the man got it or not. Then No. 766, 20*l.*

12,037. (*Mr. Slade.*) Daniel Lark?—No. 773, 20*l.*

12,038. James Last?—No. 776, 15*l.*

12,039. Henry Lawrence?—No. 777, 20*l.*

12,040. William Lawrence?—No. 779, 15*l.*

12,041. Noah Laws?—No. 780, 10*l.*

12,042. Joseph Laws?—No. 783, 20*l.*

16,043. George Lawson?—No. 784, 15*l.*

12,044. John Laxon?—No. 785, 15*l.*

12,045. Robert Laxon?—No. 786, 15*l.*

12,046. Thomas Layton?—No. 804, 15*l.*

12,047. William Littlewood?—No. 813, 12*l.*

12,048. Andrew Lottimer?—I have a query here.

12,049. He did not vote, and he did not promise?—That is the reason I have got a query. No. 827, 20*l.*; that money was drawn.

12,050. William Makepeace?—No. 829, 20*l.*

1,2051. Samuel Mallett?—No. 835, 6*l.*

12,052. John Marshall?—No. 845, 15*l.*

12,053. William R. Mayor?—No. 846, 20*l.*

12,054. George Maystone?—No. 854, 20*l.*

12,055. Robert Miles?

12,055*a*. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) William R. Mayor did not vote at all?—I have not got any query to it. That is 846 I suppose.

12,056. No. 845?—I have not got any query.

12,057. How much did he get?—15*l.*

12,058. (*Mr. Slade.*) And 846, 20*l.*?—Yes. No. 855, 20*l.*

12,059. Thomas M. Miller?—No. 857, 13*l.*

12,060. William Miller?—No. 863, 12*l.*

12,061. Samuel Mobbs?—No. 870, 15*l.*

12,062. James Morl?—No. 874, 20*l.*

12,063. William Moss?—No. 876, 15*l.*

12,064. Benjamin Motts?—No. 881, 20*l.*

12,065. Robert Myhill?—No. 908, 20*l.*

12,066. Robert Nobbs?—No. 929, 15*l.*

12,067. Henry Nutman?—No. 960, 15*l.*

12,068. James Palmer?—No. 966, 20*l.*

12,069. William Parker?—No. 979, 20*l.*

12,070. James Peck?—No. 980, 20*l.*

12,071. George Peek?—No. 988, 15*l.*, query.

12,072. Walker D. Pettingill?—I have a query here.

12,073. He did not promise?—I have the query before it; No. 990, 15*l.*

12,074. Samuel Pigney?—No. 1004, 16*l.*

12,075. George Pope?—No. 1015, 15*l.*

12,076. Robert Pratt?—No. 1033, 15*l.*

12,077. Robert Pye?—No. 1035, 15*l.*

12,078. Henry Quinton, it is John; he is put down as Henry Quinton on the register?—Perhaps he would vote in the name of Henry.

12,079. I think he was objected to?—He would get the money there is no doubt, because they would not know he would be objected to. Then No. 1036, 20*l.*

12,080. Charles Rackham?—No. 1037, 15*l.*

12,081. John Rackham?—No. 1045, 15*l.*

12,082. Henry John Read?—No. 1054, 20*l.*

12,083. William Riches?—No. 1,055, 20*l.*

12,084. Henry Riches?—No. 1,056, 20*l.*

12,085. Robert Richmond?—No. 1,088, 15*l.*

12,086. Have you 1,057?—I have not got it here.

12,087. 1088, 15*l.*, Robert Rushmer?—No. 1,096, 15*l.*

12,088. James L. Saunders?—No. 1,133.

12,089. There is 1,103 first?—The pin has been stuck in that makes it look like a 3, it is 1,103, 20*l.*

12,090. William Scott?—No. 1,106, 20*l.*

12,091. Samuel Seago?—No. 1,107, 20*l.*

12,092. Joseph Secret?—No. 1,111, 10*l.*

12,093. Robert Sewell?—No. 1,116, 15*l.*

12,094. John Sharman?—No. 1,117, 15*l.*

12,095. Joshua Shearman?—No. 1,119, 15*l.*

12,096. Jacob Shimmon?—No. 1,125, 15*l.*

12,097. William Sillis, junr.?—No. 1,132, 15*l.*

12,098. Thomas Sims?—No. 1,136, 15*l.*

12,099. John Skinner?—No. 1,137, 15*l.*

12,100. James Skipper?—No. 1,147, 20*l.*

12,101. James Smith?—No. 1,152, 20*l.*

12,102. Another James Smith?—No. 1,157, 20*l.*; query.

12,103. Spencer Thomas Smyth, he voted for Lacon and Goodson?—That is a query for inquiry.

12,104. He promised them and voted for them?—I do not know that; this query will be to ascertain how he voted. No. 1,159, 20*l.*

12,105. Henry Soanes?—No. 1,163, 15*l.*

12,106. Samuel James Sparrow?—No. 1,167, 20*l.*

12,107. Edward Springall?—No. 1,175, 20*l.*

12,108. John Stanley?—No. 1,197, 20*l.*

12,109. James Stubbs?—No. 1,200, 20*l.*

12,110. John Sumner?—No. 1,203, 20*l.*

12,111. Edward Sutton?—No. 1,219, 15*l.*

12,112. Charles Teasdell?—No. 1,230, 15*l.*

12,113. James Thrower?—No. 1,243, 15*l.*

12,114. Charles Tooley?—No. 1,247, 15*l.*

12,115. Charles Towner?—No. 1,248, 20*l.*

12,116. Henry Trainer?—No. 1,250, 15*l.*

12,117. Samuel Tricker?—No. 1,251, 15*l.*

12,118. Edward Tripp?—No. 1,253, 15*l.*

12,119. William Trorey?—No. 1,257, 20*l.*

12,120. James Turrell?—No. 1,258, 15*l.*

12,121. Thomas Turrell?—No. 1,272, query, 15*l.*

12,122. Henry Rice Wade, he voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl, and there is a C against his name?—That is 15*l.*

12,123. That would be it?—Yes, but there is a query there, perhaps it is in Mr. Edwards account, No. 1,279, 15*l.*

12,124. Charles William Wales?—No. 1,280, 15*l.*

12,125. John Walker?—No. 1,282, 15*l.*

12,126. John Walsh?—No. 1,300, 15*l.*

12,127. Matthew Watts?—No. 1,301, 15*l.*

12,128. John Watts?—No. 1,302, 15*l.*

12,129. Another John Watts?—No. 1,303, 20*l.*

12,130. Robert Webb?—No. 1,309, 15*l.*

12,131. John Westbrook?—No. 1,314, 15*l.*

12,132. John Westoby?—No. 1,326, 20*l.*

12,133. Thomas Woodcock?—I cannot make the next one out.

12,134. 1,327 is it not?—I think it is 1,308.

12,135. 1,308 did not vote at all, it is here, "not at home?"—It is 10*l.* that had been sent for or something of that sort. It is 1,308 here, it seems to have been substituted for another number, 1,327.

12,136. I will call out 1,308, I will not call out 1,327, that is James Wells?—No. 1,353, 15*l.*

12,137. Is it not 1,333?—Yes, I beg your pardon.

12,138. Thomas Wooden?—No. 1,335, 20*l.*

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12,139. Simon Woods?—No. 1,349, 10*l.*
12,140. George Wright?—No. 1,357, 10*l.*
12,141. Edward Wright?—No. 1,358, 15*l.*
12,142. Richard Wright?—No. 1,359, 17*l.* 10*s.*
12,143. Francis Wright?—No. 1,391, 20*l.*
12,144. Joseph Bensley?—No. 1,392, 20*l.*
12,145. Thomas Betts?—No. 1,404, 20*l.*
12,146. Benjamin Bradnum?—No. 1,408, 20*l.*
12,147. Thomas Brown?—No. 1430, 3*l.*
12,148. Charles Colwell?—No. 1437, 15*l.*
12,149. Joseph Crisp?—No. 1448, 20*l.*
12,150. John Duffield?—No. 1449, 20*l.*
12,151. George Noah Duffield?—No. 1451, 20*l.*
12,152. George Durrant?—No. 1453, 20*l.*
12,153. John Durrant?—No. 1470, 20*l.*
12,154. Thomas Ritson Fleming?—No. 1473, 20*l.*
12,155. John Francis?—No. 1479, that is crossed out; No. 1486, 20*l.*
12,156. 1485, is it not?—Yes. I beg your pardon, it is 1485.
12,157. James Halfnight?—No. 1489, 20*l.*
12,158. Robert Harbord?—No. 1494, 20*l.*
12,159. George Hastings?—No. 1504, 15*l.*
12,160. George Jenner?—No. 1511, 20*l.*
12,161. Henry King?—No. 1517, 15*l.*
12,162. Henry J. Larke?—No. 1561, 20*l.*
12,163. Samuel Pestell?—No. 1586, 20*l.*
12,164. James Shattock?—No. 1598, 20*l.*
12,165. William Smith?—No. 1625, 20*l.*
12,166. John Thurston?—No. 1641, 20*l.*
12,167. William Wilkins?—No. 1643, 20*l.*
12,168. John Wisker?—No. 1647, 20*l.*
12,169. Joseph Wright?—That is all.

12,170. That is a list of 236 voters?—Most likely. I have not counted them.

12,171. What was the sum they amounted to?—3,922*l.* 10*s.*

12,172. I see you have given in the account to Mr. Salmon as expended 3,912*l.* 10*s.*, you found yourself 10*l.* to the good?—Yes, I was 10*l.* to the good.

12,173. And that you explained by the tickets?—I think that I must have paid somebody a C. instead of D. That is the way I accounted for it. I see that Mr. Salmon has made a remark to that effect as well.

12,174. Refer back to No. 505?—15*l.*

12,175. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What is the name?—Henry Harris Gibbs.

12,176. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is there a 15 and a query?—No, that is where the mistake is. We cannot make it out, whether it is 5 or 15. I think it is a 5 myself.

12,177. (*Mr. Slade.*) I asked you if 505 had anything against his name, and you said no?—There is one here. I do not know whether it is 15 or a 5. That is where the mistake is, but I think it is 15 myself.

12,178. 505 voted for Lacon and Goodson, and he has not got any letter against his name?—What is 515?

12,179. 515 voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—I think this is 515.

12,180. His name is William Glanfield. In that case you can account for 237 voters?—I have nothing for 505 if you take the 515.

12,181. I understand you paid all these men with your own hands?—Either paid them, or the parties gave me a list of names. They would not submit altogether to the payment.

12,182. You cannot distinguish who were paid by tickets, and who were paid by a list?—I could tell you if I saw the parties. I have a good idea and I think I could recognise them again. But you see these queries show the necessity why one party only should pay them.

12,183. Should you be able to identify the men to whom you paid money?—Yes, most of them, I should say, if I saw their features.

12,184. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were the major part paid by tickets or by lists?—Well the major part were paid by tickets. I think there were several parties that brought up lists. For instance, Mr. Edwards, of Yarmouth, brought me a list to pay by, and I think I gave him some money, and I know that Mr. Downing brought me a list.

12,185. (*Mr. Slade.*) Look at that (*handing a paper to the witness.*) That is a list that Edwards handed in to us as the list he gave to you?—I was going to say I think this would be Edwards list. There are several of the names here, that I remember distinctly paying.

12,186. Can you say from your own recollection whether Mr. Edwards gave you a larger list than that?—I cannot say, I am sure exactly, but I know he sent some tickets as well.

12,187. Did J. W. Neave give you a list, that is the man who paid you the 20*l.* this morning?—He must have given me a list, inasmuch as he gets two voters from me, and he must have given me a list of those.

12,188. Look at that paper (*handing a paper to the witness*)?—Yes, I think I paid most of these men at the shoe shop. I think so.

12,189. Wright's?—Yes, at Wright's. I can remember a good many of the names.

12,190. Did Downing give you a list?—Yes, Downing gave me a list. I think he gave me several.

12,191. Just look at that list (*handing a paper to the witness*)?—Yes, a good deal of this is Downing's list, but I will also state, with reference to Downing, in balancing my tickets I found that Downing had given me a ticket—at least I had got tickets of other parties handwriting, that I had paid money to Downing for. When I came to explain with Downing about them, he said he had given in a fresh list of names, after the election, of the parties he had given money to.

12,192. To whom?—He gave it to me, and wanted an account inasmuch as I had other parties initials to the tickets that I had given him money for. When I came to balance up the account I found that I had given this money to Downing; and another party had given the tickets. I wanted an explanation from Downing, and he said he had given that money that he should have given to these parties to others.

12,193. Did he balance the account to your satisfaction?—He gave me the names. Some of them he said had got 25*l.* from the other side, and he could not do it, therefore he had given it to other parties.

12,194. Do you think, from looking at that list, that that is about the number of names that Downing gave in to you?—I think I paid Downing more than this. I know he got a deal of money; he has sent me some tickets as well as a list. When he brought me the lists he took the money himself to pay away. That was why, when we came to balance up, I found some of the parties had tendered me the lists which had been paid by another party.

12,195. Do you think those parties were paid twice over?—No. The way he explained it was this, that he had given it to another party entirely. He substituted somebody else's name for it. I sent for him the day after the election was over, when I was balancing up my account.

12,196. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did Downing always tell you the name that had been substituted for another name?—After the election, when I wanted an explanation, he gave me some names.

12,197. What you have given us is the original list, and not the list of the subsequent names?—I think I should alter it when I was balancing up, according to the names?—I remember altering the register from Downing's to the others.

12,198. You think the list you have given us now contains the names of the parties who were actually paid, and not the names that were brought to you to be paid?—Yes, I think so; at least the parties that have got the money.

12,199. Look at that paper (*handing a paper to the witness*). You see that list of duplicate payments?—Yes, this is the reason it kept us a fortnight.

12,200. Is that Edwards's handwriting or Mr.

Salmon's?—I think it would be Mr. Salmon's. It is not Edwards's, however.

12,201. They are headed, "Duplicate payments," are they not?—Yes.

12,202. Do they mean payments that were made by ticket, and for which Edwards puts down he received the money?—It means this, that the parties come to me with a ticket, and then Edwards has got them down in his list as having paid them.

12,203. Then you must have had substituted other names for those names. Downing gave you substituted names for those names?—No; this is where Mr. Edwards goes in for the bribing. He gives in a list. He does not get any tickets, but returns a list to Mr. Salmon of the parties he bribes. On referring to my tickets we find that I have given a bribe, that the party has been paid by me. Then we want an explanation from Mr. Edwards, and we go to the various places to ascertain who paid them. In some places parties recognize me as having paid them in most of the cases. Then Mr. Edwards says he thinks some one must have come and assumed this name, and got the money. This is the Preston Edwards, not the Yarmouth Edwards.

12,204. Do you suppose that is a list of duplicate payments to parties paid twice over?—I think that Edwards said he had given Downing some money for voters as well. I think I remember something of that sort, and these may be the names Downing has given to him. Because, as I said before, Downing gave me some tickets, and when I came to examine after the election, I found other parties had given them, and when I came to Downing he said he had transferred these names and given them to another party.

12,205. Whose writing is that list which you have read out the numbers to us from?—I put them down as Mr. Salmon read them over.

12,206. It is your own handwriting?—Yes.

12,207. Was that list you have just read out to us made after the account of Mr. Salmon?—This was made out first.

12,208. Mr. Salmon's was?—This one was the list of names, and then we went through this (*the duplicate payments*). We were almost a fortnight I think after the election was over.

12,209. Can you tell us anybody who gave in a list to you besides Downing, Edwards, and Neave?—I cannot just at present, but I perhaps might be able to think of some.

12,210. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you and Edwards compare notes so as to guard against paying the same men?—No, I was not aware of Mr. Edwards bribing. So soon as I found it out, I was going to give over myself, because I thought there was no check from the system he was adopting.

12,211. There was no check?—There was a check as far as it was concerned, but there was no check with him; we had only to take his word for it.

12,212. Did you instruct the Captains to try the voters with the A.'s first?—Yes, they were to get them as cheap as they could.

12,213. You found the A.'s unpopular?—I found the D.'s wanted when we first commenced.

12,214. In fact, there were D.'s issued at the very commencement?—Yes.

12,215. Who advised you to employ the captains?—I think it was Mr. Edwards, of Preston. He told me that these parties would be the managers of it, and he it was came and brought me an account of the A., B., C., and D., letters of the parties who would do it.

12,216. When you see them you will be able of course to identify the captains?—Yes.

12,217. Who gave you the names of the places that you were to go to to honour tickets?—I think Mr. Edwards gave me one; I will not be positive. Yarmouth Edwards.

12,218. What place did he give you?—I do not know whether it was not the shoe shop at Wright's.

12,219. Who gave you the others?—I cannot state distinctly; I do not know whether it was not the man that resided at the house or not, asked me if I was not going over to meet voters there.

12,220. I suppose some Yarmouth men must have told you where to go?—Yes, they where all Yarmouth men; they were all strange to me, except Preston Edwards.

12,221. Cannot you remember, then, who it was told you to go to the other houses?—I do not know, because it is a thing I should take very little notice of.

12,222. You have given us the name of every house at which you paid the money, except the house on the quay; that you do not remember the name of?—No.

12,223. You will be able of course to identify that also?—Yes.

12,224. Perhaps you will kindly do so while you are here?—I will endeavour to do so.

12,225. You have told us that some of the men that came to you you gave a little lecture to, and said that they ought to be above taking money?—Yes.

12,226. Can you remember any of those men by name?—I think not; I am not quite positive; I can remember one very well, a Mr. Makepeace; I happened to notice that at the time, and he said to me, "Well, but trade was very bad."

12,227. Did you judge that these men ought to be above taking bribes from their position that you knew of, or from their appearance?—From their appearance.

12,228. Can you remember any other besides Mr. Makepeace?—I cannot the names at present; I daresay I could if I was to see them. Being rather a peculiar name it would be taken notice of, that of Mr. Makepeace.

12,229. You will be able no doubt to identify those men from their position more easily than the poor ones?—Oh, yes.

12,230. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When you were making up your accounts with Mr. Edwards, did any difficulties occur in consequence of Downing having mistaken the amount attached to the letter C. and D.?—There was no difficulty with Downing and I on that point. The only difficulty I had with Downing, as I said before, was, that I had got tickets from other parties that I had paid in money under the same number and name, but I believe there was some difficulty with Mr. Edwards and Mr. Downing.

12,231. Between the C. and the D.?—I do not know what the difference was; there was some difficulty, I know, between them; in fact, I think there are some memoranda here about it.

12,232. You never paid 20*l.* for a C.?—I should have done the other I think; I always like to pay under if I can.

W. Makepeace.

William Makepeace sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

12,233. What are you?—A tailor and outfitter.

12,234. Where do you live?—In Broad Row.

12,235. What did you receive at the last election for your vote?—20*l.*

12,236. From whom?—This gentleman that last spoke.

12,237. Mr. Jones?—Yes.

12,238. Did you take a ticket?—No; I had no ticket.

12,239. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Livingston.

12,240. How came you to go to Mr. Jones?—If you will allow me I will explain the matter. The Tuesday, more especially the Tuesday afternoon, a report was circulated in the town that anyone who was on the register, if they liked to go to the "Army and Navy," could have money. I did not say anything to anyone, but after the shop was closed I went and saw the landlord, and said "Will you show me to Mr. Jones immediately?" There were 13 or 14 waiting to go in. I told him I did not want to wait until they had done; I wanted to go immediately. He showed

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me into the room, and directly Mr. Jones saw me, he said, "I should judge from your appearance you would not want anything." I said, "You should not always judge from appearances." He put himself back, and I could evidently see he was holding communication with some one. The result was he gave me 20*l.*, and I walked out.

12,241. You were not sent there by anyone ?—Not by anyone.

12,242. Did you receive anything at the election of 1859 ?—No, I thought it was almost impossible they would be giving money away like that, because I thought the election was gone on the Monday.

12,243. (*Mr. Slade.*) I understand you got 20*l.* without any ticket ?—Without any ticket at all.

12,244. Whose list were you on ?—I am sure I do not know ; I do not think I was on anybody's list. I had no ticket whatever.

12,245. Nobody promised you the money before ?—Not any. Directly Mr. Brogden came into the shop, I promised him. Mr. Livingston was with him.

12,246. Was there a screen in the room ?—There was a kind of a screen or something drawn across the room, and as he leaned back in his chair, I could see he was holding conversation with some one.

12,247. Did you hear voices ?—No.

12,248. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Where was this room ?—In the "Army and Navy Tavern."

12,249. (*Mr. Slade.*) You did not hear any voices. How do you mean he was in communication ?—I could see by the man's mouth as he leaned back in this way.

12,250. Was he whispering ?—Yes.

12,251. You heard him whispering, but did not hear anybody else say anything ?—No.

12,252. When you went into the room, what did you say ?—I told him my name ; he asked what I wanted.

12,253. Did he call out any number ?—No.

12,254. He did not say 827 ?—He asked me my name and referred to the register.

12,255. Then he read you a lecture ?—The remark he made was, "I should have thought from your appearance you would not want money."

12,256. Did you get anything on the Conservative side ?—No.

12,257. Then you got no other money than this 20*l.* ?—That is all.

M. Curzon.

MATTHEW CURZON sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

12,258. What are you ?—A watchmaker.

12,259. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—I got 25*l.*

12,260. Who gave you the 20*l.* ?—Mr. Cooper.

12,261. Did you not receive 15*l.* from Mr. Hallday ?—No.

12,262. Whom did you vote for ?—Mr. Brogden and Sir Edmund Lacon.

12,263. And who gave you the 5*l.* ?—Mr. Hickling.

12,264. To vote for Mr. Brogden ?—Mr. Hickling gave it me.

12,265. You got 20*l.* from Mr. Cooper ?—Yes.

12,266. That is why you gave a vote to Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Yes.

12,267. And you got 5*l.* from Mr. Hickling, and that is why you gave the vote to Mr. Brogden ?—Yes.

12,268. Did you get anything for your vote in the election of 1859 ?—Yes.

12,269. How much ?—I got 12*l.*

12,270. From whom ?—Mr. Lane.

12,271. Benjamin Lane ?—Yes.

12,272. And whom did you vote for ?—I really forget now, it is so long since.

12,273. Did you get anything on the other side ?—No, Sir Edmund was one, I know. I am sure I forget the other man.

12,274. Sir Henry Stracey ?—I think it was.

R. Green.

ROBERT GREEN sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,275. What are you ?—I am a retired publican.

12,276. Made your fortune, I suppose ?—No, the other way.

12,277. What did you get at the last election for your vote ?—I received 15*l.*, but I do not know whether it was for the vote or not. I was asked which way I would vote, and I said, for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ; and Mr. Cooper said, "If you call on me I will do something," or words to that effect.

12,278. You got 15*l.* from Mr. Cooper did you ?—Yes.

12,279. He gave it you as a present ?—I always had voted for Sir Edmund Lacon, and I never received anything from anyone.

12,280. Did you receive this 15*l.* for your vote ?—Well, I cannot say.

12,281. Answer me, yes or no, one way or the other ?—I told him I intended to vote for Mr. Goodson and Sir Edmund Lacon before I received it, before there was any offer.

12,282. Did you receive the 15*l.* for your vote ?—I cannot say I did.

12,283. Will you say yes or no, one or the other ?—Well, I will say yes.

12,284. Was that all the money you received ?—Yes.

12,285. Did you receive anything in 1859 ?—No, I did not.

12,286. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you offered anything on the other side ?—No, I was not.

G. Arnoup.

GEORGE ARNOUP sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

12,287. What are you ?—A shoemaker.

12,288. What did you have for your vote at the last election ?—15*l.*

12,289. From whom ?—Mr. Cooper.

12,290. Were you offered anything on the other side ?—I might have had it, but I would not take it, after taking Mr. Cooper's.

12,291. How much were you offered on the other side ?—A stranger came in and offered me 20*l.* on the Tuesday evening.

12,292. Do you know who the stranger was ?—No.

12,293. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859 ?—I was not on the register.

12,294. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you quite sure it was not 20*l.* you got ?—Yes.

12,295. Quite sure ?—Yes, quite sure.

W. Hacon.

WILLIAM HACON sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,296. What are you ?—A wholesale grocer.

12,297. What did you get at the last election ?—Not anything.

12,298. You got nothing at all ?—Not to vote I did not.

12,299. Did you get any money at the election ?—Do you mean on the day of the election ?

12,300. Between the Saturday and the Wednesday, the day of the election, did you get any money ?—Yes, I often received money.

12,301. You got nothing for your vote ?—I never voted.

12,302. Did you get anything for your vote whether you voted or not ?—No.

12,303. Thomas Archer did not give you any money ?—Yes, he did, he gave me 10*l.*, but not for voting.

12,304. What did he give it you for ?—To recompense me for the loss the Great Eastern Company put me to.

12,305. Without which you would not have voted ?—I did not vote at all, or even promise to do so.

12,306. (*Mr. Russell.*) Why did you not vote ?—Because I had been persecuted by the railway company, of which Mr. Goodson was the chairman ; so I would not vote for him.

12,307. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you know the money came from Mr. Cooper ?—Not at the time, I knew afterwards it did.

12,308. Did you think that money was given to you to recompense you ?—Yes, I was told it was.

12,309. And not for your vote ?—And not for my vote. Mr. Archer never mentioned such a thing.

12,310. A vote was never mentioned ?—Not by Mr. Archer, and I never saw Mr. Cooper previous to the election.

12,311. Did you suppose Mr. Archer was doing it out of his own pocket for the purpose of recompensing you ?—He told me it was given to him by a gentleman, and he refused to give his name.

12,312. Did you understand what he gave it you for ?—Yes.

12,313. For what ?—To recompense me for my loss.

12,314. Do you mean to say at the time he gave it you you did not think it was for the vote ?—No, I am never used to receiving bribes.

12,315. Did you think it was offered as a bribe ?—I did not know it at the time.

12,316. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you know Mr. Archer charged 150 per cent. commission for the 10*l.* he gave you ?—I heard he charged a large commission.

CHARLES IVES GARWOOD sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

C. I. Garwood.

12,317. What are you ?—A publican.

12,318. What did you get at the last election ?—I got 17*l.* off Mr. Cooper.

12,319. Was it for your vote ?—Yes.

12,320. What did you get from the other side ?—20*l.*

12,321. From whom was that ?—A stranger gave it to me.

12,322. Mr. Jones ?—I suppose that is the name.

12,323. That gentleman (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*) ?—I do not know whether that is the gentlemas ; I daresay it is.

12,324. Which way did you vote ?—Mr. Goodson and Sir Edmund Lacon.

12,325. Did you get anything in 1859 ?—I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon, and somebody else. I do not know who it was now, but I never took anything.

12,326. You had no money then ?—No.

12,327. Was there not any money going in 1859 ?—I am sure I do not know. I did not understand it then.

12,328. Have you told us all the money you had ?—No, and Mr. Beales offered me 20*l.* I told him I had taken 17*l.* off Mr. Cooper. He said, "I have "got the money, and as long as I have got it you "had better take it, and so I took 10*l.*, and gave him "10*l.* for himself.

12,329. He gave you 20*l.* ?—Yes, he gave me 20*l.*, and I gave him 10*l.* for himself.

12,330. You made a good thing out of the election. You made 47*l.* altogether ?—That is what I received.

12,331. (*Mr. Russell.*) Mr. Cooper said he gave you 20*l.* ?—I asked for 20*l.*, and he gave me 17*l.* on my oath.

12,332. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you take a ticket to Mr. Jones ?—I could not say. I might and I might not. It is a long while ago, so that I could not say.

12,333. Downing sent you there ?—No, Mr. Edwards came to me ; he came three times after me. The last time I made up my mind, so I went and took it, but whether he gave me a paper, I am not aware. He might or he might not.

12,334. Did you see Downing at all ?—I saw him at the "Angel."

12,335. Did he give you a C. ticket ?—Not that I am aware of. I do not think he did.

12,336. It is "Charles Ives Garwood, C." on Downing's list ?—I do not think he gave me a paper. I am not aware of it. If he did, Mr. Edwards told me where to go and get the money.

12,337. You are sure you did not receive 15*l.* more than you have told us of ?—I have told you all I received.

12,338. Did you not receive 15*l.* more ?—No, not a farthing.

12,339. Did you go to Mr. Livingston ?—Yes, along with Mr. Beales.

12,340. What did you say to him ?—I did not say anything. Mr. Beales said, if he had 400*l.*, he thought he could get him 20 votes.

12,341. Did you offer to help Mr. Beales ?—If he had got 400*l.* he would have given me 20*l.* for my vote. That is all I had to do with it.

12,342. That was the arrangement, was it ?—That is what I should have got.

12,343. If he had got the 400*l.* ?—Yes.

12,344. Where did you get the 20*l.* from ?—He offered me 20*l.* off Mr. Cooper ; I saw Mr. Beales in the market, and told him I had 17*l.* He said, "I "have 20*l.* for you. It is not worth while taking it "back now ;" so, said I, "Give me 10*l.*, and keep "10*l.* for yourself." That is the truth, gentlemen, I can tell you. I might have taken the 20*l.*, if I liked.

12,345. Can you say whether you got a ticket or not ?—I could not swear ; I might, or I might not. It is a long while ago.

12,346. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Where did Mr. Jones pay you ?—In Mr. Wright's ; at the back of the shop, on the table.

JAMES GRYMES sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Grymes.

12,347. What are you ?—A shoemaker.

12,348. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—20*l.*

12,349. Who from ?—I got it from Mr. Jones.

12,350. Did you get any on the other side ?—No, I was offered money on the other side repeatedly, but never got any.

12,351. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you not get something from Mr. Buston ?—No ; he offered me money but I never took it.

12,352. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who offered you money on the other side ?—Three or four different parties.

12,353. How much were you offered ?—I was offered 15*l.* I think was the highest. My first offer was 10*l.* if there was no contest.

12,354. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859 ?—I had not one. This was my first vote.

12,355. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who are the parties that offered you on the Conservative side ?—George Watson was one.

12,356. Who was the other ?—William Blyth.

12,357. Who else ?—Mr. Buston.

12,358. Is that all ?—I think that is somewhere about the lot.

12,359. (*Mr. Slade.*) How long before the election ?—I should think a fortnight, perhaps a little more.

12,360. Who offered it you then ?—George Watson first.

12,361. How much did George Watson offer you ?—10*l.* and 5*l.* more if there was a contest. And Mr. Blyth the same, and then Blyth got to 15*l.* the last time he named it to me.

12,362. Did he say it would be 20*l.* if it was a con-

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test?—No, 10*l.* and then at last he got to 15*l.* There is another thing Mr. Buston swore to in this court, that I was drinking at the North End Retreat with the other party, and I never did. Mr. Buston took his oath to that in this Court, and I assure you I never entered it.

W. Bickers.

WILLIAM BICKERS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,363. What are you?—A shoemaker.

12,364. What did you receive at the last election?—15*l.* from Mr. Cooper.

12,365. Did Mr. Archer give you the money?—I made a mistake up before the committee; I wish to rectify that before I begin if you please. The first thing I said there was that I promised Sir Edmund Lacon before I saw Mr. Cooper; that was wrong. I saw Mr. Cooper before I saw Sir Edmund Lacon.

12,366. Did you get anything from the other side?—Yes.

12,367. How much?—15*l.*

12,368. Who from?—I do not know.

12,369. Where?—At the "Army and Navy."

12,370. Did you get anything in 1859?—No.

12,371. Did you vote in 1859?—No.

H. Cruckneil.

HENRY CRUCKNELL sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

12,372. What are you?—A grocer.

12,373. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—I think the total was 35*l.*

12,374. How do you make it out?—On the Monday morning I received 10*l.* from Mr. Lane or Mr. Lane's son, and on the Monday night I received 15*l.* from a gentleman at the "Army and Navy" tavern, and on the election morning I think Mr. Edwards brought me 10*l.* more to my house.

12,375. Which Edwards was that?—Little Edwards, the tailor.

12,376. You voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes.

12,377. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—I was not on the register.

R. Goffin.

ROBERT GOFFIN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,378. What are you?—A baker.

12,379. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*

12,380. Who from?—Mr. Shuckford.

12,381. Did you get anything from the other side?—Not anything.

12,382. Did you vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

12,383. Did you get anything from Blyth?—No.

12,384. Did you get anything in 1859?—I was not on the register.

12,385. Did you get any money?—No.

W. Lee.

WILLIAM LEE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,386. What are you?—A photographic artist.

12,387. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*

12,388. Who from?—A gentleman at the "Angel."

12,389. Did you get anything on the other side?—No.

12,390. Did you vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes.

12,391. Did you get anything in 1859?—No.

12,392. Were you on the register?—No.

C. Smith.

CHARLES SMITH sworn; examined by MR. RUSSELL.

12,393. What are you?—A shoemaker.

12,394. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

12,395. Who from?—Mr. Thomas Kelf.

12,396. Did you get anything on the other side?—No.

12,397. Were you offered anything?—No.

12,398. Did you get anything at the election of 1859?—I had no vote.

E. Bayfield.

EDMUND BAYFIELD sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

12,399. What are you?—A fisherman.

12,40. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

12,401. How much?—15*l.*

12,402. Who from?—Nockles.

12,403. Did you get anything else?—No.

12,404. That was to vote for the Conservatives?—For Sir Edmund Lacon.

12,405. Did Downing come to you?—He came and asked me, but I did not give him anything. He never offered me anything and I never gave him a vote.

12,406. Did not Downing offer you a ticket?—No.

12,407. I see you are down in Downing's list?—I never had anything of Downing, neither a ticket nor anything of the kind. He came and asked me for my vote, but I did not say anything to him; I said I should see; that is all that passed between him and I.

12,403. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who did Nockles come from?—I do not know.

12,409. Where did he get the money to give you?—I do not know. I cannot say anything to that.

12,410. (*Mr. Slade.*) Nockles got the money from John Lummis, do you know that?—No, I do not.

12,411. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

12,412. Did you vote in the election of 1859?—No.

12,413. Had you a vote?—No, I had not.

12,414. (*Mr. Russell.*) You were not in want of 15*l.*?—You know 15*l.* is very handy to a poor man. Therefore you see we are always in want, poor people here.

12,415. I am told you are not a poor man?—I do not know what you call me. I am a labouring man and work hard for a living.

12,416. You consider yourself a poor man?—Yes, and I am forced to work hard for a living.

12,417. Are you the owner of a couple of smacks?—I am not.

12,418. Of one?—Yes.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 4th September 1866.

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Dr. SPENCER THOMAS SMYTH sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

Dr. S. T. Smyth.

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12,419. Are you a surgeon or a physician?—A doctor of medicine and surgeon.

12,420. And residing in this town?—Yes.

12,421. Your number on the register is 1,157?—Yes, I believe it is.

12,422. And that number was given in yesterday by Mr. Satterthwaite as having received a bribe of 20*l.*; I understand you wish to come here and deny that?—I do most certainly, because it is totally false.

12,423. Have you ever in your life received any money for your vote?—Certainly not.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

C. Satterthwaite.

12,424. Have you ever seen this witness, Dr. Spencer Thomas Smyth, before?—No.

12,425. Can you tell the Commissioners who gave No. 1157 to you?—I cannot tell now in consequence of the writings all being destroyed.

12,426. Can you account for this gentleman appearing amongst the bribees?—I account for it in this way, that the arrangement I wanted to make, as I said yesterday, was broken. Gentlemen said it could not be done in Yarmouth. Then these parties, these agents, had to give me a certain number of names, and I gave them the amount of money with those names on it, and of course some one must have given in this gentleman's name, that he received 20*l.* You see there was no check upon the parties who did it, from the system adopted here; a person could come and give me a list of names and say, "These men will "not be paid by you, I must have the money. Here "is your list." Very well, I gave it to them. I do not know that they have paid the parties. It is only after the election comes off, when you look over the register, and see there are some queries.

12,427. Was it ever suggested to you, in making up the accounts, that some of the gentlemen were gentlemen who it would be impossible to say would receive bribes?—Mr. Salmon would be a stranger to these gentlemen, and so should I.

12,428. Were you not making up the account with Mr. Downing and Mr. Tom Edwards?—No, we merely sent for those gentlemen when we came across names; for instance, Downing gave me in a list of names, and the day after the election, when I was comparing the accounts, I found that the parties had tickets with the names Downing had given to me. I sent for Downing and he then substituted other names, saying he had not given it to those parties, and he gave me a different list afterwards. That is why I sent for Downing.

12,429. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you happen to recollect whether this gentleman's name was a substituted name?—I could not recollect that.

12,430. It might have been?—It might be. There is no doubt that some man has got the money in this gentleman's name.

12,431. (*Mr. Russell.*) Here is the first instance of the inconvenience resulting from your not being enabled to give us the names of the captains. They would be answerable. No doubt some rascal got this gentleman's name upon the list, and got the 20*l.* from you, and put the money in his pocket?—If I must be candid, I believe that was the reason my system was not carried out.

12,432. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you give us the names of the captains now?—I cannot.

12,433. (*Mr. Russell.*) I hope you will not leave a stone unturned to ascertain them?—I tried to find out. There was one gentleman I could not think of yesterday, but afterwards I recognized him. I think they called him Mr. Fill. I remember him bringing a ticket to me for 5*l.* for some one.

FRANCIS SLOMAN HOLMES sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

F. S. Holmes.

12,434. What are you?—Managing clerk to a solicitor.

12,435. To whom?—To Mr. Worship.

12,436. Your number upon the register is No. 644, and that number was given in to us yesterday as having received 20*l.* of Mr. Satterthwaite?—Yes.

12,437. Do you wish to contradict that?—I do most positively.

12,438. The same explanation will be given in your case as has just been given in Dr. Smyth's case?—I should have observed the report is very injurious to me in my situation.

12,439. We have no choice in the matter?—But it is very injurious to me.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

12,440. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you ever seen this gentleman before?—No.

GEORGE JENNER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

G. Jenner.

12,441. What are you?—A commander in the Royal Navy.

12,442. Your number upon the list is 1,504, and you are said to have taken a bribe?—That I utterly deny.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

12,443. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you remember seeing this gentleman?—I have never seen this gentleman before to my knowledge.

ALFRED PETTINGILL sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

A. Pettingill.

12,444. Are you an auctioneer?—Yes.

12,445. You are the son of Walter D. Pettingill?—Yes.

12,446. Who is No. 988 upon the register?—I do not know the number.

12,447. He is a gentleman that we have heard

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A. Pettingill.

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from Mr. Satterthwaite had received 15*l.* ?—I totally deny it.

12,448. What do you come for, to deny that ?—The statement made by Mr. Edwards of Preston, that he gave money to Mr. Hickling, and bribed me for 15*l.*

12,449. You are coming to deny your own part ?—Yes.

12,450. Mr. Edwards told us he thought he had given you 15*l.* for your vote ?—Yes, he did.

12,451. That you deny ?—I totally deny it in any shape. I never received a bribe in my life.

12,452. I remember your name in the evidence before the House of Commons ?—Yes, I was before the House of Commons.

12,453. You were there ?—Yes, I was called.

12,454. Mr. Edwards said you received 15*l.* through Mr. Hickling ?—Yes, so I understand.

12,455. Mr. Hickling does not mention your name ?—I do not know any of the particulars, but I learnt it through a friend, that that was the statement made, and I was very much annoyed at it of course.

12,456. He mentioned your name and says he did not give you the money ?—I never saw him.

12,457. But it appears that he got the money for you ?—That I cannot tell. I do not know anything about it.

12,458. Were you canvassed on both sides—No, I never saw Mr. Brogden, Mr. Marshman, or Mr. Vanderbyl at all. I never was canvassed by any of them. I always was Conservative, and I do not think they would trouble themselves to call on me.

12,459. (*Mr. Russell.*) You were employed at the committee room ?—I was employed.

12,460. And were paid for your legitimate services there ?—Just so.

12,461. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know Mr. Hickling ?—Yes, I know him from being a townsman.

12,462. That is all ?—That is all.

12,463. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you vote at any election before this, in 1859 for instance ?—Yes.

12,464. Did you receive anything for your vote then ?—Never in my life. I never received anything in such a shape whatever. I should be above such a thing.

12,465. Is your father too infirm to come here ?—I was just going to ask you to allow me to answer for him. He is an old gentleman over 80 years of age, and would not be able to come ; but his character stands so high, that I am sure the public will disclaim that he ever took a bribe.

12,466. Can you say of your own knowledge that he ever took a bribe ?—I can swear to it.

12,467. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you say it of your own knowledge ?—I know he was too infirm to go out at that time.

12,468. Did your father vote ?—No.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

12,469. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you say of your own knowledge whether a very infirm old gentleman received money of you ?—No ; but I have a very distinct recollection that we made some inquiry about this case, and Mr. Edwards had got it. I had got it in my list, and I know there was some bother, and I remember some one saying, I have been trying to call to mind who it was said that the gentleman was infirm and could not come, and they would take the money for him. I remember that quite distinctly. I have been trying to call to mind who it was, but it was some of the parties connected with our side.

J. Lawson.

JAMES LAWSON sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,470. What are you ?—Head ostler, and drive occasionally at the "Victoria Hotel."

12,471. Did you receive any money from Mr. Johnson at the last election ?—10*l.*

12,472. For your vote ?—Yes.

12,473. Did you receive anything in 1859 ?—No.

12,474. Had you a vote then ?—Yes, and before that, too.

12,475. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was that all you received ?—That was all.

H. Savory.

HENRY SAVORY sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,476. What are you ?—A publican.

12,477. Did you get 20*l.* at the last election for your vote ?—Yes.

12,478. From whom ?—Mr. Watson.

12,479. Did you get anything in 1859 ?—Yes.

12,480. How much ?—I think it was 14*l.* I will not be certain to a pound.

12,481. From whom ?—Mr. Smith.

12,482. What is his christian name ?—I do not know his christian name. He lived at the back of the factory here, a beerhouse in Northumberland Terrace, I think it is.

12,483. Was it William Smith of the "Northumberland Arms ?"—Yes, I think that is the name. It is William Smith. It is a beerhouse and general shop they keep now.

12,484. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you get anything from the other side at the last election ?—Oh, no, only for the use of my room.

12,485. Are you quite sure of that ?—Oh, certain.

12,486. Who paid you for the use of your room ?—Mr. Clowes, the solicitor, 12 guineas, and one guinea before, when he had the balcony one night, when he spoke out of it.

12,487. On which side did you vote in 1859 ?—The Liberal side.

12,488. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was your account sent in to the returning officer, the account for the room ?—I took it in myself. I had a written agreement to that effect. Mr. Clowes gave me a written agreement for 12 guineas, and Mr. Livingston said 16 or 18 I had for the room.

12,489. He does say so ?—That is quite wrong, because I put it to my account, and there it is in the book at the bank, because Mr. Clowes gave me a cheque for the amount, 12 guineas, and it says there it was paid for the room before the election. It was two days after the election.

12,490. Had you promised Mr. Clowes to vote on his side ?—No, he did not ask me that, or I should have told him I would not.

12,491. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had your rooms been engaged in 1859 ?—I was not there in the same house in 1859, but they were engaged in 1859, I believe.

12,492. By whom ?—By the Liberals.

12,493. Do you remember what was got for the rooms in 1859 ?—I was not there ; I was not living there, and do not know.

12,494. (*Mr. Slade.*) What was the name of your public-house ?—"The Steam Packet Hotel."

12,495. Where is it ?—Close by here, next to the "Crown and Anchor."

12,496. Did Mr. Jones go to your house ?—I do not know Mr. Jones.

12,497. That gentleman sitting there (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*) ?—I do not remember that gentleman. He might come ; I do not know ; there were several came there that I did not see. I was not always in the way.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

12,498. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know this witness ?—I remember this gentleman, and I think, when he arranged for the 12*l.*, it was arranged for the purpose of his vote. I understood so at the time.

HENRY SAVORY; examination resumed by Mr. SLADE.

12,499. Do you hear that?—They sent for me the Sunday morning, and Mr. Edwards and one or two of them came down, and he asked if I had let the room. I said, "No, you asked me a day or two ago if I would keep it for you, and I have done so." They said, "See Mr. Clowes and arrange with him." He persuaded me to go and see Mr. Clowes, and I did so. Mr. Clowes asked what I wanted for the use of the rooms. I told him 10 guineas, and he said, "Very well, you can have it." I said, "I should like a piece of paper, an agreement for the 10*l.*" He said, "You can have it;" and Mr. Clowes made the agreement for 12 guineas. That I did not object to. They had the committee room, and dining room, and the balcony from the Saturday to the next day, and I do not think that was out of the way.

12,500. Do you mean to say that Mr. Clowes all this time knew and thought you were going to vote for the Conservatives?—I believe they knew it, and they wanted my place. If I was going that way, I should not have required an agreement.

12,501. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you mean to say that you believe Mr. Clowes would have engaged your rooms if he had known you were going to vote the other side?—I cannot say that he knew, but I should think some part of them knew, and they mentioned it themselves before the election. They understood I was going the other way. I told them yes, and never promised them a vote.

12,502. (*Mr. Slade.*) What day did Mr. Watson give you the money?—I had 10*l.* a fortnight before the election.

12,503. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did Mr. Clowes, after the election, complain to you of your voting against his party?—Yes, he said I had promised. I told him I had not, and he could not bring a man to whom I had promised.

12,504. There is a difference of opinion between you and Mr. Clowes upon that subject?—I did not promise the party at all.

12,505. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did Mr. Watson say when he gave you 10*l.* on account; did he say there would be 10*l.* on the polling?—He said I should have the remainder when we came to a contest.

12,506. How much?—He did not say how much.

12,507. How much did you understand?—I had 10*l.*

12,508. What did Mr. Watson say when he gave you the 10*l.* on account?—He said whatever there was more I should have.

12,509. If there was a contest?—Yes.

12,510. Watson says he went to you because you belonged to the Conservative party, did you?—I did then, and promised them my vote.

12,511. When did you change?—I never voted only twice; this was my second election.

12,512. The last time you voted Liberal?—The time before this.

12,513. What made Mr. Watson go to you thinking you were a Tory?—I do not know, I am sure; I should have voted that way if there had not been any money.

12,514. Did you tell Mr. Watson you had been offered 20*l.* on the other side?—I told him they were giving more money. I think I told him Mr. Ruthen told me he was offered more money.

12,515. Did you tell Mr. Watson you had been offered 20*l.* the other side?—I did not tell him I had been offered; I was told that another party was offered that. I told him Mr. Ruthen told me he was offered 20*l.* or 25*l.*

12,516. This is what Mr. Watson says upon oath: "Did any of them tell you he had been "offered it on the other side?—Yes. Who?—Cole- "man was one. Anybody else?—Yes, Savory?"—I told him so, but Ruthen told me they were offering money the other side.

12,517. Do you say Watson has told us what is not true?—I was not offered any money by the Liberal party.

12,518. Did you tell him you had been offered 20*l.*?—No.

12,519. That you swear?—That I swear. He might make a mistake, and that was a mistake. I was not offered it.

12,520. Did you give any money to Holmes?—Yes.

12,521. How much?—10*l.*

12,522. To anybody else?—I gave a Mr. Ruthen 10*l.*

12,523. Anybody else?—No.

12,524. Upon your oath?—Yes.

12,525. When did you give it to Holmes?—I think it must be a fortnight before the election. I should think it was; I will not be certain for a day or two.

12,526. Where did you get it from?—Mr. Watson.

12,527. Did Mr. Holmes get anything else afterwards?—No.

12,528. Did you tell Mr. Holmes he should have more if more was going?—Yes.

12,529. That is George Martin Holmes, who lives in Gaol Street?—Yes.

12,530. How much did you give to Ruthen?—10*l.*

12,531. Is that James Ruthen?—Yes.

12,532. Where did you get the 10*l.* from?—Mr. Watson.

12,533. When did you give Ruthen the money?—The morning of the election.

12,534. Did Mr. Watson give you the 20*l.* at the same time?—I had 30*l.*, at the same time that morning. 10*l.* for Ruthen, 10*l.* for myself, and 10*l.* more for Mr. Holmes.

12,535. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When you paid Ruthen the 10*l.* did you know he had received money from Mr. Watson besides?—I believe he had.

12,536. Was not that 10*l.* you gave to Ruthen intended for Holmes?—No; I had 10*l.* in my pocket for Holmes.

12,537. You just told us you gave Holmes 10*l.* a fortnight before the election?—Yes.

12,538 On the day previous to the election you got another 10*l.*?—The same morning.

12,539. You got another 10*l.* for yourself?—Yes.

12,540. And another 10*l.* that you gave to Ruthen?—Yes; and 10*l.* for Holmes.

12,541. You only gave Holmes 10*l.*?—I know I returned the other 10*l.* to Mr. Watson, because when I opened the door Holmes said he was going to vote for Vanderbyl and Brogden, and of course I kept the 10*l.* in my pocket.

12,542. Did he vote for Vanderbyl and Brogden?—Yes.

12,543. (*Mr. Slade.*) What makes you say it was a fortnight before the election you got this money from Watson; are you sure of it?—I cannot be certain; I know it was more than a week after; I think it must be a fortnight.

12,545. More than a week?—I will not be certain about it, for I did not keep the time. I should think a fortnight or very close. I will not swear to a day, or two, or three.

12,546. Do you mean to say nothing was ever said to you about your vote on the Liberal side?—Mr. Brogden came in the first part of the canvass and asked me, and I did not give him any answer.

12,547. Did you promise?—No; I told him I could not promise; Mr. Brogden and Marshman I think it was.

12,548. Then, I understand, you offered Mr. Clowes your room for 10 guineas?—Yes.

12,549. And he said he would give you 12 guineas?—He put on the agreement 12 guineas.

12,550. Did he say why he would give you 12 guineas?—No.

12,551. That was more than you asked?—That was more than I asked.

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W. Beales.

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WILLIAM BEALES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

12,552. What are you?—A publican.

12,553. What is the name of your house?—The "Anchor and Hope."

12,554. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—Not anything myself. I never voted.

12,555. I know that, but did not Mr. Hudson give you 20*l.*?—Yes.

12,556. What did Mr. Hudson give it for?—For Mr. Garwood.

12,557. Did you give it to Garwood?—Yes.

12,558. For his vote?—Yes.

12,559. Who did he vote for?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden I think.

12,560. Will you swear you did not receive any money yourself?—I received 10*l.* of Garwood out of the 20*l.*

12,561. Did you get anything on the other side?—No.

12,562. Did you go with Garwood to Mr. Livingston?—Yes.

12,563. And did you tell Mr. Livingston that you could get him a score of voters for 400*l.*?—I did.

12,564. Did you tell Mr. Livingston who the men were?—No.

12,565. And Mr. Livingston would not give you the money?—I never asked him for it.

12,566. Mr. Livingston told you to bring him a list, did he not?—He told me to come the next day.

12,567. But you never went back there?—No.

12,568. How is it you did not vote?—I made up my mind that I would not vote.

12,569. Why did you take the 10*l.*?—I promised Garwood I would get him 20*l.* for his vote.

12,570. Why did you keep 10*l.* of that yourself?—He gave it to me.

12,571. Why did you take it?—There is nothing freer than a gift.

12,572. Did you get anything for your vote in the election of 1859?—No.

12,573. Did you vote then?—I think I did.

12,574. Who for?—Sir Edmund, and I cannot say who the other candidate was.

12,575. Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

12,576. Will you swear that you did not receive any money for your vote in 1859?—Not to the best of my knowledge, I do not think, a penny, nor never did, I think.

12,577. Will you swear you did not?—I cannot swear, and I think I can, for I do not think I took a penny piece of anybody.

12,578. Then you swear you did not?—I will not swear that; I cannot swear it.

12,579. You voted for the Conservatives in 1859, as you say, without getting any money?—I do not think I did.

12,580. And you would not vote for them in 1865 because you got 10*l.*?—I did not vote at all. I did not promise. If I had voted I should have voted that side.

12,581. Did you get any money not to vote at this election?—No.

12,582. Not a penny?—Not a fraction.

12,583. And you swear you got nothing for your vote in 1859?—I cannot say. It is no use my telling you I can, when I cannot; but you will find it out if I did.

12,584. Very likely, and I shall say that you did?—Very well; but I cannot say it.

12,585. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You got nothing for your own vote in 1859?—No.

12,586. Did you get any money to give to others?—Yes, I think I did.

12,587. How much?—30*l.* for two people.

12,588. Who were they?—One by the name of Sam Roberts, and the other by the name of Robert Aaron, but he is dead.

12,589. How much did you get for Sam Roberts?—15*l.*

12,590. And for Aaron?—15*l.*

12,591. Did you give it them?—Yes.

12,592. Who did you get it from?—Mr. Shuckford.

12,593. Was that all you got?—Yes.

12,594. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you not have any money from Mr. Cooper in 1859?—No.

12,595. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Not from Mr. Green?—No.

12,596. Did you get a ticket at this election?—No.

J. Rivett.

JAMES RIVETT sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

12,597. What are you?—A confectioner and egg merchant.

12,598. Where do you live?—In the Broad Row. I should like to make a statement before I am examined.

12,599. Do so if you please?—I must tell you I have been identified with the Liberal party of this town for the last 20 years; that I have taken an active part in the political dramas that have taken place for the last 15 or 20 years; I have contested the Board of Guardians on more than four different times; I have also contested the Town Council; and I wish to state in what way these places have been contested. In the year 1863 I and my colleague, Mr. George Washington Clowes, offered ourselves for the Market Ward. Before we did that I may state to you that we got the register to see the complexion of the parties that were on that register. I may tell you before I begin that the magistrates of this town, that is, the majority of them are Conservatives. These magistrates appoint the overseers. This thing has never been brought out yet, and I wish the Commissioners to hear that, that the magistrates appoint the overseers, and the overseers appoint all one party, of one political bias. These overseers make the lists for the wards the same as they do for the borough, and I and Mr. Eagleton, whom you have had mentioned in this inquiry, and one or two others, went to the rate-books to take out the names of every party that was entitled to be on that list. I found in that list no less than 50 men who had been taking parish relief, men who had been living in Yarmouth only half the qualified time, and those 50 men we sent objections to, and they came before the revision court, and out of those 50 names 42 were struck off by Mr. Robert Stewart, the deputy-mayor of Yarmouth. I only wish to show you what we have to contend with if we wish to contest any of these wards of the town in the borough of Yarmouth. I must tell you these overseers can see their own friends, but they do not see the other side, even if they live next door to them. I can prove several names in Yarmouth who live next door who have been left off from year to year, and the barrister has said over and over again if the list was not better made out he would not allow the expenses. As I told you, the revision came and these names were struck off. After that I said, "I will contest this borough and see how many healthy men there are in it." I contested it on pure principles, and I think I have a right to state my experience. There were 202 or 203 men voted at the election. Out of that number I polled 82. Well, sir, I must tell you the beginning. On the morning of the election I headed the poll the first hour, and my opponents began to think something was up, for I found that the doubtful men I had canvassed during the time went the other side, therefore I knew what was o'clock; and it is very remarkable there is a name comes into my memory that I have now the opportunity of mentioning; but I must tell you first of all I had 94 promises. There were five or six that would have voted for me if I had been on the winning side. They said, "If you want us we will come forth." However, they never came; but there was one man by the name of Solomon Levy; when I went to canvass him he said, "You are the right sort of person, and I will support you and do all I can for you." Well, sir, a few days afterwards this man, I heard,

was rather shaky, so I sent one of my committee down to this Solomon Levy, and he brought me word if I would buy a chest of tea of him he would give me a vote. I said, "I am not going to buy a chest of tea of a man, and I will not." I called upon him and I said, "Mr. Levy, you promised me faithfully you were going to support me." "Yes," he said, "but I have friends both sides, and there is Mr. Frank Worship, he is a kind friend and customer of mine." I said, "Is that the reason you are going to break your promises?" "No." But the fact was this Solomon Jew, or Solomon Levy, was a converted Jew; he had lately been baptized at the St. Saviour's Church, and Mr. Frank Worship had stood godfather for him. I only wish to show the wards cannot be fought without spending money, and I was determined to see what few I could carry without spending money, and I polled 82, and those 82 men cost me 30*s.* The same again, I contested the Board of Guardians with the present mayor.

12,600. With the same result?—A little better. The present mayor polled 288 and I 253; and I say now if I had fair play I should have beaten the mayor.

12,601. We cannot revise the list here?—I only wish to show the experience during the last 20 years.

12,602. Did you take an active part during the last election?—I did.

12,603. Of course on the Liberal side?—Yes

12,604. Did you canvass many voters?—I canvassed the first part of the time with Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman.

12,605. Your name was given to us by Azariah Waters as one of the gentlemen who attended at the meeting where the doubtful voters were discussed?—Yes.

12,606. Were you present at that meeting?—I was.

12,607. And what line did you propose should be taken with reference to those voters?—'Well, when these names were mentioned to me I said, 'These are "all men that cannot be got up without money, and I "should have nothing to do with it," because I did not believe there would be any money spent, and I never troubled myself any more after that time.

12,608. You had nothing to do with countenancing the expenditure of illegal money?—Nothing at all.

12,609. Were you cognizant at all of bribery?—I believe there was bribery; that I was quite satisfied of.

12,610. On both sides?—On both sides.

12,611. But it was not with your concurrence?—Oh dear, no.

12,612. Did you concur with those gentlemen who were of opinion that bribery must be resorted to on your side to secure the election?—Yes; I was quite satisfied of that.

12,613. When did you come to that opinion?—The last 15 years.

12,614. With reference to this election?—When they began first.

12,615. You never thought Brogden and Vanderbyl would have a chance if they did not spend money?—Certainly not. That is the reason I was for a compromise.

12,616. What do you believe would be the result of a pure election here, without bribery on either side?—The Liberals would be returned with a tremendous majority. There is one thing that has not been brought out in this inquiry. In the year 1851 Mr. Rumbold and Mr. Sandars were then the members for the borough, and they displeased the public on account of voting for the Public Health Act. A public meeting was called here and a resolution come to that they should be called upon to resign. A requisition was got up by the voters of Yarmouth, and I suppose such a thing was never heard of before, a majority of the electors signed a requisition. Mr. James Hargrave Harrison, I believe, was the gentleman who waited upon these gentlemen to retire. The fact is they took no notice of it. Mr. Rumbold came down in 1852 and joined with Sir Edmund Lacon; and I have a statement here of the exact number that were polled every hour of that election.

12,617. We do not want to go into that?—I wish to show you that bribery began after dinner, when the numbers were even.

12,618. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) In 1852?—Yes.

12,619. (*Mr. Russell.*) I do not think at present we will go back to that?—You are quite welcome to these figures if you like to go into them. I have one little thing more to name to you. On Sunday morning I found a letter in my box. I have certainly opened it, and I shall hand it to you, but I hope you will keep it private, because it is a new nest that has been broken into on the Conservative side, and I think these names may be very useful to the Commissioners. There is the letter just as I received it, and there is something else for you that has been asked for in 1857. You have asked several times why, after Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin were unseated, Sir Edmund Lacon did not interpose. Those names may assist you. (*The witness handed two papers to the Commissioners.*)

12,620. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) This is an anonymous letter?—Yes.

12,621. Do you know the handwriting?—No more than Adam.

JAMES WELLS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Wells.

12,622. Your number is 1,308 on the register?—I do not even know the number.

12,623. When Mr. Satterthwaite was giving us the numbers yesterday of men who had received bribes there was some confusion and a discussion upon your number. It was entered by us with a query. Are you here to deny you received any money?—I am. I have this moment seen it in the paper, and was quite astonished, and it quite unnerved me. A friend came and said, "You received 10*l.*; I thought you were a different kind of man, and was above bribery."

12,624. What are you?—A pawnbroker. And he handed out the newspaper and showed me the name.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

12,625. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know this gentleman?—No, I do not remember him. I am beginning to think if I stay a little longer I shall be having some more conscience money returned to me.

JAMES WELLS recalled; examination resumed by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Wells.

12,626. Mr. Satterthwaite yesterday gave us a number that occurred in his list. We then referred to the register, and took the names appended to those numbers, and yours being the name appended to No. 1,308, a discussion arose on your name; but it was not asserted by Mr. Satterthwaite that you, James Wells, took 10*l.*, but that the number 1,308 appeared on his list with a query, there being a doubt about it. You appear here and deny that?—I publicly deny it; and if a man can make such an assertion as that he ought to be ducked, the vagabond, if that is the man.

12,627. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) It is very possible Mr. Jones might have had your name handed in by somebody else?—He must know he never saw me. I thank you for allowing me publicly to deny it.

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J. Watts.

JOHN WATTS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

12,628. Do you live in the North Market Road?—Yes.

12,629. What are you?—A cowkeeper.

12,630. Your number on the register is 1,301?—I am not aware of it.

12,631. And your number was given to us yesterday as having received 15*l.* from Mr. Satterthwaite?—It is quite false. I will take my oath upon it.

12,632. You received nothing?—Nothing at all, not a farthing.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

12,633. Did you ever see this man?—I will not swear that I have not, but I think I have a slight recollection of seeing him. I will not be positive; but there are some of them dressed rather different this time than when they came to me.

J. Watts.

JOHN WATTS recalled; examination resumed by Mr. RUSSELL.

12,634. You swear positively that you did not receive any money whatever?—Yes, I do.

12,635. Who canvassed you?—Both parties.

12,636. And you voted for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

12,637. Did you promise them when they first came to you?—I did not see them; they came to my house, but I did not see them.

12,638. When did you first promise?—I did not promise at all.

12,639. Why did you not promise?—Because I was not in the way. They called twice, and I was out both times.

12,640. If you had been at home when they had called would you have promised?—Yes.

12,641. Did you always mean to vote for them?—Not always.

12,642. When did you first make up your mind to vote for them?—I made up my mind at first to vote for them.

12,643. Have you always been a Conservative?—Not always. I voted one and one, one time.

12,644. Was that in 1859; did you vote one and one?—Yes; the last election I think it was.

12,645. I see you voted for Lacon and Young in 1859?—I think I did; I forget now though.

12,646. Did you have anything for your vote then?—No, I never received a farthing in my life.

H. King.

HENRY KING sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,647. What are you?—A carter.

12,648. Did you receive 20*l.* from Mr. Cooper?—No.

12,649. Where do you live?—I live in Alma Road now.

12,650. Where did you live at the time of the last election?—Row No. 92.

12,651. You did not receive 20*l.* from Mr. Cooper?—No.

12,652. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you get?—15*l.*

12,653. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Why did you not say so?—You asked me if I received 20*l.* and I told you "No."

12,654. Did you receive anything the other side?—Yes.

12,655. How much?—The same, 15*l.*

12,656. Who from?—I do not know.

12,657. Where did you receive the 15*l.*?—At the "Angel."

12,658. Did you take a ticket there?—No.

12,659. Who told you to go there?—I do not know, I am sure.

12,660. Were you told by anyone?—Yes.

12,661. Then you can tell me who it was?—No, I cannot. I heard a rumour the latter part of the time that they were giving money, so I walked that way.

12,662. Do you mean to say you were told casually by somebody in the street?—Yes.

12,663. Whom did you vote for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

12,664. Who canvassed you?—They both canvassed, but I never saw either of them; at least I saw Sir Edmund Lacon once, but never to give any answer.

12,665. Did you promise anybody?—No; I always had voted on the Liberal side. If they *will* give me the money I must take it.

12,666. Do you mean to say nobody asked you for your vote?—No, only Sir Edmund Lacon.

12,667. I do not mean the candidates, but did anyone at all ask you for your vote at any time before the election?—No.

12,668. Mr. Cooper gave you 15*l.*?—Yes.

12,669. Did he not ask you for your vote?—I thought you meant on the Liberal side. Yes; he crazed me a week beforehand.

12,670. What day did he give it you?—I think it was two or three days before the election. He stopped me three or four times, and asked me if I had made up my mind, I told him I had not yet; and last of all he asked me if I had made up my mind, and I said yes, and he gave me 15*l.*, and I had made up my mind to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl.

12,671. Tell us what happened when you went to the "Angel?"—Nothing happened. I followed the other persons. I walked up stairs into a room, and some gentleman came to see me and asked me my name, and I told him.

12,672. Do you know the person who came to ask you your name?—No, I should not know him again; he was in the room a second, and gone again directly.

12,673. Was he sitting at the table or standing up?—He was not in the room when I went in.

12,674. Did he come into the room?—He came into the room after I had been there some moments, asked me my name, and I told him. He gave me the money; he disappeared, and so did I.

12,675. Did he take the money out of his pocket?—Yes.

12,676. Did he have any list or register in his hand?—Not that I am aware of. I did not notice.

12,677. He merely gave you 15*l.* because you came into the room?—That is right.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

12,678. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you recollect this person?—Yes. I remember receiving a ticket by some of the parties, and I went to pay him the money. I received a ticket from some of the parties connected with the matter; some of them gave me a ticket, and told me he was waiting in my room. Of course I went into my room, asked him his name, and paid him.

H. King.

HENRY KING recalled; examination resumed by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,679. Do you know of a man of the name of Newman?—Not that I am aware of.

12,680. Do you mean to say that you do not know Newman?—No, not that I am aware of.

12,681. Will you swear Newman did not give you a ticket?—I swear no Newman ever gave me a ticket, or any other Newman. I do not know any Newman that I am aware of, that had anything to do with the election.

12,682. Did you receive any money in 1859?—Yes.

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12,683. How much ?—10*l.* I think it was, I will not be positive of that, it is so long ago.

12,684. Who from ?—Both parties.

12,685. 10*l.* on both sides ?—Yes.

12,686. Who gave it you on the Conservative side? —Downing.

12,687. And who on the other side ?—A man of the name of Clements.

12,688. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know Newman, the tailor ?—No.

12,689. Do you know who I mean ?—No, not that I am aware of ; and there are not many persons in the town but what I know, but I never spoke to him about anything.

12,690. Is there a man called Newman, a tailor ?— I believe there is, but not to have anything to do with me.

12,691. Were you at Savory's on the morning of the election ?—No.

12,692. Were you there at all during the election time ?—Yes.

12,693. What day was that ?—I do not know the day. I was about there walking, and one thing and another.

12,694. Were you there every day ?—Yes, pretty well.

12,695. Talking about the election ?—Yes.

12,696. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you see Newman about 6 o'clock in the evening of the nomination day ?—Not to speak to. Not that I am aware of. I saw his name among the number.

12,697. We shall have Newman here, will you swear you did not receive any money from him ?— Yes.

12,698. Or a ticket ?—Nothing.

12,699. Did you not receive any money except the 30*l.* you have mentioned ?—No.

12,700. That you swear ?—Yes.

W. Powditch.

William Powditch sworn ; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

12,701. What are you ?—I have been a seafaring man, but I have not been to sea for the last three or four years.

12,702. Where do you live ?—I live now in 93 Row, but I used to live upon the Quay at the "Sailor's Home."

12,703. Did you receive anything at the last election for your vote ?—Yes.

12,704. How much ?—14*l.* 10*s.*

12,705. Not 15*l.*?—No.

12,706. From Mr. Cooper ?—Yes.

12,707. Did you receive anything from the other side ?—No, not a farthing.

12,708. Were you offered money on the other side ?—No, I was not.

12,709. Not by Mr. Barber or Mr. Fill ?—No. In fact, I never saw Mr. Barber.

12,710. In 1859, did you receive any money ?— No. I had no vote then.

12,711. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know Mr. Moore ? —Yes ; I know him very well, but I never saw him then.

12,712. Did you ever have a talk with him about the election ?—No, I never spoke to him nor he to me. I do not think he has spoken to me for this year or two. I know him very well. I never spoke to him ; indeed, I do not know that I saw him.

12,713. Did he not offer you some money ?—I never saw him. He called for me on Monday, but I never saw him.

12,714. How came you to get 14*l.* 10*s.* ; where was the other 10*s.* ?—He said he wanted 10*s.* for luck.

12,715. Who do you mean ?—Cooper.

12,716. Are you perfectly sure about that 10*s.* ?— I am certain of it. He gave me 15*l.*, but he said, "I must have 10*s.*, you must drop me 10*s.*" I do not know his exact words, but all I got was 14*l.* 10*s.*

12,717. Did he give it you in gold ?—Yes.

12,718. Were there any half-sovereigns among it ? —Yes, several.

12,719. What day was it ?—It was the night before the election. I daresay at 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

12,720. At your own house ?—No ; on the Quay.

12,721. Were you perfectly sober at the time ?— Yes, that I was. It is some time since I was drunk, I assure you.

12,722. You have no doubt about the 10*s.* ?—It is correct what I tell you.

J. Ditcham, jun.

John Ditcham, junior, sworn ; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

12,723. What are you ?—A publican.

12,724. Where do you live ?—In the Tower Road.

12,725. Did you get anything from Mr. Cooper at the last election ?—15*l.*

12,726. Is that all ?—That is all.

12,727. Nothing from the other side ?—Nothing.

12,728. Anything in 1859 ? — I had not a vote then.

12,729. (*Mr. Slade.*) You plumped for Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Yes.

12,730. Do you know Mr. Downing ?—Yes, quite well.

12,731. Did you see him at the election time ?— Yes, I did.

12,732. Did he make you any offer ?—No. I saw him on the road, but I never saw him to speak to. I saw him pass my house several times.

12,733. I asked you if he spoke to you ?—No ; he never spoke to me at all ; he never asked me any questions.

12,734. He has put you down in his list ?—He never spoke to me. I was spoken to by the Liberal party, but not by him.

12,735. Who was it ?—Cattermole.

12,736. What did he say ?—He asked me to go down to his house. I said I should not go.

12,737. What did he ask you to go for ?—To take a bribe, I suppose.

12,738. And did he say how much ?—15*l.*

12,739. What day was that on ?—That was the Monday before the election. I think it was the Monday. It was either the Monday or the Tuesday; I will not be positive which day.

12,740. What did Mr. Cattermole say; that money was going there ?—He told me if I did not come down I should be too late, or something of that kind. I said I should do nothing of the kind ; what I did I would do privately. That is what I said.

12,741. What reason had you for giving your vote only to Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Well, I do not know. I suppose, because I knew nothing about Mr. Goodson, and I did Sir Edmund Lacon, being a close neighbour. I thought I would vote for him only. I do not know that I had any particular reason for it.

12,742. That is wrong then, if Mr. Downing has put you down ?—It is very wrong, I assure you ; that I will swear for. He never asked me at all, to the best of my knowledge. I cannot recollect anything at all, only seeing him going past on the road.

12,743. You are perfectly certain you got no money ?—Yes, I am certain of it ; not a farthing.

J. Girling.

John Girling sworn ; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

12,744. What are you ?—I am no business now.

12,745. What did you receive at the last election ? —15*l.*

12,746. Who from ?—John Savage.

12,747. Did you have anything from the other side ?—No.

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12,748. Anything in 1859?—I had nothing to do with it.

12,749. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

12,750. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know John Downing?—No, I do not.

12,751. Thomas Downing?—I know a fish merchant of the name of Downing.

12,752. I mean him; did you have any conversation with him at the time of the election?—No. I never saw him during the election that I know of.

12,753. Can you say whether he gave you a ticket or not?—No, I am sure he did not. I was living in the country, and I came expressly over here to vote.

12,754. Here is your name down as having received a ticket from him?—No; I never received a ticket from him, and I never spoke to him.

12,755. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you ever promise to vote for the Liberals?—No.

12,756. Never?—No.

12,757. Did they canvass you?—No, I think not.

12,758. Are you sure of that?—Yes, I am almost sure of it. In fact, I was not living in Yarmouth at the time of the election.

12,759. Did you not meet them canvassing in Regent Street?—Well, I really do not know whether I did or not. I cannot say. I might have done so.

12,760. Are you sure you did not promise them?—Yes, I am sure.

J. T. Savage.

JOHN THOMAS SAVAGE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

12,761. You gave 15*l.* to John Girling?—I did.

12,762. What are you by profession?—A wine and spirit merchant and auctioneer.

12,763. Did you give anybody else money at the last election?—No.

12,764. Who asked you to give it to John Girling?—Cooper. Mr. Cooper came to ask me if I knew who John Girling was, as he had left the town, and I told him, "Yes, I know his whereabouts;" and he asked me if I would see him, to see which way he was going to vote. I told him I thought he would vote whichever way I asked him to do, as he and I were particular friends; and he asked me if I would see him; and upon seeing him, he said, "I hear there is some money spending." He said, "I rather need it just now." I said, "I will see what can be done for you." I saw Mr. Cooper, and he said, "Give him 15*l.*," and so he gave me 15*l.* for him.

12,765. You have always taken an interest in the Conservative party, have you not?—Well, I have done so upon former elections a little, very little.

12,766. Did you see Mr. King at this election?—What King?

12,767. Henry King, I think?—No; I had nothing whatever to do with him. I never spoke to him at the election that I know of; in fact, I took no active part in this election at all.

12,768. You used at one time to keep the "Fish-stall" house?—Yes.

12,769. You took a great deal of interest in the election of 1859?—I was ill in bed at the election.

12,770. But previous to the election?—Previous to the election I was very busy, and I took very little part in it.

12,771. Did you spend any money at that election?—Yes.

12,772. In purchasing votes?—I had a party of the name of Alexander, who used to cart for me, and thought himself a little under an obligation. He said he should very much like to oblige me, but at the same time he wanted a little money, and would I give him 10*l.* I told him I would do what I could for him. I paid him 10*l.*, and he voted on the other side, and also a man of the name of George Johnson, against the market gate. I gave him 10*l.*, and he voted against us; and, being taken ill very near a week before the election, I was ill in bed, and did not take any further active part in it.

12,773. Were these the only two voters that you gave money to at that election?—They are the only two that I have any knowledge of whatever.

12,774. Did you get repaid that 20*l.*?—I did. It was brought me on the morning of the election.

12,775. Who gave it you?—Mr. Green.

J. Laxon.

JOHN LAXON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

12,776. What are you?—A refreshment house keeper.

12,777. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—I can say that I did not receive anything for my vote; I received 15*l.*

12,778. When?—I think it was on the eve of the election, or the day before the election.

12,779. Where at?—I received it at the "Army and Navy" tavern.

12,780. At Cattermole's?—Yes.

12,781. You voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—I voted for the Liberals. I promised the Liberals, and I voted for them.

12,782. Did you get anything on the other side?—No; I was not canvassed upon the other side.

12,783. You went up to Cattermole's with Mr. Clark, did you not?—I went to the "Angel" with Mr. Clark, and from there I went to Cattermole's with him.

12,784. You did not get anything at the "Angel?"—No, I did not. That was the reason we went to the other place afterwards.

12,785. Did you see Mr. Clark have anything?—No, I did not see him get anything. I believe he did get something there.

12,786. Did he tell you what he got?—I do not know that he told me positively, but I believe he got 15*l.*

12,787. You know that he got something?—Yes.

12,788. And is that all the money that you received?—That is all the money that I received.

12,789. Did you get anything at the last election in 1859?—No.

12,790. Were you offered anything?—No.

12,791. Had you got a vote?—Yes; I had a vote then.

12,792. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You said you did not get this 15*l.* for your vote?—No.

12,793. What did you get it for?—I did not look upon it as getting it for my vote.

12,794. But what did you get it for? The Liberals engaged my room four or five days prior to the election, and I look upon it as making a payment for the use of the room, or at least for the hire of the room.

12,795. Who hired your rooms?—Some of the Liberals' committee came upon the Saturday before the election, and hired the room.

12,796. Did you send the account into Mr. Clowes?—No; I did not think much about it. They had the room for a similar purpose before, and I, always being on that side, looked upon it that they would compensate me as they thought fit.

12,797. In a legal manner?—I did not take that into consideration. I thought they would compensate me for having hired the room.

12,798. Who sent you to Cattermole's? I have already stated I went to the "Angel" first, and from there we went to Cattermole's.

12,799. I asked you who sent you to Cattermole's?—I do not know that I was sent. It was talked of at the "Angel" that it was the place to go for the order which I received.

12,800. Who did you see at Cattermole's?—I saw a gentleman there who gave me the money.

12,801. Mr. Satterthwaite?—I believe so.

12,802. Did you tell him that you had come to be paid for your room?—I did not. I took the order

that was sent to me. The order was sent for the rooms, or at least as a payment for the rooms, and I looked upon it as such.

12,803. You took an order at Cattermole's ?—I took the order. I believe this is the gentleman, (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*), and I think he will tell you that I looked upon it as an order for payment for the rooms.

12,804. What order was it ?—It was sent to me.

12,805. Who sent it to you ?—From the committee room I suppose. It was sent down to me and I received it and took it to the "Angel;" and, finding this gentleman had gone to the other place, I went there.

12,806. And you gave him the order ?—I gave him the order, and he will tell you I looked upon it as a payment for the four or five days hiring of my rooms.

12,807. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you not think it a very odd way of paying you ?—No. I did not enter into that. When I received the order, I went and got the payment.

12,808. What did you usually get for your rooms at the elections ?—I had never let it for a general election before. I have generally let it for a municipal election.

12,809. How much did you get for it at the municipal elections ?—I had lesser sums then.

12,810. Tell me what you got ?—I can hardly remember.

12,811. You must tell me ?—A pound, or something like that; but it was only for a few hours.

12,812, Or less ?—I think that was about it.

12,813. Did you ever receive less ?—I may have received less. It is a very long time ago. I cannot remember all the occasions on which it was hired. Upon one or two occasions I believe it was a pound.

12,814. And you thought that this was worth 15*l.* ?—This was a hiring, I looked upon it, till after the election was over.

12,815. Did you make any charge yourself ?—No, I did not.

12,816. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was this a ticket that you took ?—Yes. I suppose it was a ticket, it came in a paper.

12,817. Had you ever been paid for the rooms before upon the sly ?—No.

12,818. Who hired your house ?—That I do not know. I was out at the time. I left word, believing that they would want them, that they should have them if they required them.

12,819. Was the house ever used ?—Upon this occasion ?

12,820. Yes ?—I believe not.

12,821. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Will you tell me who gave it you; you say it was a ticket ?—I believe a man of the name of Newman brought the ticket to me.

12,822. And why did you not tell me that before ?—You did not ask me the name before, I believe.

12,823. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you call that ticket an order ?—I looked upon it as an order for payment. I received no other payment; and up to that time I supposed they would pay me the money, and that is the way I looked upon it.

12,824. For not occupying your room ?—It was open to them from the time they engaged it to use it.

12,825. You got a ticket with a letter C upon it ?—I do not know what was upon it. I cannot tell what was upon it. I believe that this gentleman can recollect the circumstances, and I believe he will say that is how I was paid.

12,826. We know you were paid in that way. The question is, what you were paid for ?—I do not know what I was paid for.

JAMES HORTH sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Horth.

12,827. What are you ?—A fish curer.

12,828. What did you receive at the last election ?—10*l.*

12,829. Who from ?—Mr. Cooper.

12,830. Are you sure it was not more ?—Yes, I am quite sure of it. I wish it had been more.

12,831. Mr. Cooper says you got 15*l.* or 20*l.* ?—He tells a falsehood; that is not the truth; I got the 10*l.*

12,832. Where was it he gave it you ?—In my own house and after the election; I got a bottle of wine, and I reckon that was about 10*l.* 4*s.* He sent me to Thompson for a bottle of wine.

12,833. He paid for the bottle of wine ?—Yes; he paid for the bottle of wine.

12,834. And then you promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—I had given the vote to Lacon and the other.

12,835. Did you get anything in 1859 ?—Yes, 10*l.* from the same party.

12,836. From Mr. Cooper ?—Yes. I asked him whether they could not make it up this year 15*l.*, and he said that was all he was allowed; that was all that he could afford to give me.

12,837. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is Middleton a mate of yours or do you know him ?—No.

JAMES MIDDLETON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Middleton.

12,838. What are you ?—I have been a fishery man all my lifetime.

12,839. What did you get at the last election for your vote ?—15*l.*

12,840. Who from ?—Robert Nockles.

12,841. Did he tell you who he came from ?—No, he never mentioned nothing of that to me.

12,842. He is a friend of yours ?—Yes I came ashore the Sunday at noon-tide, and when I came ashore in a small boat, he came and met me on the sands. He said I want you to oblige me. We were upon the beach, and we went and had a glass of brandy and water together, and he said I will give you 15*l.* to vote for Lacon and Goodson.

12,843. You were not tempted by the other side ?—Yes, I was.

12,844. Who by ?—By Downing; and I told him my vote was promised then.

12,845. You did not take anything from him ?—No, not a halfpenny. I told him that it was promised.

12,846. You voted only for Sir Edmund Lacon, I believe ?—Sir Edmund Lacon and the party for what I know.

12,847. Why did you not vote for Mr. Goodson ?—I did not know him. I thought it was not worth while.

12,848. You did not care much who you voted for ?—No.

12,849. As long as you were paid ?—No, I do not care so long as I got the money.

12,850. Did you get anything in 1859 ?—No, I did not; I had not a vote.

12,851. (*Mr. Slade.*) Downing says that he gave you a ticket ?—No, he did not.

12,852. That is not true ?—No, he never gave me any ticket. He followed me on to the jetty. I went to look after a small boat to see if it was getting full of water, and he came on the jetty and met me and said, "I want you." I said, "For what ?" He says, "I want you to vote," and I said, "I have just now promised it to Nockles." Twelve minutes after he said, "I will give you 18*l.* to vote for the Liberals;" and I said I had promised it and I should have nothing to do with him, and I walked away and left him. It was at the end of the old jetty.

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E. Clark.

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EDMUND CLARK sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,853. What are you?—A baker.

12,854. What did you get at the last election for your vote?—From the Conservatives 15*l.*; 10*s.* short.

12,855. That is 14*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

12,856. Who from?—From Mr. Wilshack.

12,857. What did you get from the other side?—15*l.*

12,858. Who from?—I do not know.

12,859. Did you get a ticket?—No.

12,860. Where at?—I have learnt since; I did not know at the time; at the "Army and Navy" tavern.

12,861. How came you to go to Cattermole's, the "Army and Navy" tavern?—I went with Mr. Laxon.

12,862. Mr. Laxon took you there?—I do not know that he took me; we went together. I did not know the way.

12,863. What induced you and Mr. Laxon to go together?—Some conversation passed between him and me. We went up to the "Angel" first, and he spoke to some gentleman first. I did not see him speak to him, and then we went together down to the "Army and Navy" tavern.

12,864. How did you know you would get any money there?—I did not know, not till I went. I only went and stated the ward I lived in, and gave in my name. There were no questions asked me further.

12,865. Who did you give your name in to?—Some gentleman; I do not know what his name was.

12,866. You had a general idea that money was being given away?—Well, I heard so.

12,867. And so you went to get some?—So I went to get some.

12,868. Whom did you vote for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

12,869. You got 14*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Wilshack to vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

12,870. And 10*s.* more than that from the other side?—Yes, 10*s.* more from the other side.

12,871. Was that the reason you voted for them?—No.

12,872. What was the reason you voted for them?—I had a mind to vote for them; I promised I would.

12,873. Why did you take Mr. Wilshack's money?—There was no particular reason; it was offered me.

12,874. Do you not know it was offered you for your vote?—I did not promise to vote that way. Mr. Wilshack asked me to do so, but I did not promise.

12,875. Do you think he would have given you the money if you had not promised your vote?—I cannot say that.

12,876. Still you took the money?—I took the money.

12,877. Did you get anything in 1859?—I think I did.

12,878. How much?—I think it was 10*l.*, but I forget now, it is so long ago.

12,879. Who from?—William Smith brought the money to me.

12,880. What side was he?—I think he was for the Liberal interest then.

12,881. Did you vote for the Liberals?—I did vote for the Liberals.

12,882. You did not get anything from the other side?—Sir Edmund Lacon just called on me, and I told him I could not vote for him; that was all, and I did not see any more of him.

12,883. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is that all you got at the last election?—That is all.

12,884. (*Mr. Russell.*) You were examined before the Committee of the House of Commons?—I was.

12,885. And you told them you had only got 10*l.*?—No; they asked me how much I got, and I told them 10*l.* I did not tell them I only got that.

12,886. That you consider was telling the truth?—I told the truth. I told them I had got 10*l.*, and they never asked me any more.

12,887. You considered taking 15*l.* involved the necessity of taking 10*l.*?—I do not consider I told them an untruth, I was under the impression it was 10*l.* They asked me in a hurry, and I was flurried. If they had asked me a second time I should have told them that I took 15*l.*

R. Burwell.

ROBERT BURWELL sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,888. What are you?—A shopkeeper.

12,889. (*Mr. Slade.*) What shop?—South Denes Road.

12,890. What is it?—A greengrocer's shop.

12,891. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you get anything at the last election for your vote?—Yes.

12,892. How much?—15*l.*

12,893. Who from?—I got it at the "Army and Navy" tavern. I cannot say who the gentleman was.

12,894. Did you get anything on the other side?—Yes.

12,895. How much?—15*l.*

12,896. Who from?—Mr. Lummis.

12,897. Did you get anything else?—Yes, I got 5*l.* on the morning of the election at the "Angel."

12,898. From whom?—I do not know who from; at the "Angel" in the market.

12,899. Is that all?—George Harvey, the blacksmith, gave me a sovereign on the morning of the election.

12,900. Tell us something about this 15*l.* at the "Army and Navy;" who sent you there?—Well, I heard they were getting money there, and I went there on my own accord.

12,901. Who did you hear it from?—From several parties, a man of the name of Peek.

12,902. Did Mr. Peek happen to give you a ticket?—No.

12,903. Had you no ticket?—No, no ticket.

12,904. What day was it you went to the "Army and Navy" tavern?—On the Monday evening.

12,905. Who did you see at the "Army and Navy" tavern?—I saw several persons who were there. I am sure I am not able to say. I did not take any notice. I see Mr. Cattermole there.

12,906. I mean the person who gave you the 15*l.*?—I am not able to say who he was; he was quite a stranger to me.

12,907. Was he in a room by himself?—He was.

12,908. What did he say to you when you came in?—He asked my name.

12,909. Did he refer to his register?—I am not able to say; he gave me a small parcel with 15 sovereigns in it.

12,910. Was he sitting at a table?—He was sitting at a small table.

12,911. Did you not give him some ticket?—No, I had no ticket.

12,912. Did you give him your name?—I gave him my name.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

12,913. His name is not mentioned in your list; do you recollect the man?—Yes. I remembered him very distinctly when he got into the box.

12,914. Do you recollect whether he had got a ticket or not?—In the first instance I got lists at Cattermole's. I had arranged about the tickets, but the tickets had not got into working order. They gave me a list of names to go right away down to

Cattermole's with and pay, but, as to its being a common rumour, I must have had their names on the list or I should not have paid them.

12,915. You think his name must have been down on the list?—Yes, I am certain of it.

12,916. He is not down on the list you have given to us?—I cannot account for that; there must have been some mistake in the number or something of the sort. I remember him coming into the room; he had not that coat on then, but a blue smock, a Guernsey.

12,917. He may have been one of the substituted names?—Perhaps it might be so. I must have had the list with his name on, or I should not have known what amount of money to give him, or what arrangement had been made with him.

ROBERT BURWELL recalled; further examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

R. Burwell.

12,918. You say you got 5*l.* at the "Angel?"—Yes.

12,919. Who did you get that from?—I am not able to say who it was. I did not know the gentleman.

12,920. Was it the same gentleman who gave you the 15*l.* at Cattermole's?—I am not able to say whether it was or not.

12,921. What did Harvey give you the 1*l.* for?—It was paid me on the election morning for telling people to go the poll.

12,922. Which side did you go to the poll for?—The Blue side.

12,923. Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

12,924. When did you see Mr. Lummis?—On the Sunday evening.

12,925. Was anybody with him?—No; there was no one with him when I saw him. He came down to me.

12,926. He came to your house?—Yes.

12,927. Did you know Mr. Lummis very well?—Yes, I knew Mr. Lummis.

12,928. Did you see him much about at the election?—No; I cannot say that I saw but very little of him. I did not see him from the Sunday night till after the election.

12,929. Do you know anybody else who received money from Mr. Lummis besides yourself?—No, I do not.

12,930. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

12,931. Did you get anything then?—No.

12,932. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you vote for the Red or the Blue in 1859?—The Red party, Sir Edmund Lacon.

12,933. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose that was the reason that Mr. Lummis gave you 15*l.* at this election?—No; he asked me if I was in want of 15*l.* I said, "Yes," and he gave it to me. He never said, "Are you going to vote for Lacon and Goodson?" or anything.

12,934. You did not consider yourself bound to vote for them, for Lacon and Goodson, though you took their money?—I did not vote for them.

12,935. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are you sure you did not take 20*l.* at Cattermole's?—No, 15*l.*

12,936. I have your name down here as taking 20*l.*?—No, 15*l.*

12,937. Are you certain of that?—I am certain of it.

12,938. It was probably 15*l.*, and the 5*l.* on the election morning, that made it 20*l*?—Yes, 15*l.* at Cattermole's, and 5*l.* at the "Angel," which made it 20*l.*

12,939. Both on the same side?—Yes, both on the same side.

12,940. Did you refuse to promise when they asked you for your vote?—The blue party?

12,941. Did you say you would not promise?—No.

12,942. Did you promise your vote?—No, I was not asked to. I was asked to go to Mr. Cattermole's.

12,943. Were you not canvassed on the other side?—No, I was not in the way. I believe there were two or three parties called, but I did not see anybody. On two or three occasions they called, but I was not in the way.

12,944. You were not asked for your vote by either of the candidates?—No; on two or three different occasions they called, but I never saw any of the parties; not till the Sunday night I see Mr. Lummis.

12,945. Are you sure you got nothing in 1859?—Not in 1859.

12,946. Are you sure?—Yes.

12,947. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you vote for the parties who gave you most money?—I voted for the party that I got the 20*l.* from; the 15*l.* and the 5*l.*

12,947*a*. Was that your reason for voting for them; because they gave the most?—Yes, it was.

SAMUEL JOHN FILL sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

S. J. Fill.

12,948. What are you?—A ship chandler.

12,949. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—Nothing at all.

12,950. You were a committee man, were you not?—Yes.

12,951. Upon the Liberal side?—Yes.

12,952. Do you know anything of the ticket system?—I do not. Perhaps I had better qualify that by saying I heard tickets were afloat, but beyond that I do not know.

12,953. Did you never get one yourself?—To the best of my knowledge I did not, except going to Mr. Satterthwaite for 5*l.* That was in my own writing.

12,954. You gave Mr. Satterthwaite a ticket and you got 5*l.*?—Yes.

12,955. For yourself?—No, for a Matthew Brereton.

12,956. Did you get any money for any other man?—To the best of my knowledge I did not.

12,957. Who told you to get 5*l.* from Mr. Satterthwaite?—Mr. Edwards, the candidate's man.

12,958. Have you been in court all day to-day?—I have.

12,959. Did you hear somebody mention your name?—I believe Mr. Satterthwaite did.

12,960. Was that about this 5*l.* that you gave to Mr. Brereton?—Yes; I did not give it to Mr. Brereton.

12,961. What did you do with it?—Well, upon the nomination day Mr. Brereton saw me upon the Quay. He asked me whether I could not set him up with some flags. I said, "No, I have no flags, only new flags." He said, "Could I not manage it for him?" I saw Mr. Edwards after that, and I said to Mr. Edwards, "Can I go as far as 5*l.* for flags for Mr. Brereton?" and Mr. Edwards said, "Yes, I could." When I was at the "Army and Navy" tavern I said to Mr. Jones or Mr. Satterthwaite, "Will you hand me over 5*l.* for flags for Brereton?" That was upon the nomination night. I went down to my shop and told my man to let Mr. Brereton go as far as 5*l.* for flags if he called. He did call, but he did not take 5*l.* worth of flags, he only took 36*s.* 6*d.* Upon the day after the election I went up to the "Angel." I think I saw Mr. Jones or Mr. Edwards, I do not know which, and I said, "I have 3*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* to refund," but as I had spent more than that at the "White Lion" for cabmen, ticket carriers, and so on, what should I do with it? I think Mr. Jones's reply or Mr. Edwards's reply was, "Well, as long as you have the 5*l.*, so long as that will balance your account, let the 5*l.* stand as it is." I cannot qualify that in any other way.

12,962. Did you make any return of this money to Mr. Jones?—No, I did not.

12,963. You do not know whether it was returned as part of the election expenses?—I do not think it was.

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S. J. Fill.

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12,964. Did you promise Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl at once ?—Yes.

12,965. Have you always voted that side?—Always.

12,966. Did you receive anything for your vote in 1859 ?—Certainly not, never in my life.

12,967. Did you give any men money for their votes in 1859 ?—To the best of my knowledge I did not ; I believe I did not. I have no knowledge of anything of the sort.

12,968. Except this 5*l.* you have mentioned you took no part whatever in the distributing of money ?—To the best of my knowledge I did not. I have no recollection of it.

12,969. You would not forget it if you did ?—I do not recollect it at all.

12,970. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you a very short memory? —Perhaps I had better say at once I did not.

12,971. Will you swear you did not ?—I will swear I did not.

12,972. Are you aware Mr. Satterthwaite has named you this morning as one of the captains ?—I do not think he could have named me.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

12,973. Is that the man you meant ?—You asked me if I knew Mr. Fill. I said I did not know him by name ; he was introduced to me last night and he named the 5*l.* to me. I recognized him at once as being the party, and I thought it was my duty to state that I had seen this gentleman.

12,974. Did you not mention him to us as a man who had taken an active part in the election ?—I did not mention it with that intention. I merely wanted to set myself right as far as not knowing him went. You asked me yesterday, did I know Fill, Barber, and Moore ? I said I did not. I said I knew Mr. Moore, that I met him in company, but as far as Mr. Fill was concerned I did not remember him. I was introduced to Mr. Fill last night; after seeing him and being introduced to him I did recognize him as being the party who presented a ticket to me for 5*l.*, and I remember the affair of telling Mr. Edwards he had no right to give a ticket for banners, that it was illegal.

12,975. Is that the only dealing you had with Mr. Fill at the last election ?—Yes, it is. The ticket was not in his handwriting ; at least I do not know his handwriting. It was Mr. Edwards wrote that ticket out.

12,976. I have it Mr. Satterthwaite said, S. J. Fill was one of the captains ?—As I said before, he was introduced to me last night as being one of the parties, and I recognized the voice.

12,977. That is what I asked you before, and now you say you did not say that ?—I do not remember saying he was one of those introduced to me as a ticket man.

S. J. Fill.

SAMUEL JOHN FILL recalled ; further examined by Mr. SLADE.

12,978. Do you know what Mr. Satterthwaite means by being a captain ?—I presume a man that would give him a list of voters to bribe.

12,979. Did you do that ?—No, I did not.

12,980. Are you sure you did not ?—I did not.

12,981. Did you ever give him the name of any man who accepted a bribe ?—I think I have.

12,982. Who was it ?—Samuel Mallett.

12,983. He got 20*l.* ; who else ?—Tom Sims.

12,984. He got 15*l.*?—And Thos. Newstead, I think.

12,985. How much did he get ?—I do not know.

12,986. What did you say to Newstead ?—I think I recommended him to go to the "Army and Navy" Tavern.

12,987. When was that ?—The night before the election, I think.

12,988. Who else ?—I do not know any other.

12,989. Just recollect now ?—No, I cannot.

12,990. You were in the Nelson Ward with Barber and Stone ?—Yes.

12,991. Were those three men in Nelson Ward ?—They were.

12,992. Did you go to those men ?—No, I think I saw them in the street. Mallett's case, I think I did go to the house and told him to go to the "Army and Navy" tavern.

12,993. Did you say what he would receive when he went there ?—10*l.*, I think.

12,994. Why did you tell him 10*l.* ?—I think I agreed with him for 10*l.* ; I think so.

12,995. Did you give him a ticket ?—Certainly not.

12,996. Had you given in the names before to Mr. Satterthwaite ?—I think I did on the nomination night.

12,997. Did you tell Mr. Satterthwaite that you had agreed with Mr. Mallett for 10*l.* ?—I cannot say. I do not recollect whether I did or not.

12,998. Did you give Mr. Mallett the money your self ?—No.

12,999. Can you account for Mr. Mallett getting 20*l.*, if he agreed with you for 10*l.* ?—I cannot.

13,000. Then you saw Mr. Satterthwaite on the evening before ?—I did.

13,001. Where ?—At the "Army and Navy" tavern.

13,002. What was he doing there ?—Well, he did not do anything.

13,003. Nonsense ?—There was no one in the room except one person, which, I believe to be Mr. Moore, beyond that I do not know of any other party.

13,004. What did you go there for ?—At the request of Mr. Edwards to go down and see Jones, and see how he was getting on.

13,005. And then you handed in to Mr. Satterthwaite those names ?—I think I did. It must have been at that time, because I was not at the "Army and Navy" tavern any time, save and except this night, unless when there were meetings. I think I drove down with Mr. Satterthwaite to show him where the "Army and Navy" tavern was on the Monday ; that was the time ; those were the only times.

13,006. What did Mr. Satterthwaite want to know where the "Army and Navy" tavern was for ?—I do not think he said anything at all ; he said, "Will you go and show me the 'Army and Navy' tavern." He spoke to the landlord, I stopped in the bar, and that is all I know about it.

13,007. I suppose you know, then, that Mr. Satterthwaite was going down there for a certain purpose ?—Well, if I said the contrary, it would be wrong; certainly I did think what his intentions were, because, I believe, I gleaned that from Mr. Edwards.

13,008. Have you seen Thomas Newstead since ? —I have seen him in my shop.

13,009. Have you ever learnt whether he got anything at Cattermole's or not ?—I have not.

13,010. What made you recommend him to go there ?—Why, as I was aware Jones was there for the purpose of bribing.

13,011. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Will you tell me as to these three names, Mallett, Sims, and Newstead ; did you give them to Mr. Satterthwaite on a written bit of paper ?—Verbally.

13,012. And Mr. Brereton ?—Brereton, I think, I gave a ticket for.

13,013. (*Mr. Russell.*) What did you mean by telling me just now you knew nothing about tickets, and you never gave a ticket yourself ?—I named that I gave a ticket for Brereton. I named that then.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

13,014. Should you have taken the names and entered them on your list from a man who was not a captain?—No. I think he must be mistaken about giving them verbally. I must have had a list before me. I added up the list, because I only took the amount of money that was on the list to pay with. I made a point of doing that, and then if I ran short I promised to come down again at a certain time. I had wrapped up in pieces of paper, the amount of 15*l.*, and marked it C; and 20*l.* I put a D to.

13,015. Should you have taken the list of names, either verbally or in writing, from any man who was not a captain?—Certainly not, unless he had been introduced to me by Mr. Edwards, and he said, "This man is all right, you can take tickets from him."

13,016. Had Mr. Edwards introduced Mr. Fill to you?—Mr. Edwards did introduce him, but I could not call him to mind till I saw him last night, as I stated this morning. I have no doubt, when I see the men themselves, I shall be able to say whether they were the parties or not.

S. J. FILL recalled; further examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,017. Did you take any part in the election of 1859?—I should say I did.

13,018. Did you give any money then?—No.

13,019. Are you quite sure of that?—Positive.

13,020. You did not happen to have any expenses of your own?—That I might.

13,021. Did you?—Very likely; not at all unlikely.

13,022. If you had any, who paid you?—I cannot tell you now.

13,023. If there were any, did you return them to the election officers?—I think it is very probable I should.

13,024. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are those the only three names you gave in to Mr. Satterthwaite?—I do not know of any others.

13,025. I ask you?—Not of my own knowledge; my memory does not serve me beyond that.

13,026. You canvassed for the Nelson Ward, I presume?—At times.

13,027. I do not mean yesterday, why not answer, yes, you did?—Yes.

13,028. You know every man in the ward, do you not?—I ought to do.

13,029. How many men in that ward took bribes?—That I directly know, or indirectly?

13,030. On either side, indirectly?—Well, I think, those three men I have named.

13,031. You know those directly?—Beyond that I do not know.

13,032. Not a single man?—No.

13,033. You never heard of one?—I have heard of lots.

13,034. Let us have their names?—I think I heard the name of Veale, a publican.

13,035. He has been examined before us?—I have not seen him here.

13,036. St. Peter's Road?—No; it is opposite the "Army and Navy" tavern. I forget the road; the Tower Road.

13,037. Is it Henry F. Veale?—That is the man.

13,038. Do you know who he got money from?—No, I do not.

13,039. Who did you hear it from?—From my shopman in the course of conversation.

13,040. Who did he get it from?—I am sure I cannot tell you.

13,041. On which side?—That I cannot tell you. I should think the Tories.

13,042. Anyone else?—A man named Beales, my carter, he is dead; it is not worth while giving you his name.

13,043. It is lucky to recollect his name; he is dead, he will not compromise you at all; what was his name—Daniel Beales.

13,044. Victoria Road or South Denes Road?—South Denes Road.

13,045. Anybody else?—I know of no more.

13,046. I ask you if you heard of any more; you do not know of these?—No, I did not.

13,047. You have come here to say you know of very little, and you know a great deal; go on and tell us somebody else?—I do not know of anybody else.

13,048. On your solemn oath are those the only four names you gave in to Mr. Satterthwaite?—I think I may say yes.

13,049. Say so then?—I say so.

13,050. You take your solemn oath you mentioned no more names to him who would take bribes?—To the best of my knowledge.

13,051. You are upon your oath, that will not do. Will you take your solemn oath you never mentioned to anybody any more names than those four who would take bribes, and be careful?—I know of no more.

13,052. Did you mention any more?—I should say not.

13,053. Say so then?—Well, I will.

13,054. Say no?—No.

13,055. On your solemn oath?—Yes, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

13,056. That will not do, you come here to pervert?—I can give you no further answer.

13,057. Did you, on your solemn oath, give in any more names to anybody at any time who would take a bribe?—To the best of my knowledge I have not done so.

13,058. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you give him the name of Carrier?—No.

13,059. Do you know Carrier?—Yes, I do.

13,060. A baker?—Yes.

13,061. Do you think he got a bribe?—Very likely he might, but not to my knowledge.

13,062. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you ever hear that Carrier was bribed?—I know he has been bribed at the municipal elections.

13,063. Did you never hear that Carrier was bribed at the election we are talking of now?—No.

13,064. Never?—No.

13,065. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you offer him a bribe?—Carrier?

13,066. Yes?—I am not sure.

13,067. Did you?—I think I did.

13,068. You know you did?—I will not be positive about that for this reason, that he has been bribed at municipal elections, and whether it was at the municipal election or this present election I do not know.

13,069. You have bribed him at municipal elections?—I have.

13,070. And you have bribed him so often that you cannot remember whether you bribed him at the last election or not?—I am sure I did not.

13,071. Will you swear you did not?—Yes, I will.

13,072. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you ever hear of the captains handing in their handwriting to Mr. Satterthwaite?—I have only heard it in this Court.

13,073. Never before?—No.

13,074. Did you never know before you heard it in this Court that Mr. Satterthwaite had the handwriting given him?—No.

13,075. Do you know that either Downing or Edwards, or Neave, gave in lists of men that would take bribes to Mr. Satterthwaite?—I do not.

13,076. You never heard it?—Only what I have heard in this Court. Will you allow me to make a statement?

13,077. What is it you wish to say?—I took 200*l.* to go to London at the election of Rumbold and Wilshire from Mr. Worship to bring the out voters down. I got 12*l.* 10*s.* for myself, and I gave the account for the rest to Mr. Wilshire. I brought down Captain Stewart for one.

13,078. Why cannot you tell us anything more about the election of 1859?—Because I know nothing.

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J. Last.

JAMES LAST sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,079. What are you?—A horse dealer.

13,080. What did you receive at the last election?—20*l.*

13,081. Who from?—I am sure I cannot say. They tell me the gentleman's name was Jones, but I received it at Mr. Wright's.

13,082. Did you receive anything on the other side?—Certainly not.

13,083. Did you receive anything in the year 1859, the election before this last?—Well, I would not speak to that.

13,084. I daresay if you were to recollect you would be able to tell us?—I have a very bad memory.

13,085. Have you always been a Liberal?—I tell you what it is, I am very general.

13,086. You mean by that you voted for whoever would pay you best?—That is about the truth of it.

13,087. When once you have received your money you always vote for the party who gives it you?—Yes; when I promise I stand to what I do promise. I do not sell myself to both. When I pledge myself that is enough, and I only want another election.

13,088. How long have you had a vote?—Ten years.

13,089. You cannot recollect the last?—No.

13,090. Have you been paid every election?—I cannot account for that. I do not recollect.

13,091. You have been paid more than once?—Perhaps I may be three or four times, but I cannot call it to mind.

13,092. I will not ask about anything else prior to 1859. Now pray try and recollect?—I am sure I cannot recollect, for I have got no learning.

13,093. I am told you were not on the register in 1859?—I cannot say. If I was not on the register I know I never received anything. I know if it was not in the book I never did.

13,094. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you offered anything the other side?—I am sure I forget.

J. Fish.

JAMES FISH sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,095. What are you?—A fish-curer now.

13,096. What did you receive at the last election?—20*l.*

13,097. Who from?—I do not know; it was a stranger.

13,098. Where at?—At James Thompson's.

13,099. Did you take a ticket there?—No.

13,100. How did you come to go there?—A man by the name of Lawson took me there.

13,101. What is his christian name?—George Lawson.

13,102. He sent you there?—He came for me to go there, and said there was some money to give away there.

13,103. Was George Lawson very active in the matter?—No, I do not think he was.

13,104. Did you get anything in 1859?—No, I never voted then at all.

R. Fenn.

ROBERT FENN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

13,105. What are you?—A carpenter.

13,106. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

13,107. From Mr. Cooper?—From Mr. Cooper.

13,108. Did you get anything on the other side?—No.

13,109. I see you plumped for Lacon?—Yes.

13,110. Why was that; I suppose you meant to vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

13,111. Why did you not vote for Mr. Goodson?—I do not know the reason. I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

13,112. No, you only voted for Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, I did.

13,113. Why did you not vote for Mr. Goodson?—I can hardly say. I think I voted for Lacon and Goodson too.

13,114. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—No; I had not a vote.

13,115. You are quite sure you took no money the other side?—I did not take anything the other side.

13,116. And were not offered any?—No.

M. Gaze.

MARK GAZE sworn; examined by MR. RUSSELL.

13,117. What are you?—A shoemaker.

13,118. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*, received of Mr. Cooper.

13,119. Did you take anything on the other side?—No.

13,120. Were you offered anything on the other, 15*l.*?—No.

13,121. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—I have voted in favour of the Liberals by influence through family causes, but I do not remember the exact date.

13,122. Do you know a man named Christopher Steward?—Yes.

13,123. Did he give you some money in 1859?—No; but there was some privilege given to the wife, I think.

13,124. That is to your wife?—Yes.

13,125. For your vote?—Yes.

13,126. And that made you vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

13,127. Do you know how much it was?—No, I do not.

13,128. Who was it gave it to her?—I do not know. I am not sure whether Mr. Steward or any other party.

13,129. Was it as much money as you think you got last time?—I do not remember. I do not know what amount it was.

13,130. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who determined which way you shall vote; yourself or your wife?—Sometimes there is a great influence and family causes. I had a son apprenticed to Mr. Steward at that time.

C. Forder.

CHARLES FORDER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,131. What are you?—An upholsterer.

13,132. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

13,133. Who from?—Mr. Cooper.

13,134. Did you get anything in 1859?—I was not on the register.

13,135. Did you get any offer on the other side?—No. I told them I was very sorry, but I could not vote for them, because my employment lies the other way.

F. Jay.

FRANCIS JAY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,136. What are you?—A baker.

13,137. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

13,138. From Mr. Cooper?—Yes.

13,139. Were you offered anything on the other side?—Yes.

13,140. How much?—15*l.*

13,141. Who by?—Mr. Downing.

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13,142. Did you refuse it?—Yes, I returned it to him.

13,143. You took it first?—It was left in my house, and I returned it to him Tuesday morning.

13,144. Did you get anything at the election of 1859?—No.

13,145. Had you a vote?—Yes.

13,146. When Downing left the money in your house, did he leave a ticket with it?—No; the money was done up in a piece of paper, and I returned it to him the same, the next morning.

13,147-8. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect this man coming?

(*Mr. Satterthwaite.*) I think he did to Cattermole's. (*The Witness.*) I think you are decidedly wrong; I never was in Cattermole's in my life. Mr. Downing called upon me himself. I am here to speak the truth.

13,149. (*Mr. Satterthwaite.*) I do not think this is the man. The man I mean wore a blue Jersey. If it is in Downing's list Downing would tender me the money.

(*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Probably it was in the list Downing gave you.

(*Mr. Satterthwaite.*) There is no doubt Downing would have the money.

13,150. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you, Jay, return the money to Downing yourself?—I did in the same paper that he left it, 14 sovereigns and two half-sovereigns.

JAMES NOAH ARBON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. N. Arbon.

13,151. What are you?—I am a fish merchant.

13,152. Do you wish to contradict a statement that you received money?—I do; and I wish more if it is within the province of right I should like to have the author of the statement, as I think a libel on a man's character should in some way be removed, and I am quite prepared to take the advice of my legal adviser in the matters, and to carry the matter to its utmost point.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

13,153. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect this man?—I do not know. Perhaps you will see if you can find him on any of the lists that have been handed in, then we can trace him. If it has not been by a ticket it was by a list.

JAMES NOAH ARBON recalled; examination resumed by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. N. Arbon.

13,154. Who did you vote for?—The two Tory candidates.

13,155. Were you canvassed by them?—By one of them.

13,156. Who was that?—The chairman of the Great Eastern Railway, I forget the name.

13,157. Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

13,158. Were you canvassed by the Liberal party?—Yes, I met them promiscuously in the street one day.

13,159. Did you promise their party?—Neither.

13,160. A man who does not promise in Yarmouth when he is asked, renders himself liable to an imputation?—I wish I had known the character of Yarmouth before. I had not voted for several elections before, and if I remain in possession of a vote I will never vote again. I am so thoroughly satisfied with the conduct of Yarmouth. I have always held myself superior to any inducement whatever.

13,161. You appear to have been maligned?—Yes; and I ask for the right address, if you can put me in the course for it.

13,162. I am afraid Mr. Satterthwaite is unable to hand you the name of the person that mentioned it to him?—I should be very glad to have it.

13,163. Is Noah Arbon your father?—Yes.

13,164. Do you think there may have been a confusion between you and him?—Not the slightest. We are both thoroughly independent in what we do as far as public matters are concerned.

13,165. He is on the other side in politics?—Yes.

13,166. And you think he is as unlikely to take a bribe as you?—I am thoroughly satisfied, if it was to be the last word I had to speak I should speak it now.

JAMES MARTIN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Martin.

13,167. What are you?—A cabman, a cab driver.

13,168. What did you get at the last election?—20*l.*

13,169. From Mr. Cooper?—No.

13,170. From whom?—From Mr. John Barber.

13,171. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No, nothing.

13,172. You are known to be a staunch Conservative is that the reason?—Yes, decidedly, I am.

13,173. Did you get anything in the year 1859?—No, that I certainly did not.

WILLIAM WADE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

W. Wade.

13,174. What are you?—I keep a grocer's shop and beerhouse.

13,175. What did you get at the last election?—17*l.*

13,176. Who from?—Mr. Cooper.

13,177. Were you offered anything on the other side?—10*l.*

13,178. Who by?—Mr. Downing.

13,179. Did you take it?—No.

13,180. Did you get anything in 1859?—I was not living in Yarmouth then.

13,181. (*Mr. Russell.*) Are you certain it was not 20*l.* that Mr. Cooper gave you?—No, I am certain of it; and I see it observed in the papers he gave me that sum, but that was a falsehood.

13,182. Did you count the money when you got it?—Yes.

13,183. Where did Mr. Cooper give you the money?—In his shop against the Hall Quay.

13,184. Did you call for it?—No. He called me as I was going out on the Quay.

13,185. I thought you said he gave it you in his shop?—Yes.

13,186. You went there for it?—Yes; but I should not have gone if he had not called me.

13,187. You went there?—Yes.

13,188. How did he pay you, over the counter?—No. He took me in a back room there. I went through the shop with him.

13,189. Did he count out the sovereigns in your hand?—Yes. He said there were 17, and that was as much as he could do.

13,190. Did you ask for more?—No. When he called first at my house he said there would be money, and what he gave the others he would give me, but not to promise anybody else, and I did not.

13,191. When did he call first at your house?—I should think within a week or ten days previous to the election, and I never saw him till that morning; that was after the Committee had sat.

13,192. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you been to the "Angel" before Mr. Cooper gave you the money?—Yes, I rode up town with my brother-in-law. I had not been well, and he asked me to ride up the town with him. I had not been out for a fortnight or three weeks.

13,193. Were you offered anything at the "Angel?"—No.

13,194. Did you tell Mr. Cooper you had been there?—No.

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J. Ruthen.

JAMES RUTHEN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

13,195. What are you?—A publican.

13,196. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

13,197. Who gave it you?—Mr. Watson part of it, and Mr. Savory the other.

13,198. In what proportions?—10*l.*

13,199. 10*l.* from each?—Yes.

13,200. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

13,201. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—I had not one.

13,202. You are sure it was not 20*l.* you got from Mr. Watson?—No.

G. Osborn.

GEORGE OSBORN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

13,203. What are you?—A tailor.

13,204. Did you have anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

13,205. How much?—15*l.*

13,206. From whom?—Mr. Ellis, the tailor.

13,207. Mr. J. G. Ellis?—The mayor's officer, and tailor.

13,208. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

13,209. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—I had not one.

J. Peck.

JAMES PECK sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

13,210. What are you?—A publican.

13,211. What did you get at the last election?—20*l.*

13,212. From whom?—I cannot say, quite a stranger to me.

13,213. Where did you get it?—At Mr. Thompson's, in the Queen's Road.

13,214. Did you take a ticket?—No.

13,215. You went and gave your name?—I went and gave my name; that was all.

13,216. And got the money?—Yes.

13,217. Were you offered anything on the other side?—15*l.*

13,218. By whom?—Mr. George Harvey.

13,219. Did you take it?—No.

13,220. You refused it?—Yes.

13,221. Did you get anything more than the 20*l.*?—No.

13,222. Did you have anything for your vote in 1859?—I had not one.

J. Thurlow.

JAMES THURLOW sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

13,223. What are you?—A cab driver.

13,224. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—10*s.*

13,225. And how much beyond that?—No more.

13,226. Did you not have 15*l.* or 20*l.* from Mr. Cooper?—No, I did not.

13,227. Did your wife receive any money for you?—Not that I know of. I never heard her say anything about it.

13,228. You swear to that?—Yes.

13,229. Who gave you the 10*s.*?—Mr. Cooper.

13,230. When?—The day before the election.

13,231. Why did he give you 10*s.*?—I did not ask him for it.

13,232. Did he say what it was for?—No.

13,233. Had you been driving Mr. Cooper about?—No; I had the other parties, and I got nothing for that either.

13,234. Did you get anything from Mr. Edwards?—No.

13,235. 7*l.* 10*s.*?—No.

13,236. You swear that?—Yes.

13,237. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know a man named Dunnell?—No.

13,238. Have you ever heard of Dunnell's name?—No.

13,239. And do not know anything about him?—No.

13,240. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did Mr. Dunnell never give you 7*l.* 10*s.*?—No, that is all I received.

13,241. You swear you received nothing but that 10*s.*?—That is all I received.

13,242. Or your wife?—My wife was not troubled with anything. I never heard her say anything about taking anything.

13,243. Did your wife tell you which way to vote?—No. I never heard her say anything at all about it.

13,244. Are you sure you are telling the truth?—I know nothing about what my wife did, if she has done anything. If you wish to have her up here I will send for her.

13,245. Do you believe your wife took the money?—No. I believe she never took any money, because I never heard her say anything about it.

13,246. Have you asked her if she did?—Yes.

13,247. And did she say she did not?—Yes.

13,248. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know Downing?—No.

13,249. Thomas Downing?—I may know the man, but I do not know his name.

13,250. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who canvassed you for your vote?—That I cannot say now.

13,251. When did you promise to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—I cannot tell you the day of the month, I forgot all about that. Only Sir Edmund Lacon stopped me on the Southtown road and asked me for my vote. I said, "I intend to vote for you as I have promised to vote for you."

13,252. (*Mr. Slade.*) Downing says he gave you a ticket with the letter C upon it?—Not me.

13,253. James Thurlow, No. 1,231?—Not me.

13,254. That must be you?—No.

13,255. You are 1,231?—If he did he gave it to my wife; he did not give it to me.

13,256. Did he give it to your wife?—That I do not know. I did not hear anything about it, whether she took it or no. If he did he gave it to my wife; I did not receive anything. I did not know she took anything.

13,257. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you vote in 1859?—Yes.

13,258. Did you get anything for your vote then?—No, I did not.

13,259. How long have you been an inhabitant of Yarmouth?—Just over 40 years.

13,260. Have you always had a vote?—No.

13,261. At how many elections have you voted?—Only one.

13,262. Only this one?—No.

13,263. I thought you said just now you voted in 1859?—No, not 1859.

13,264. Which was it?—I cannot say anything about that.

13,265. You must recollect, if you please; did you vote in 1859?—You will excuse me; I have no learning.

13,266. What did you get this 10*s.* from Mr. Cooper for?—I did not ask him for it. I should have voted just the same if he had not given it to me. I promised Sir Edmund Lacon.

13,267. Did you know there was any money going about?—No.

13,268. Did you hear there was any money given?—No, I knew nothing about that.

13,269. Did you hear it?—No.

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13,270. Do you mean to say you did not know it?—No.

13,271. On neither side?—No.

13,272. You were not aware that there was any money given away at all?—I know nothing about that.

13,273. Did you hear it at that time?—No.

13,274. Do you know any friends of yours who took money at the last election?—I took it; Mr. Cooper gave me 10*s.*

13,275. Do you know any of your friends who took money?—No, none at all.

13,276. You know of nobody who had any money at all?—No.

JOHN GARTSIDE OVEREND sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. G. Overend.

13,277. What are you?—A grocer.

13,278. Did you take an active part in the last election?—A very small part.

13,279. Were you a committee man for the Liberal party?—No.

13,280. Did you attend at the meeting at which it was discussed what was to be done with the shaky voters?—Yes, I did, and the new voters too; the shaky and the new voters.

13,281. And did you give any advice at that meeting?—I did not.

13,282. Was it decided at that meeting that money must be spent?—It was not.

13,283. Was nothing said about the expenditure of money at that meeting?—Not that I am aware of.

13,284. Did you not discuss what you would do with the shaky voters?—No.

13,285. Then what was the meeting held for?—They were to be canvassed, the shaky voters and the new voters.

13,286. For the sake of canvassing the shaky voters?—Yes, and the new voters.

13,287. Do you mean you were not at that time cognizant of there being any money spent in bribery?—No, I was not, nor any of the party that I am aware of.

13,288. When did you become cognizant of it?—I do not know. That was the only time I interfered with it. I struck then.

13,289. Did you become cognizant of the bribery before the polling day?—There was a rumour, that is all I know. I know nothing of it myself.

13,290. You took no part in it yourself?—Not at all.

13,291. Mr. Waters gave us your name?—He did.

WILLIAM BARLOW SKINNER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

W. B. Skinner.

13,292. What are you?—A miller.

13,293. You are on the Liberal side?—I am.

13,294. Did you canvass for the Liberal party?—I did, on four or five occasions with Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman.

13,295. Do you know anything of the bribery on your side?—Not the slightest, further than hearing it repeated, and so forth, not that I took part in anything of the sort.

13,296. Can you give the Commissioners any information at all?—No, nothing further than clearing my own character as regards Mr. Wilshack, who spoke to an utter falsehood. He said I offered 20*l.* to a man of the name of Smith, whom I swear I never saw in his house in my life. I wish, if you please, that you would have Smith up to corroborate my statement. I heard Mr. Wilshack make that statement in the Court, and after leaving the Court I called on this Smith, whom I had never seen in his house in my life, and I asked if I had ever offered him anything. He said "No." I said, "Did I offer you 25*l.*?" and he said "No." I asked him again, "Did I ever see you in your house in your life?" He said, "No." His wife came forward and said, "You called," which I did once or twice, I confess; but I never saw him, and she said, "I can swear that you never saw my husband in his house in your life."

STEPHEN RUDRAM sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

S. Rudram.

13,297. What are you?—A carpenter and joiner.

13,298. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—14*l.* 10*s.* It was kindly brought to my house by Mr. Cooper. 15*l.* should have been the figure, but he said he should take 10*s.* to himself for his trouble.

13,299. Did you get anything from the other side?—No. I might have had it if I liked.

13,300. Was it offered you?—Yes.

13,301. How much?—20*l.*

13,302. By whom?—Mr. Fox, the master builder. I would not accept it.

13,303. Where does Mr. Fox live, do you know?—I cannot say exactly, somewhere on the Crown Road, I think.

13,304. The Apsley Road, is it?—It may be the Apsley Road.

13,305. Or Bath Hill Terrace?—Not that Mr. Fox; it is the elder Fox of the two.

13,306. When did Mr. Fox offer you this money?—I cannot say whether it was the night before the election or the night before that. I did not make any memorandum of it. The chief I recollect of it was, he said I was the honestest fellow he had fallen in with yet, because I would not take his money. I told him I should vote dead against him if I did.

13,307. You have always been a Conservative?—Yes, in principle.

13,308. Did you vote in 1859?—Yes.

13,309. Did you get anything then?—I got 15*l.* That seemed to be the figure they put for me, 15*l.*

13,310. At both elections?—Yes.

13,311. You got the whole 15*l.* in 1859?—Yes.

13,312. From whom?—Mr. Cooper. He did not take anything for his trouble that time. Perhaps I should not have said so much about Mr. Cooper, but he has made several statements about me, I see, in the papers, in reference to what he gave me. He says from 15*l.* to 20*l.*, his memory would not serve him. I see it got up as high as 23*l.*

13,313. (*Mr. Slade.*) What Mr. Cooper said is this, "Stephen Rudram, Crown Road." That is you?—Yes.

13,314. "How much?—15*l.* I am merely speaking "from memory; it may have been 20*l.*, some of them. "I will endeavour to recollect it." Therefore it was not correct what you saw in the paper?—It is a misprint.

13,315. He says "not less than 15*l.*?"—That is a wrong statement.

13,316. Did he pay the money down to you in your shop?—In my own house; he came to my house and paid it.

13,317. Was anybody there?—No, not in the room with us.

13,318. What time was it?—It was either breakfast half-hour, or dinner, or I do not know which.

13,319. When you went home to your meal?—Yes.

13,320. Did he give you the 15*l.*, or did he give you the 14*l.* 10*s.* first?—14*l.* 10*s.*; 14 sovereigns and a half-sovereign; and he said, "I shall take a half-sovereign for my trouble; that is all I get." "Very well," I said.

13,321. Did you tell him you got 15*l.* at the last election?—Yes; I got a 10*l.* note and five sovereigns.

13,322. Did you say it was rather hard you should

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have less this time?—No, I do not recollect saying such a thing as that.

13,323. Were you not rather disappointed at only receiving 14*l.* 10*s.*?—I thought it rather a mean trick of his to cut me short.

13,324. Did you say anything?—I did.

13,325. What did you say?—I believe I mentioned it to him at the time, and that is what brought it out from him, I suppose, that he took it for his trouble, the half-sovereign.

13,326. You are sure he said that?—Yes.

13,327. Did Mr. Fox say where you could get the money?—He said he had got it. He would go in at my back door, which was close by, and give it me there and then, if I would vote for the party.

13,328. Do you work for Mr. Fox?—No, I have no connexion with him.

D. Gravener.

DANIEL GRAVENER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,329. What are you?—A coach-smith.

13,330. What did you get at the last election for your vote?—30*l.* between the two.

13,331. What did you get from the Conservatives?—I had 15*l.* about three or four days, or four or five days before the election.

13,332. From whom?—George Watson. He made it out to be 20*l.* but I never received 20*l.* from him. I received that in his shop and told it there.

13,333. And what did you get on the other side?—Mr. Skinner came down to our place and he was talking about what I wanted. I said I did not want any dealings with him, I knew a man of the name of Edwards; and Mr. Skinner went away and Mr. Edwards came down in about three-quarters of an hour, and he brought me 15*l.* and laid it on the front room table; he cannot deny it.

13,334. Mr. Edwards gave you 15*l.*?—Yes. They put me down 20*l.* on each side, I see, in the papers, and Mr. Watson said 20*l.*, but it is as false as God is truth.

13,335. (*Mr. Slade.*) Where did you get the 15*l.* from Edwards?—He brought it into our room, in the front room, and laid it on the table, and I counted it and gave my wife 14*l.* and put a sovereign in my pocket.

13,336. Which Edwards do you mean?—I mean the tailor that lives in Regent Street.

13,337. Do you mean the Mr. Skinner who has just been examined?—Yes, that is the gentleman I mean that came.

13,338. Did you tell Mr. Skinner what you wanted?—No. I told him I did not want any truck with him; I did not want anything to do with him; I knew a man of the name of Edwards; and after that, about three-quarters of an hour, Mr. Edwards came down, by whose sending I do not know.

13,339. Did you understand by Mr. Skinner he was going to offer you some money?—I fancy he was, but I cannot swear it.

13,340. Did he ask you which way you were going to vote?—He did not ask me that; but I believe I might have had the money.

13,341. Cannot you tell me what passed between you?—I said I did not wish to have anything to do with Mr. Skinner, and he walked out of the garden. I said, "I know a man of the name of Edwards," and, as near as I can tell, about an hour or a little less, Mr. Edwards came down. I was at home and I had the money.

13,342. Did you understand Mr. Edwards was sent by Mr. Skinner?—No, I never understood that, but I fancy so.

13,343. Did you know Mr. Edwards had money to give away?—I heard so. It was rumoured about.

13,344. Did you mean Mr. Skinner to understand that if you took money you would take it from Mr. Edwards?—I gave him a broad hint.

13,345. And you think Mr. Skinner took it?—No, Mr. Skinner did not take it.

13,346. He took the hint?—I do not know; he might. That I cannot speak for.

13,347. Is that all you got at the election?—That is all.

13,348. Do you know that gentleman, Mr. Satterthwaite (*pointing*)?—No, I do not. I can tell you what there was in the paper. They said that I took a ticket, but I never saw a ticket no more than a blind man, nor even a piece of paper of any sort. I will be on my oath at any time.

13,349. I see you divided your favours, you voted one and one?—Yes. I did not think it worth while making chalk with one and cheese with the other. I liked the looks of Mr. Brogden when he came into the shop, and the other I said I would give to Sir Edmund; and I made up my mind that I would vote, whether money or not, for Mr. Brogden.

13,350. Did you vote in 1859?—No.

S. Tricker.

SAMUEL TRICKER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,351. What are you?—A greengrocer.

13,352. What did you get at the last election for your vote?—15*l.*

13,353. Who from?—From the "Army and Navy."

13,354. Did you take a ticket there?—No.

13,355. Who sent you there?—I heard a talk about the money being given away there, and I went down.

13,356. Did you vote for the Liberal party?—Yes.

13,357. Who canvassed you?—Not anyone.

13,358. When you got to the "Army and Navy" did you see any of your friends there?—No; there were two or three strangers there when I went, not anyone that I knew.

13,359. (*Mr. Slade.*) You must know who sent you to the "Army and Navy?"—Not anyone. I heard them talk about it on the quay the afternoon of the nomination. I heard several of them talking. I was standing alongside, and I heard several say there was going to be a meeting at the "Army and Navy."

13,360. (*Mr Fitzgerald.*) Who said so?—Several. We were standing on the Quay.

13,361. Who were they?—I do not know; and I walked from there to the "Army and Navy."

13,362. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you go with a lot more?—No.

13,363. You went by yourself?—Yes.

13,364. (*Mr. Russell.*) What did the strange gentleman do when you got there?—I went upstairs with some others. He asked me what I wanted. I told him the same as the rest.

13,365. Did you give him your name?—Yes. He would not give it me at first. I went away and then I went back to him.

13,366. And then he gave you the money?—Yes.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE.

13,367. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember anything about this man?—I think I remember his features; but it is preposterous for the man to say he did not know anything about it. Somebody must have sent him down.

13,368. He must have been on a list before you would pay him?—Yes. I should not know what to give him without.

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SAMUEL TRICKER recalled; examination resumed by Mr. SLADE.

13,369. Where were the others that went up before you?—I do not know.

13,370. Were they strangers to you?—Yes, quite strangers to me.

13,371. What ward do you live in?—The Nelson Ward.

13,372. Mr. Barber, Mr. Fill, and Mr. Stone were the three?—None called on me.

13,373. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

13,374. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you ever see a ticket?—No, I never saw one. I did not know that there were any out until I went upstairs and saw some lying on a little table. I did not know then what they were for.

13,375. (*Mr. Russell.*) When Mr. Satterthwaite would not pay you at first, who did you get to go up with you?—I went down and sat in the room, and after the other three went, Cattermole called me upstairs. Then I went up, and the gentleman paid me the money.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

13,376. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember that?—I remember in one or two cases where the landlord interfered. I refused to pay them because they had no tickets. I think there were two cases, and I remember the landlord did give me two tickets, and he said he would be responsible; and I marked the landlord's name upon them, "This is by Cattermole."

13,377. And this might have been one of those men?—It might have been.

G. Humphrey.

GEORGE HUMPHREY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

13,378. What are you?—A licensed victualler I suppose you would call me.

13,379. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—I got 15*l.*; but I do not know whether it was for the vote or not. I had it before the election at any rate.

13,380. Where did you get it?—At the "Angel."

13,381. Did you have a ticket?—I think I had, but I am sure I cannot recollect; I fancy I had.

13,382. Do you remember who gave it you?—If I had one, Mr. Thomas Edwards gave it me.

13,383. If he did not give you a ticket he sent you up to the "Angel?"—Yes.

13,384. And there you got the 15*l.*?—Yes.

13,385. Was that all you got?—That is all I got for myself.

13,386. Did you get anything for anyone else?—I think the next day a young man of the name of Bambridge had a ticket, and he could not go up, and I took the ticket and went and got the 15*l.* for him.

13,387. Is that Henry Bambridge of Gaol Street?—Yes.

13,388. How much did you get for him?—15*l.*

13,389. At the "Angel?"—Yes.

13,390. From the same gentleman who paid you?—I think not; I am not certain. I did not see the gentleman the first time I went there.

13,391. Do you know Mr. Edwards by sight?—No.

13,392. Was it a gentleman in spectacles who paid you the second 15*l.*?—I do not recollect whether he had spectacles on; I think not though.

13,393. Did you give it to Mr. Bambridge?—Yes.

13,394. Did Mr. Bambridge tell you who had given him his ticket?—No, he did not.

13,395. Were you offered any money on the other side?—Yes.

13,396. Who by?—Mr. William Grief.

13,397. How much did he offer you?—20*l.*

13,398. Was that before you got the 15*l.* at the "Angel?"—Yes.

13,399. And did you refuse the 20*l.* from Mr. Grief?—Yes; and so I should if it had been a 100*l.*

13,400. Did Mr. Grief tell you where he could get the 20*l.* from?—No.

13,401. The 15*l.* you took to yourself, and the 15*l.* you took for Mr. Bambridge, is that all the money that you know of?—Yes.

13,402. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

13,403. Did you get anything for your vote then?—10*l.*

13,404. Who from?—I cannot say. It was a stranger.

13,405. Who did you vote for?—I voted for Mr. Watkin and McCullagh at that time.

13,406. You voted the same side?—Yes.

13,407. But you cannot remember who gave it?—I cannot now. I do not recollect who it was gave it to me. I do not think I saw the party at all. I think it was left wrapped up in a piece of paper. I do not recollect who it was at all.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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Mr. R. A. Bentham.

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Mr. ROBERT ALEXANDER BENTHAM recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

13,408. Have you received particulars from London as to Mr. Brogden's account?—Yes, I have.

13,409. Will you clear up what was left in doubt?—Shall I hand in the account, or read it?

13,410. You had better read it.—July 3rd, loan, 1,500*l.*; the 7th, loan, 2,500*l.*; the 10th, 1,000*l.*; the 11th, 1,000*l.*; the 19th, 1,500*l.* There was a small cheque of 46*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* paid out; and then, dividend on 5,000*l.* consols, 73*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*; sale of consols, 4,371*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* Then the last item is a draft on Manchester, 280*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* That is the debit side. Then credit:—The 3rd July, left 1,000*l.*; on the 7th, 1,500*l.*; the 8th, 1,000*l.*; on the 10th, 1,000*l.*; on the 11th, 1,500*l.* Then on the 24th, in part of loan of 1,500*l.*; September 3rd, interest on loan, 46*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; December 30th, interest on loan, 79*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.*; 1866, May 31st, loan repaid, 4,509*l.*; and June 1st, interest on loan, 147*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* And that balances the account.

13,411. It does not appear here what day the transfer of consols was made, but I think you told us that was made the 3rd July?—It was made prior to the 3rd.

13,412. Have you ascertained who brought down that sum of 1,500*l.* on the 11th?—I cannot find out at all. I have written to the assistant manager, and he cannot give me any information. He has asked all the cashiers, and they cannot recollect who took it; it is so long a time now that they cannot charge their memories.

13,413. In the course of business of the bank, would no memorandum be made as to who drew out

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the money in that way?—No, we should not put the name of the person who drew it out.

13,414. Not the receiver of the money?—It would be payable to "Self." It would be merely the remembrance of the cashier who paid it that we have to go by.

13,415. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose the object of the account remaining open so long was, that it was inexpedient to close it until after the petition?—I could have closed it whenever I liked, but it went on, and the fact is, I did not think of it, or else it would have been much better for him to have closed it before. We could have sold the consols at a better price.

13,416. (*Mr. Slade.*) You can say that that 1,500*l.* was brought down in gold, can you not?—Oh yes, certainly. We could tell that by the books.

13,417. Do I understand that no person could tell us who received that sum, except the recipient himself?—None of our cashiers.

13,418. Nobody in the bank?—No one. The assistant manager has questioned everyone who has the payment of money, but he cannot find out any one.

13,419. (*Mr. Russell.*) But it must have been by written order from Mr. Brogden?—It must. We should never pay without, of course.

13,420. (*Mr. Slade.*) I presume the person who received the money was known to the cashier?—He brought the order, and that would identify him. I suppose he would know him, or no doubt he would, or ought to do so. Mr. Tahourdin has written to me this morning, and I should like to hand the letter to you. There seems to be some misapprehension on my part as to bringing down that 1,000*l.* (*The witness handed the letter to the Commissioners.*)

13,421. (*Mr. Russell.*) The sum of money that Mr. Tahourdin, in the letter you have handed in, states he did not bring down, was the 1,500*l.* that was brought down on the 7th?—On the Friday, I think.

13,422. On that occasion, three gentlemen came down together, one was yourself, the other was Mr. Tahourdin, the third was Mr. Brogden's brother?—No, Mr. Brogden himself.

13,423. And according to that, if it was not Mr. Tahourdin, or if it was not you, it must have been Mr. Brogden himself?—It might have been Mr. Salmon. Mr. Salmon is the only person that I recollect receiving money; might it not be him?

13,424. I do not think Mr. Salmon came down that day?—He was up and down a great deal, because he generally came to the bank for the monies.

13,425. I have been reminded that Mr. Salmon was in London, according to his evidence, on the 6th and 7th, and came down again on the 8th, and he did bring 1,000*l.*?—Yes, he so stated.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

13,426. Do you wish to make any statement?—I wish to make a statement with reference to the parties that come to deny receiving the money. Downing waited upon me at the hotel where I was staying last night, and told me there were several names in that list who had not got the money, but it had been transferred to other parties. I wish, for my own protection, that Downing, and those parties who say the others had the use of the money, should come and give the explanation of the parties they gave it to. There are two or three names he mentioned to me, and perhaps he can give the names of the others.

13,427. Did he say who the other parties were?—I think he introduced an intermediate party to the payment, but perhaps the Commissioners can get that out of him. I should like, if it was possible, for the whole of the parties who had the use of the money to be here, so that we might get out of some of them where this money has gone to. There is also another person whose name came out yesterday of the name of Fox. I suppose he will be one of the captains. When I heard the name, I remembered him bringing me a list of a large number of names. The amount of money he wanted was so large that I refused to give him the money upon that list. When his name came out, I wrote a small slip to Mr. Livingston to ask him, had he anything to do with this Mr. Fox. The answer he returned to me was "Yes." Last evening I made inquiry, and I find I cannot get to it as to who the intermediate parties were, but I think there was one with him, I am not sure. However, he is one that had money. I could not remember his name, but I now remember his going away in a huff because I would not give him this money, but I remember nothing more of him.

13,428. Do you know whether his name is Thomas or William?—I do not know.

13,429. What is he?—I believe he is a builder.

13,430. That is Thomas Fox?—I believe it is.

Mrs. C. Thurlow.

Mrs. CHRISTIANA THURLOW sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

13,431. Are you the wife of James Thurlow?—Yes.

13,432. Did you receive any money from anybody at the last election?—I did not.

13,433. Do you know Mr. Cooper?—Yes, I do know him.

13,434. Did he give you any money?—He did not.

13,435. Did you see Mr. Cooper about that time?—I did.

13,436. What day was it?—I really cannot tell the day.

13,437. How many days before the election?—It must have been many days before, because my son was to have been a clerk. That is what I spoke to him about the election day, therefore it must have been before the election day.

13,438. What did Mr. Cooper say about that?—He said he should be, but he was not.

13,439. Did he ask you which way your husband was going to vote?—No, he did not mention it to me at all.

13,440. What made you ask Mr. Cooper about your son being a clerk?—Because I thought he might as well earn the money as not. That was my only motive for asking him, that my son might earn the money that was paid, by being a clerk.

13,441. Did you know that Mr. Cooper could get him a clerk's place?—I thought he could; I was not sure when I spoke to him.

13,442. Was that at your house?—No, at Mr. Cooper's office, at the back of the Hall I saw him.

13,443. Was your son employed at the election by anybody?—No, he was not; he refused to go.

13,444. Why did he refuse?—He told me he did not wish to go.

13,445. Why not?—I do not know. He told me he did not wish to have anything to do with it, or else he might have been employed by Mr. Cooper.

13,446. Why should he refuse to go?—I cannot tell why. He said, "I do not wish to have anything to "do with it. I shall have to get leave of the master." He was an apprentice then. "I do not wish to have "anything to do with it. I would sooner go on with "my work."

13,447. Did you not press him to go?—No, I did not care about his going.

13,448. What made you change your mind?—I do not know; I had no particular reason. I did not change my mind. It was not his wish. I wished him to go.

13,449. And you always wished him to go?—Yes, I did. Mr. Cooper had said to me, "Never mind, he shall get his money whether he comes or not."

13,450. How much did he say he should get?—He said he should give him a sovereign, but he did not give him but a half sovereign some time after the election.

13,451. Did you see him give it him ?—No, I did not. He went himself for it. I did not see him.

13,452. You mean 10*s.* ?—Yes.

13,453. Are you sure it was not 10*l.* ?—No, 10*s.* That is the money.

13,454. Mr. Cooper says he gave you 10*l.* for your husband's vote ?—He did not. Mr. Cooper never gave me one penny in my life.

13,455. Never ?—No, he did not.

13,456. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you have a ticket given you ?—That was by the opposite party I had.

13,457. Who gave you that ticket ?—Mrs. Walsh, the hatter's wife, gave me three ; one for Mr. Gravener, of No. 8 Northumberland Place ; Mr. Smith, of No. 6 Northumberland Place ; and one for my husband.

13,458. And did you give those three tickets to Gravener, Smith, and your husband ?—They promised to vote for the Blue party if they were paid, but when I took them the tickets they altered their minds, and would not take them.

13,459. They would not take the tickets ?—No. I did not say anything to my husband about the tickets, because he was so determined to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

13,460. What did you do with the tickets ?—Gave them to Mrs. Walsh, who gave them to me—the hatter's wife.

13,461. Did you return them all three ?—Yes.

13,462. Do you mean to say that you know that your husband received no money at all except the 10*s.* ?—I think he did.

13,463. You think he did ?—Yes.

13,464. Who from ?—Mr. Cooper.

13,465. How much ?—10*l.*

13,466. When do you think he received it ?—I cannot tell, but I think it was early on the voting morning ; I am not very sure about that.

13,467. Did he tell you he had that ?—He told me he had it, but not exactly when. I think it was on the voting morning.

13,468. Was this 10*l.* that your husband had before the tickets were given to you ?—No, afterwards. My husband never asked for a bribe, and did not want a bribe. He was determined to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon at first.

13,469. That is why you did not give your husband a ticket ?—Yes.

13,470. You thought he would take money from the side he was going to vote for ?—No, I did not think it all. He said he did not care about a bribe ; he had made up his mind to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and he would vote for him. If he could get ever so much on the other side he would not take it.

EDWARD JEX sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *E. Jex.*

13,471. What are you ?—A licensed victualler.

13,472. Where do you live ?—At the "Unicorn," on South Quay.

13,473. What did you get at the last election ?—20*l.*

13,474. From whom ?—I received it from two men by the name of Parker and Seago.

13,475. Did you get anything in 1859 ?—I was not here at the time.

13,476. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you get any more money at all at the last election ?—No, I did not.

13,477. Did you get 10*l.* from Parker and 10*l.* from Seago ?—No. They both came together and brought it to my house.

13,477. Who gave you the money ?—They were both together. I will not be certain who gave me the money. They came into the room together and laid the money on the table for me to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl, and I did so.

HENRY CURTIS sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *H. Curtis.*

13,479. What are you ?—A tallow chandler.

13,480. What did you get at the last election ?—15*l.*

13,481. From whom ?—Mr. Kelf.

13,482. Did you get anything else ?—Nothing else.

13,483. Did you get anything in 1859 ?—Nothing at all.

13,484. Had you a vote then ?—I had.

13,485. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you not get something from Mr. Hickling ?—Not anything.

13,486. Did you get 15*l.* from anybody else ?—Not anybody else. Not a farthing.

13,487. Did you get any tickets ?—I did not know there was such a thing in circulation, not till after this Commission sat.

BENJAMIN LINDOFF sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *B. Lindoff.*

13,488. What are you ?—I am a corn porter.

13,489. Where do you live—at Gorleston ?—On Southdown,—the waterside.

13,490. What did you do at the last election ?—I had 60*l.* to distribute.

13,491. From whom ?—Mr. Cooper.

13,492. What did you do with the 60*l.* ?—I gave 15*l.* to Mr. Duffield.

13,493. Do you know his christian name ?—I think his name is James Duffield, but he is a carter.

13,494. Is not his name Thomas ?—I cannot say. I think he lives up in Southtown Road. I do not know whether his name is John or James. I have always been in the habit of calling him James.

13,495. You gave him that to vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—No ; I got the money back from him the election morning.

13,496. He returned it, did he ?—When I went to him the election morning I was going to offer him more money, if I was not going to give it him ; that I would give him 5*l.* more, if he required it, to vote for Lacon and Goodson, as I found the market was getting up,—that is how I agreed with the man.

13,497. Would he not take the 5*l.* more ?—When I went he told me he knew nothing only about Sir Edmund Lacon—he would vote for Sir Edmund Lacon, and not for Mr. Goodson. I claimed the money. I told him I did not want him to vote for Sir Edward Lacon alone, and I wanted the money back again if he would not vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

13,498. Did he give it you back ?—His wife, after a deal of talk, went in and fetched it, and gave it me back again.

13,499. Who was the next ?—I gave it in two lots, this money. I gave Mr. Starling 15*l.* on the Sunday. I think it was the Sunday, but I should be very sorry to swear whether it was Sunday or Monday. I gave a man by the name of Richard Harrod 15*l.* on the Sunday. I promised him more, the same as I did Starling, if the market rose. I agreed with him according to the market, and then I gave a man by the name of Minter, a shoemaker, who lives on the Southtown Road. I gave him 15*l.* I was to give him more if the market rose. That is all I am concerned in.

13,500. That is 60*l.* ?—Yes.

13,501. What did you do with the 15*l.* that Duffield returned ?—I gave 5*l.* to Starling.

13,502. 5*l.* additional ?—Yes. I gave 5*l.* to Starling, and he gave me 2*l.* for my services for getting him this other 5*l.* Mr. Richard Harrod, I gave him 5*l.*, and he gave me 2*l.* back. Mr. Minter, I gave him 5*l.*, and never had a penny back from him. I never asked any one of them for it, only I considered I ought to have it for my services for going for him. I think Harrod was bribed by the other side. I think

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Downing told him to get all he could off me, and tell him.

13,503. Who is that?—Downing told Mr. Harrod to get all he could off me, and he would be a friend to him.

13,504. Duffield did vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—No, he did not. I think not. I do not know. I cannot swear about that, because I do not know anything about it. I have not got any learning myself, and cannot read any papers.

13,505. He voted for Lacon and Brogden?—I cannot say whether he did or did not. I cannot read myself, and have no learning.

13,506. Is that all you know about it?—That is all I know about it.

13,507. You got nothing for yourself?—Not a farthing; nobody dare offer me anything.

13,508. You got 4*l.* for your services?—Yes, that was for getting this money for these people who had the extra 5*l.* each.

13,509. Did you do anything in this way in 1859?—Yes.

13,510. We should like to have that?—What, now?

13,511. It is a good deal, is it?—Do you want it now?

13,512. Have you got a good deal to tell us?—No, only about the same.

13,513. Then I daresay you would rather tell it us now than come up again?—There is Mr. Harrod, he had 15*l.*; Robert Starling, a man who is dead, 15*l.*; and Mr. Duffield, 15*l.*

13,514. The same man?—The same man. I gave him 15*l.*

13,515. He took it then?—Yes, he took it then; he took 15*l.* this time, but the election morning he would not keep up to his promise.

13,516. That is all?—That is all.

13,517. The same three?—I am a man who has got no learning, and I would not go after anybody that I did not know in person.

13,518. (*Mr. Slade.*) What relation is the Starling that you gave to this time to the man who is dead?—I think he is his brother.

13,519. (*Mr. Russell.*) Whom did you have the 45*l.* from in 1859?—I had it from Mr. Cooper. I cannot think of everything. I have not got it in my head the same as other people have got it, because I have got no learning.

13,520. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know any men who were bribed by Mr. Rivett?—No.

13,521. Or by Lummis?—No, I live the other side of the water.

R. Minter.

ROBERT MINTER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,522. What are you?—A cordwainer.

13,523. Do you live in Southtown?—Yes.

13,524. We have been told you got 15*l.*?—20*l.*, I think.

13,525. At the last election?—Yes.

13,526. Did you get anything in 1859?—Yes.

13,527. How much?—8*l.*

13,528. Who from?—Mr. Greenhow.

13,529. Was that all you got?—Yes.

13,530. Who is Mr. Greenhow?—He formerly kept the "Sefton Arms."

13,531. Is he living now?—To the best of my knowledge he is.

13,532. Is he living at Southtown now?—He is.

13,533. Joseph Greenhow?—I do not know his name.

13,534. He lives in the market place?—No, he does not.

13,535. Is it Henry Greenhow, of near Garrison Walk?—He did formerly live there.

R. Harrod.

RICHARD HARROD sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,536. What are you?—A small boat builder.

13,537. We have been told that you got first 15*l.* and then 5*l.* from Mr. Lindoff?—Quite right.

13,438. You gave him back 2*l.*?—Yes.

13,539. Did you think that was fair?—I thought he had worked very hard for me, and I thought he ought to have 2*l.*

13,540. Did you get anything from the other side?—Oh yes, of course.

13,541. How much?—20*l.*

13,542. Who from?—A man by the name of Mr. Martin, sent it on the quiet one night when I was on shore.

13,543. Do you know his christian name?—Robert Martin.

13,544. Where does he live?—Somewhere close by the factory, down by the market gate somewhere.

13,545. Is he a voter?—He is a smack and boat owner, too.

13,546. What did he give you that 20*l.* for?—Because he respected me.

13,547. Which way were you to vote?—Which way I thought proper.

13,548. Then Robert Martin did not give it you for your vote?—I do not know what he gave it me for. He slipped it into my hand one night at the Cross. I was half drunk when I took it.

13,549. Is Robert Martin on the Liberal side, or the other?—I think he is on the Liberal side. I do not understand it. I have got no learning, but I found it very handy.

13,550. Which way did you vote?—For Sir Edmund Lacon and his friend. I do not know what Sir Edmund Lacon's friend is, Mr. Goodson.

13,551. Why did you take the other 20*l.*?—Because I was hard up and I wanted it, or else I should not have taken it. If they had not put it into my hands I should not have taken it.

13,552. Do you not think they wanted you to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Do not you see I could do as I liked then?

13,553. What did you do in 1859?—The election before the last?

13,554. Yes.—I took 15*l.* then.

13,555. Who from?—A man by the name of Lindoff, who lives on the Southtown road, somewhere close to the factory—Benjamin Lindoff.

13,556. Is that the man who was just examined?—Yes.

13,557. Is that all you got in 1859?—Yes.

13,558. You did not get anything from the other side then?—No, they would not let me have it. I should not have got it now if it had not been for my old friend Tom Downing putting me in the way to do it. He told me to do all I could on the other side, and vote for them, and there was no fiddling here. I kept that for myself. I knew I should vote that way.

13,559. You told him so?—No, I did not, or I should not have got the money.

T. Brown.

THOMAS BROWN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,560. What are you?—A market gardener.

13,561. What did you get at the last election?—20*l.*

13,562. Who from?—I think it was from a Mr. Shattock.

13,563. Is his name James Shattock?—I do not know.

13,564. Did you get anything from the other side?—Nothing at all.

13,565. In 1859 did you get any money?—I never had a farthing in my life till now. I have voted several times, and always voted for the Liberals.

13,566. How came you to take money in this way? Because I wanted it. It was put into my hands, and I did know what it was for. I was never asked for my vote.

13,567. Did Mr. Shattock say where he got the money from?—No, he never said a word to me.

13,568. Did you intend to vote Liberal whether you had money or not?—Yes. When Mr. Brogden called on me, I told him if I was in the town I should vote for him, or I told him I should not vote against him.

13,569. You did not promise Mr. Brogden?—Those were my words: "If I am in the town, Mr. Brogden, I shall not vote against you." Those are the words I told Mr. Brogden. I always did vote Liberal at all elections.

THOMAS BETTS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,570. What are you?—A fisherman.

13,571. What did you get at the last election?—20*l.*

13,572. Who from?—I do not know.

13,573. From a stranger?—From a stranger.

13,574. Did you take a ticket?—No, I never saw a ticket.

13,575. Who told you to come up?—I do not know.

13,576. Where did you get the money?—From Mr. George's at Gorleston, at the "Barking Fishery."

13,577. From Mr. George?—In that house.

13,578. How came you to go the "Barking Fishery?"—I usually go every evening when I am at home to get a glass of porter, sometimes something else.

13,579. Did you go up there?—I was sitting at the bar when I was called.

13,580. Did anybody tell you to go into the room where the stranger was?—Some one called me from the back of the counter, and told me I was wanted. I went through, I was led up to the top of the stairs, and saw some gentlemen there.

13,581. I want to know who called you?—I do not know.

13,582. And you got 20*l.*?—Yes.

13,583. To vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—They never asked me.

13,584. Not by anyone of the party?

13,585. You did vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—I did, but I never was asked to vote for them, not once, not by anyone of the party.

13,586. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you asked to vote on the other side?—Yes.

13,587. Who asked you?—Sir Edmund Lacon. He came to my house when I was rigging for the summer fishery. I cannot say the time; about the latter part of May or the beginning of June.

13,588. Did you promise to vote for him?—No.

13,589. What did you say?—I told him I should not promise. I did not intend going that side.

13,590. Did you say that?—I did not tell him that, but I did not intend going that side.

13,591. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You promised no one? I was not asked by anyone else, only by Sir Edmund Lacon and his friend Mr. Goodson.

13,522. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you see Warner at the "Barking Fishery?"—I do not recollect seeing him.

13,593. Or King?—I cannot say who it was. It might be them, but I cannot say who it was.

13,594. You know Warner and King?—Oh quite well.

13,595. Did they not canvass you?—No.

13,596. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) In 1859, did you get anything then?—No.

13,597. Had you a vote?—No.

THOMAS DURANT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,598. What are you?—A fish owner.

13,599. What did you get at the last election for your vote?—15*l.*

13,600. Who from?—Mr. John Hammond.

13,601. Did you get anything from the other side?—Not a farthing.

13,602. Did you get anything in 1859?—No, nothing.

13,603. Had you a vote in 1859?—No, I had not.

13,604. Were you canvassed by anybody before Mr. Hammond gave you this 15*l.*?—No.

13,605. Did you know Mr. Rivett?—Mr. John Rivett.

13,606. Yes?—I did.

13,607. Did he ever canvass you?—No, never.

13,608. Were you ever canvassed on the Liberal side?—Yes.

13,609. Who by?—By Mr. Hammond.

13,610. Mr. Richard Hammond?—No, Mr. John Hammond.

13,611. Mr. John Hammond is a Conservative?—Yes.

13,612. And you voted for the Conservatives?—Yes.

13,613. Were you canvassed on the other side?—Do you mean the Red side?

13,614. No, the Blue side?—No, I was not.

13,615. (*Mr. Slade.*) When you were asked for your vote, you did not promise at first, did you?—Yes.

13,616. Did you not say you would wait?—No.

13,617. Did you not wait to see if money was going?—No.

13,618. You knew money would be going?—No, I did not.

SAMUEL PATRICK sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,619. What are you?—A labourer.

13,620. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

13,621. From Mr. Johnson?—Yes.

13,622. Was that all you got?—Yes.

13,623. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

13,624. Are you sure of that?—Yes.

13,625. Did you get anything in 1859?—I was not a voter then.

13,626. You had no vote at that election?—No.

13,627. (*Mr. Slade.*) What do you work at?—I work at the Royal Naval Asylum.

13,628. What is your trade?—To look after the patients there.

13,629. Is that what you call a labourer?—It is not a mechanic.

13,630. You are a sort of overseer do you mean?—They are some of them at work, and I have to see them work.

13,631. You are a sort of ganger?—Yes.

13,632. You are a sort of keeper in fact?—No, I am not what they call an attendant. I work there at day times.

13,633. What salary do you get?—Half-a-crown a day.

EDWARD ROUTLEDGE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,634. What are you?—A publican.

13,635. What did you get at the last election for your vote?—15*l.*

13,636. Did you get anything else?—No.

13,637. Were you canvassed on the other side?—Yes.

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13,638. Who by?—I do not know. A great many people.

13,639. Were you offered anything on the other side?—Yes.

13,640. Who by?—I do not know him.

13,641. You do not know any of them?—No.

13,642. Did you get anything in 1859?—No.

13,643. Had you a vote?—No, I think not.

13,644. Did you give Mr. Kelf any money back?—No.

13,645. Did he give you the 15*l.*—He gave me 15*l.*

13,646. Are you sure it was not 18*l.*?—I am positive.

G. Cady.

GEORGE CADY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,647. What are you?—A publican.

13,648. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—I did not get anything. I had cabs that they hired. They never asked me about my vote. What Mr. Neave said was quite correct; I think he was there two or three times. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Neave came to see me, and that was all I saw of the parties. The first time they came they asked me if I had a cab. I told them "Yes; I had two." I had two all the summer, but I only had one horse then, I had not bought the other.

13,649. What did they pay you?—They wished to know if they could have it. I told them "Yes." They told me not to let it till I saw them again. They came the day before the election, the Monday or Tuesday, and wanted to know if they could have the cabs. I told them "Yes." They asked me to promise to vote. I told them I could not. They asked what I wanted for the cabs. I told them I expected to be well paid that day because the cabs might be knocked to pieces.

13,650. What did they pay you?—They said 18*l.* I said that was hardly enough, and they said they could not give more.

13,651. Do you think that a fair price for a cab?—The night before the election a man came from the "Angel," and told me to go to the "Angel" directly. I went. When at the top of the stairs I saw Mr. Neave. He asked me to walk into a room. I did. It was almost in darkness. A man came there with spectacles on that nearly covered his face. He said, "How much?" "18*l.*" He took two parcels out of his pocket and laid them on a chair; I took them up and put them in my pocket. When I got home I opened one and found there were 10 sovereigns in it; that was more than I expected, and when I undid the other next day I found 10 also.

13,652. 20*l.* altogether?"—Yes.

13,653. And you kept it?—Yes. I never went for anything afterwards for my cabs.

13,654. Who did you vote for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

13,655. You thought that 20*l.* was intended for the use of that one cab?—Yes, certainly.

13,656. Then it was 20*l.* you got?—Yes, I never got 10*l.* as Mr. Edwards said, that is false. I never received any other money except what I received at the "Angel." I see in the papers he says he gave me 10*l.*, that is false.

13,657. You got 20*l.* at the "Angel" for the use of your cabs for one day?—That is all the money I received.

13,658. Did they employ the cab?—Yes.

13,659. How often?—They had it from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 or 6 at night.

13,660. Was not that rather high pay?—We get as much as we can. My horse was not fit to do anything for two or three days afterwards.

13,661. Why did you not send in your bill to Mr. Clowes?—I got paid beforehand. They agreed for the cab. It was for nothing else, so I concluded I was well paid for the cab.

13,662. You thought your vote had nothing to do with it?—I did not think about the vote. Of course I voted for them; I had a right to do so.

13,663. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know under the byelaws of the town you can only charge half-a-crown an hour for a cab?—Yes, but there is mileage as well. I do not know how many miles my cab went that day.

13,664. Do you think it went 20*l.* worth of miles?—I cannot say.

13,665. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you get a ticket?—No, I never saw a ticket. They were the only two men that I saw on the election.

13,666. You understood your vote was included with the cab?—They did not ask for the vote.

13,667. You did not vote against them?—I would not after paying for the cab. It was not likely I would.

13,668. Did you get anything in 1859?—That is seven years ago.

13,669. The election before this?—My memory is rather short; I fancy I did. If I did I did something for it no doubt. I think I did get something for it.

13,670. Do you recollect what you got?—I think it was 10*l.*

13,671. And who paid you?—I do not know, it is so long ago.

13,672. Was that paid by somebody you did not know, in the same way?—I forget who it was paid by.

13,673. I should like you to recollect?—I cannot recollect, it is so long ago; my memory is not sufficient. I am very short of memory.

13,674. You recollect the 10*l.*?—I recollect something about that.

13,675. Who were the people busy about the election at that time?—I cannot tell you; I do not know anything about it. I know there was something.

G. Aldous.

GEORGE ALDOUS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,676. What are you?—A miller.

13,677. What did you get at the last election?—15*l.*

13,678. From Mr. Hammond?—From Mr. Hammond, junior.

13,679. Were you offered anything on the other side?—Yes.

13,680. Who by?—Robert Warner.

13,681. What did he offer you?—He did not offer me any quantity.

13,682. Anybody else?—No.

13,683. Did you get anything in 1859?—I had not a vote.

13,684. (*Mr. Slade.*) When Warner offered you the money on the other side, had you received that money from Hammond at that time?—I had not.

13,685. Did you tell him you expected money from Hammond?—No.

13,686. What did you say to him when he offered you money?—I was partly engaged then. In fact I had told Mr. Hammond I should vote that way.

13,687. You had promised?—Yes.

13,688. And you told Mr. Warner you had promised?—Yes.

R. Annison.

ROBERT ANNISON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,689. What are you?—A fisherman.

13,690. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

13,691. Who from?—A stranger. I did not know him. I never saw him before in my life.

13,692. Where?—At Mr. Warner's house.

13,693. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No, never; one of the candidates asked me for my vote.

13,694. Did you get anything in 1859?—I got 15*l.*

13,695. Who did you get it from?—Mr. James Ling, and Reynolds the baker.

R. Annison.

CHARLES BALLS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

C. Balls.

13,696. What are you?—A painter.

13,697. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

13,698. Who from?—I do not know who it was.

13,699. A stranger?—Yes.

13,700. Who took you for it?—There were two or three of us walking in the street one night, and some one came up and said we were wanted down at Mr. Warner's house.

13,701. And you went there?—Yes.

13,702. And got your 20*l.*?—Yes.

13,703. You do not recollect who it was?—No.

13,704. Did you get anything in 1859?—I had not a vote.

13,705. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

13,706. Were you canvassed by no one?—I was canvassed by all the members.

13,707. And you would not promise?—I would not promise any.

13,708. (*Mr. Slade.*) Why did you not promise?—I thought I would wait.

13,709. You were holding out for money?—I thought it was very likely there might be money afloat.

13,710. It was generally understood, I daresay?—Very likely.

13,711. You made them all the same answers?—Yes.

13,711*a*. You would wait?—Yes.

THOMAS BARWOOD sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

T. Barwood

13,712. What are you?—A carpenter.

13,713. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.* It was very low.

13,714. Who from?—Mr. John Hammond.

13,715. Were you offered any on the other side?—I do not know whether I was, I never inquired into anything.

13,716. You had arranged with Mr. Hammond beforehand?—No, not a bit of it. I should have voted that way if I had not got anything.

13,717. Did you get anything in 1859?—No; I had no vote.

JOSEPH BENSLEY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Bensley.

13,718. What are you?—A journeyman bricklayer.

13,719. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

13,720. From whom?—From the Liberal party.

13,721. Where did you get it at?—I received it of Mr. Shattock.

13,722. Were you offered anything on the other side?—Yes.

13,723. Who by?—Mr. E. O. Johnson.

13,724. When did Mr. Johnson offer you that money for the other side?—The day before the election commenced.

13,725. (*Mr. Slade.*) You told Mr. Johnson he was too late, did you not?—No; I told him I should not vote for that party at all.

13,726. Did you say you had received from the Liberals?—Yes.

13,727. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you get anything in 1859?—Yes.

13,728. How much?—7*l.*

13,729. Who from?—5*l.* from Mr. Eagleton, and 2*l.* from Mr. Reynolds, the baker.

13,730. Mr. Johnson is a builder, and you work for him?—I did not work for him then.

13,731. Have you ever worked for him?—Yes.

13,732. When did he ask you for your vote?—The day before the election.

13,733. Did he say how much he would give you?—Yes.

13,734. 20*l.*?—15*l.* I said I should not take it.

13,735. Was that at Gorleston?—No; where the new gasometer is building, at that ground that is taken in.

JAMES BLAKE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Blake.

13,736. What are you?—I can hardly tell you; Jack-of-all-trades most.

13,737. What is your principal trade?—Sometimes I am in the bloater trade, and sometimes in the pork trade.

13,738. You got 20*l.* at the last election?—Yes.

13,739. Who from?—That I cannot tell you.

13,740. The stranger?—They say it was the man in the moon.

13,741. Where at?—Mr. Warner's.

13,742. Did you get anything in the election of 1859?—I had not a vote.

13,743. Were you offered anything at this last election by the other side?—Yes; two or three times.

13,744. Tell us who offered it you?—Mr. Harmer was one; Lawyer Harmer. It is not to say what money, but he asked me what I wanted. I told him I did not want anything. He came several times to me.

13,745. Anybody else?—Yes, there was another man, but he is dead—Mr. Rivett.

13,746. Anybody else?—No.

13,747. How much did Mr. Rivett offer you?—Anything in a reasonable way, he said.

13,748. Did Mr. Rivett ask you more than once?—He asked me whether I would once or twice; twice, I think; but I told him I had promised Mr. Brogden, and so I should not vote for him.

13,749. Did Mr. Rivett send anybody to you?—No, he saw me himself.

EDWARD BONNEY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

E. Bonney.

13,750. What are you?—A beer-house keeper.

13,751. What did you get at the last election for your vote?—15*l.*

13,752. Who from?—Mr. Bunn.

13,753. Where did he give it you?—At Mr. Colthorp's public-house.

13,754. In Gorleston?—Yes; the "Greyhound."

13,755. Did you get anything on the other side?—No.

13,756. In 1859 did you get anything?—No.

13,757. Had you a vote?—Yes.

13,758. But you got nothing then?—No.

13,759. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you vote on the same side in 1859?—Yes.

13,760. Without money?—Yes.

13,761. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Mr. Warner canvass you?—No; Mr. George King asked me once.

13,762. Did he offer you money?—No; he told me I could have something if I came; but he never said any money.

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JOSEPH BONNEY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,763. What are you?—A fish owner.

13,764. What did you get at the last election for your vote?—15*l.*

13,765. Who from?—Mr. John Hammond.

13,766. Did you get anything in 1859?—I had not a vote.

13,767. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you canvassed on the other side?—I was asked to go on the other side.

13,768. Who by?—Mr. Warner and King were both together.

13,769. Did they say anything about the money?—No; they said there would be something allowed; but I did not ask him. I had promised the other way.

13,770. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you receive any money to give anyone else?—Yes, 15*l.* for my brother-in-law.

13,771. What is his name?—Christmas Watson.

13,772. Did he take it?—Yes.

13,773. Who gave it you?—Charles Bunn.

13,774. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you get any other money?—No.

13,775. Did you ask any other men for their votes?—No.

J. Ballard.

JOSEPH BALLARD sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD through the wife of the witness, the witness being deaf.

13,776. What is he?—He is an old sailor; he has been a mariner.

13,777. Did he get anything at the last election for his vote?—He did.

13,778. From whom?—It was given to him; not for bribery.

(*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) We had better swear the wife.

Mrs. M. Ballard.

Mrs. MARY BALLARD sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,779. You are the wife of Joseph Ballard?—Yes, I am.

13,780. Did you receive 15*l.* at the last election?—I did.

13,781. For your husband's vote?—Not for my husband's vote. I asked for it for charity, not for bribery. I said he had been very ill for a long time, and I asked George King. I said, "You know "Ballard's circumstances; you know he has been "very ill for a long time, and he has had a very bad "accident in his leg." The gentleman knew he was just getting on, and I said, "If you can get him a trifle I shall be very much obliged to you."

13,782. George King, was it not?—Yes.

13,783. Did George King give you 15*l.*?—He did.

13,784. Did your husband vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—He voted for the Blues, which he always did. He is one of the oldest of them upon the list.

13,785. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you offered any money on the other side?—To say the truth, a woman came to us and offered us a little money, but Ballard said, "No, he would not run from his principles for no one for any bribe at all," and had they not given anything he would have voted just the same; it made no difference to him. His principles were strong that way, and always had been so, so that it made no difference whether he got it or not; and they were obliged to send an invalid-chair for him to go and vote.

13,786. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You would not have got that 15*l.* unless he voted for the Liberals?—No; but of course he would have voted the same if he had not got it.

13,787. Under those circumstances you have no objection to say that the 15*l.* was given for the vote?—Just as you please; you can please yourself about that.

13,788. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who was the woman who came to you?—Whether her name was Harris or Howes I cannot say.

13,789. Do you know her?—I know she is a Gorleston woman; she lives in Gorleston.

13,790. Did she say who sent her?—No, she did not say who sent her. She said, if he would turn his principles she would give him a few pounds. She never said any person sent her at all. Whether it was of her own self, or anyone else she never said.

I. Bradnum.

ISAAC BRADNUM sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,791. What are you?—A gardener.

13,792. Did you get 15*l.* for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

13,793. From whom?—Mr. Whiting and Mr. Brand called upon me, but Mr. Eastick was the man who brought it to me.

13,794. Who gave it into your hands, Mr. Eastick?—Yes.

13,795. What had Mr. Brand to do with it?—He called and asked me if I did not vote as I always had done, what I wanted. I understood there was money about, so I said, "I want 15*l.*," and he said, "I should have it."

13,796. You arranged with Mr. Brand that you were to have 15*l.*?—Yes, that is it.

13,797. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

13,798. What did you get then?—Not anything.

13,799. You are quite sure?—Yes; I always voted for that party. At this time I might have had something from them, but I did not choose to take it.

13,800. Was anything offered to you then?—I had it offered in many ways.

13,801. From whom?—One of the gentlemen is dead who wanted to get me money.

13,802. Who was that?—Squire Tilson. He is dead now.

13,803. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know Mr. Rivett?—Yes, years back. He lived down that way.

13,804. Did he come to you about the election?—Never. I never had any one call upon me in that way since the election of Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh.

13,805. I am talking of the last election?—No, I never had one of them call upon me to ask me never since the election of Watkin and McCullagh.

13,806. Did Whiting call upon you?—He was with Mr. Brand.

13,807. Was Mr. Eastick with him too?—No.

13,808. Did you promise your vote when you were asked for it?—To them?

13,809. Yes?—Yes.

13,810. Were you canvassed by those gentlemen?—Yes. I saw them a week before that.

13,811. Did they all call upon you?—Mr. Watkin.

13,812. No, not Mr. Watkin?—I mean Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman.

13,813. Did they call upon you?—Yes.

13,814. And what did you say to them?—Well, I did not promise further than this; I said I should vote in their way. I always voted for their party.

13,815. Did you say you would vote for them?—I said they might be sure of me; that I had always voted for that party.

13,816. I suppose for some consideration?—Not till after that.

CHARLES BULL sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *C. Bull.*

13,817. What are you?—A bricklayer.

13,818. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—I received 15*l.* from Charles Bunn.

13,819. Were you offered anything upon the other side?—No.

13,820. Did you get anything in 1859?—I had not a vote then.

13,821–2. You had no vote?—No.

CLEMENT BURTON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *C. Burton.*

13,823. What are you?—A carter.

13,824. What did you get for your vote?—18*l.*

13,825. From whom?—I think the man's name was Edwards. He was a strange man to me.

13,826. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

13,827. Did you see none of the parties on the other side?—I saw them, but they never offered me anything.

13,828. They never offered you anything?—No.

13,829. Did you get anything in 1859?—No.

13,830. Had you a vote?—No.

13,831. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you made a bargain for your vote when you got 18*l.*?—No; the man gave it me.

13,832. He struck off two?—Yes. I had 18*l.*

WILLIAM COLE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *W. Cole.*

13,833. What are you?—I was a pilot seven or eight years back, but I am superannuated now.

13,834. Do you keep an alehouse?—Yes.

13,835. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*, I think, some of them got; but I never got a halfpenny.

13,836. I asked you what you got?—Last week I found my name in the papers. I never received a halfpenny, but whether our people did at home I do not know. They never told me anything about it. I think they received something from the party.

13,837. Have you got a wife at home?—She is close to you.

13,838. Did she receive anything?—I do not know, I am sure. You can have her up here in about two minutes, if you like.

13,839. Let her stand up then?—She is not here now. She can come up and speak for herself. I did not know it until I saw my name in the papers last week. I promised Mr. Brogden. I only saw him once.

13,840. And you did vote for him?—I did vote for him, and I never received a halfpenny.

13,841. Do you know, of your own knowledge, whether any money was received at your house for you?—My wife will tell you all about it.

13,842. Did you vote in the election of 1859?—I never voted only once before, for Anson and Rumbold.

13,843. That is many years ago?—Yes.

13,844. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you authorize your wife to take any money?—No.

13,845. Do you know that she did?—Since last week I think she told me she had received something. I do not know, I am sure. She will come and talk to you.

13,846. You seem to be in a hurry to leave the box. The question is whether you received a bribe or not?—I never received a halfpenny. I promised Mr. Brogden that I would vote for him.

13,847. And you would have voted for him?—I did vote for him, and I never took a halfpenny. If you like to have my wife up I will go and fetch her.

(*Mr. Russell.*) Yes, go and fetch your wife.

LEE STEPHEN COX sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *L. S. Cox.*

13,848. What are you?—I am a publican.

13,849. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—I never got anything.

13,850. You got nothing?—No, I never took a shilling in my life.

13,851. Did your wife get anything?—There is no doubt but what she did; there is no doubt about that,—not with my knowledge, nor yet with my consent.

13,852. When did she get it?—That I do not know. She told me after I got the summons. I never heard of it before. I never spoke to Mr. Bunn in my life, nor he to me at the election, nor yet since.

13,853. Did you vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes. I told Sir Edmund Lacon when he called upon me that I would not vote against him.

13,854. Did you and your wife have any conversation about it which way you were going to vote?—I told her about a week before that what few customers we had who lived around were Tories. I never studied electioneering business, nor yet politics, and I told her I should vote for Lacon and Goodson.

13,855. What did she say to that?—Well, she thought that was the best thing I could do; it was not worth setting friends against us, what few we had.

13,856. Was anything at that time said about money?—Nothing was said about money till after I got this piece of paper from you, and when I came to ask about it she said she took 16*l.* from Mr. Bunn, and he told her she might as well have the money as any one else, as he could put it down to his man Newman, as his expenses. He said I need never know it. That is what she told me.

13,857. We want to see Mrs. Cox, is she here?—No, she cannot leave till I go back.

13,858. You undertake to say that you did not authorize her to take it?—I never did, I can take my oath to it.

13,859. We will not trouble you to send for Mrs. Cox now. In 1859 did you vote?—I always did vote for Sir Edmund Lacon ever since I had a vote.

13,860. Then you did not get anything in 1859?—No, I never took a shilling in my life.

13,861. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you swear you did not know that your wife had taken it?—Not till after I had this piece of paper.

13,862. Not till you got the summons?—Yes; and I should never have known it if it had not been for that.

(*Mr. Slade.*) You had better send Mrs. Cox to-morrow morning.

SAMUEL DENTON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *S. Denton.*

13,863. What are you?—Well, I am almost anything that I can get a shilling out of.

13,864. Cannot you give us some description of yourself?—Well, I do not know. I keep a public-house in Gorleston.

13,865. What did you get at the last election?—20*l.*

13,866. From whom?—I do not know; some strange gentleman.

13,867. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

13,868. Were you offered anything?—There was plenty that I might have had if I liked. I received plenty of hints about it, but I never ran myself in the way. I saw plenty of it going on at the time that Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl were speechifying. They were touching this arm and that arm in this way (*describing*), but I think the election was lost then.

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S. Denton.

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13,869. Did anybody offer you any specific sum?—No; they were afraid that I should split upon them.

13,870. Do you know who the people were that were offering money upon the other side?—There were a good many gentlemen. I believe Mr. Wightman spent some money. It is Mr. Woods Wightman, I think they call him; in fact, he came on the same night, and began to fight with me.

13,871. Abel Wightman?—Yes, Abel Wightman; he is the brother-in-law of Cox. He has no interest in voting at an election at all, but he must have some interest, or he would not have come and knocked me about.

13,872 Did anyone else come and offer you anything?—No.

13,873. At the election in 1859, did you vote then?—Yes.

13,874. What did you get for your vote?—I think 12*l.*, and I was offered 20*l.* upon the other side, and would not have it, by Mrs. Leggett, who keeps the "Buck."

13,875. Whom did you take the 12*l.* from?—I took it from some strange gentleman. I do not know who it was. I was offered 20*l.* by Mrs. Leggett upon the other side, and I would not have it.

13,876. Who is Mrs. Leggett?—She keeps the "Buck."

13,877. Have you always been a Liberal?—Yes, ever since I voted at Gorleston. I was always on the other side till I came away from Yarmouth. One time when the election was on, I said, "You have just come in time." They said, "Which side will you go?" I said, "I will go in for So-and-so." He says, "Will you give him a plumper?" I says, "All right," and I rendered all the assistance I could to gain the election. We got a few into the room, and one gentleman says to me, "Call for a drop of drink, for I dare not, and I will pay for it, Sam." When the upshot came, I think I had to pay a sovereign out of my own pocket for it, and I said, "I never will vote again for the Liberals"—no, "for Servitude," I mean.

13,878. That is the reason you went over to the other side?—That is the reason. I did not know much about Servitude, nor yet Liberals. I always call them Blues and Reds.

13,879. Now we know the reason why you went from the one side to the other?—Yes, because I found they were not right. At the same time I was offered 10*l.* by Mr. Charles Bunn at that election, and I said, "No, I should not go." That is the election before this one.

13,880. In 1859?—I do not know the date of the year; I have no learning. I was offered that, and I said, "No, I shall not." Then I hired a piece of land—a five acre allotment—and I put a man upon it. They got a policeman, and said he should not be there. I said he should so long as I think proper. I am independent of Mr. Bunn or any other gentleman like that.

13,881. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know any other man who offered bribes upon the other side except Wightman and Cox?—John Hammond, of Gorleston,—young John Hammond; and I am rather informed that his man did a little of it instead of his master, because my son-in-law had so much money to sport about with. He was in my house, and he bought 2*l.* worth of rum and gin.

13,882. Besides Hammond's man, do you know anyone else?—There were a good many people walking about with fine coats on when they might have been at their business.

13,883. Who were they?—I had a little bit of a set-to with a certain man. I heard him say to a man, "You promised me so and so," and he said, "If I do not get it I shall go without it." He says, "Stop a bit, it will be all right no doubt, if you stop a time." He said, "I shall have to put up with it." I do not know the man's name. I knew the man talking with him upon the other side. I think it was James Roberts, "Rattler" Roberts they call him.

13,884. We do not want any long stories, if you can give us the name of any man who was bribed upon the other side?—I cannot swear for it. He was walking about with a fine coat on.

13,885. Who was it?—"Rattler" Roberts they call him. I think his name is James. That is all I know of him.

13,886. Whose man is he?—Mr. Gooda's, the blacksmith. I saw him very liberal along with the Liberal party—I mean the Servitude party.

C. Cole.

CHARLOTTE COLE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

13,887. Are you the wife of William Cole?—Yes.

13,888. Who has just been examined?—Yes.

13,889. Do you remember the last election?—I do.

13,890. Did anybody give you any money at that time?—I had some money.

13,891. How much?—20*l.*

13,892. Who gave it to you?—Well, I cannot tell you who did give it to me; it was through my son-in-law.

13,893. What is your son-in-law's name?—His name is Fisk. He is not about here now. He has been away six months. It came to me through him, and I never saw anybody else that offered me money.

13,894. Is that William Fisk?—Yes.

13,895. He got 20*l.* himself?—He did so, and he brought 20*l.* to my house.

13,896. He is your son-in-law?—Yes.

13,897. He married your daughter?—Yes. My daughter gave it me; he did not give it me, and of course I took it. I said nothing to my husband about it at all. I knew that he had always voted for the Liberals, and I knew that would not change him if he knew it, and that perhaps if he knew it he might have talked about it, so he never knew it till he saw his name in the paper. That is all I know.

13,898. Did your husband ever talk to you about the way he was going to vote?—He was always Liberal. He would not hear anything about the other party; he never would. I daresay he would not have voted for the other party if they gave him 100*l.* He was always that way inclined.

13,899. Did your husband ever tell you that he heard money was going about?—No, he never mentioned it to me.

13,900. You understood that the 20*l.* was for his vote, did you not?—I understood that the 20*l.* was sent to him. That is all I understood. My daughter gave it to me.

13,901. It was understood he was to vote for the Liberals?—He always was a Liberal. I did not tell him anything about it. He could not know anything about it, because I never told him anything at all about it.

13,901*a*. But you took it for his vote?—Of course; it was sent to Cole, and of course I took it. If it had been as much again I should have taken it, of course.

13,902. But you took it for his vote?—I do not know what it was for. There was nothing mentioned about the vote, or anything else. I never saw anybody about the money.

13,903. If you did not know what it was for, why did you not tell your husband that somebody had given you 20*l.*?—If you were to give me 20*l.* I should not tell him, because he is a man who will not keep a secret.

13,904. Then it was meant to be kept a secret?—I do not know whether it was to be a secret or not. My daughter gave it to me. Of course I never said a word about it till he saw his name in the paper, and then he said, "I never got the 20*l.*," and I said, "I did."

13,905. Do you suppose he would have sent it back?—I do not know, I am sure. I did not tell him. He would not have taken it if they had given him as much

again; he would not, I assure you. He never took any money in his life.

13,906. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is that why you did not tell him, because you were afraid he would send it back?—No. I can pay it back directly.

13,907. But why did you not tell him?—I told you.

13,908. Did you spend it upon yourself?—I cannot tell where it has gone to. I spend many 20*l.*

13,909. Did you give any part of it to your husband?—No; I never told him anything about it.

13,910. He gave his vote, and you spent the money?—Yes, of course.

13,911. And that was an equal division of labour?—I do not understand you.

SAMUEL REED sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,912. What are you?—A blacksmith.

13,913. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

13,914. How much?—15*l.*

13,915. Who gave it you?—My son brought it me. I could not get out, he brought it, and laid it on the table.

13,916. Did it come from Mr. Bunn?—Yes.

13,917. Did you get anything in the year 1859; do you recollect the election of 1859?—I suppose I shall.

13,918. Do you recollect now the election of 1859?—No.

13,919. The one before that?—No, I do not recollect any money at all. I never see any. If there had been any about, perhaps I might have seen it, but I never see any.

13,920. You got the 15*l.* from your son for your vote, did you not?—Yes.

13,921. Did you vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes, Lacon and Goodson.

GEORGE REED sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,922. Are you the son of Samuel Reed?—Yes.

13,923. Did you bring him 15*l.*—Yes.

13,924. For his vote?—Yes.

13,925. From Mr. Bunn?—From Mr. Bunn.

13,926. Did you get anything for yourself?—Yes.

13,927. How much?—15*l.*

13,928. From Mr. Bunn, I suppose?—No, from John Hammond, junior.

13,929. Is that all you got?—He gave me 1*l.* to see after my father, to get him up to vote on the polling day

13,930. Is that all the money you received?—That is all.

13,931. Did you get anything on the other side?—No.

13,932. In 1859 did you get anything?—No, I had not a vote.

13,933. Had your father a vote in 1859?—Yes, I believe he had.

13,934. Do you know of his getting any money then?—No, I was not at home at the time.

13,935. What are you?—A plumber and glazier.

13,936. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you offered anything on the other side?—No. There is one thing I wish to contradict; Mr. Bunn made a statement that he had paid me 1*l.* to gild some laurel-leaves for the election. He promised me the money, but he never gave it me, and I wish to contradict that.

13,937. What is the meaning of that?—The meaning of what?

13,938. What are laurel-leaves?—He got some laurel-leaves, and I put some gold upon them to stick on the top of the hats.

13,939. What side would that be?—The Conservative side.

13,940. Is that a party colour?—No, I do not know what is was for, he asked me two or three days before the election to do it.

13,941. Did you see anybody wearing laurel-leaves?—No.

13,942. What do you mean by sticking them in their hats?—They did do so.

13,943. Were they bribing men who stuck them in their hats?—The parties riding about in the cabs collecting the voters.

13,944. Reds or Blues?—Reds.

13,945. All Reds?—Yes.

13,946. They all put laurel-leaves in their hats?—So far as they went.

13,947. Had you ever known that done before at an election?—No, I never was at an election before.

13,948. What did you understand from the laurel-leaves?—I did not know what they meant.

13,949. Did you understand they meant people to take money?—No, I did not understand anything about it; he asked me to do some and I did not know what they were for.

13,950. Did you get any laurel-leaves?—Yes, I gave him some.

13,951. Did you give them to Mr. Bunn?—I only wanted to contradict it. He said he paid me the money for it. I saw it in the papers, and I thought I would contradict it.

13,952. I want to know what the laurel-leaves were for?—That I cannot tell.

13,953. Were they worn on the day of the election?—Yes.

13,954. (*Mr. Russell.*) To show which way the wind lay perhaps?—I cannot say.

WILLIAM DENTON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,955. What are you?—A fisherman.

13,956. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

13,957. Who from?—John Hammond.

13,958. Did you get anything from the other side, or were you offered anything?—No.

13,959. Not offered anything?—No.

13,960. In 1859 did you get anything?—I had no vote then.

13,961. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you know Mr. Rivett?—Yes.

13,962. Did he ever come to you?—No.

13,963. Are you sure?—Yes.

13,964. Did any one come from Mr. Rivett?—No.

ROBERT DAVID BARBER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

12,965. What are you?—I am secretary to the Yarmouth Savings Bank.

13,966. You were one of the committee men for Sir Edmund Lacon?—I took part in the election for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson. I do not remember a particular committee I was on, but generally speaking I was on the committee.

13,967. Did you canvass?—I did.

13,968. Can you give the Commissioners any information with regard to the election?—I am not able to do so. I never knew so much until this inquiry took place, as I now know. I am unable to give you any information more than what has been stated; indeed I could not tell you as much.

13,969. You have no knowledge of anybody who has received bribes?—Not a person.

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R. D. Barber.

5 Sept. 1866.

13,970. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know a man named Charles Barron?—I have no knowledge of any man of the name of Charles Barron.

13,971. Do you know any man of the name of Barron?—I have some slight recollection of a man of that name who drives a cab, but beyond that fact, I know nothing at all.

13,972. Did you give him anything?—No, I never gave any person anything; I do not know him. I only speak from recollection of the name. I should think you must have got the wrong Barber.

13,973. There is no doubt that is it?—Yes, I should think so. I should imagine that you may have summoned me in consequence of what took place at an alleged meeting at Mr. Aldred's, the mayor. I was present and heard Mr. Costerton's examination with regard to that meeting. Now I wish to say most distinctly and unequivocally, that I was not only not at that meeting, but I know nothing at all about it, and I have not the slightest reason to believe there was any such meeting.

13,974. Upon the Sunday?—Upon the Sunday. My own opinion is, he mentioned it from the fact, that I was sitting here when Mr. Costerton gave his evidence, and Mr. Bunn was sitting somewhere near here. We should never have heard our names mentioned in connexion with that or any other meeting, but he was pressed to say who was there, and he, seeing I and Mr. Bunn sitting here, he thought we were likely to be there, but beyond that, he had no authority for stating we were there, that is my impression.

13,975. Can you state your reason for believing there was no such meeting at Mr. Aldred's?—I cannot form any opinion upon that subject. All I know is, I know nothing of there having been such a meeting. I cannot give a reason for saying that there was no meeting, because I have no knowledge about it.

13,976. Were the gentlemen alleged to be at that meeting personal friends of your own?—Yes, all of them.

13,977. Do you believe, if there had been such a meeting there, you would have been summoned to that meeting, or you would have heard of it?—No, I have no reason to believe that I should have been asked to attend a meeting at the mayor's on a Sunday. I should say that I pass the mayor's house half-a-dozen times in the course of the day. We are on very agreeable terms. I am in and out frequently, still I do not think I should be asked to walk into any meeting there upon a Sunday of that sort.

13,978. Do you believe if there had been such a meeting you would have heard of it?—I think it very probable I should.

13,979. Do you think it is probable you would not?—I am not able to offer any opinion on the subject. I have no knowledge of it, and I have no reason to think there was a meeting.

13,980. I should not have asked you the question at all if you had not stated you had reason to believe there was no meeting?—I was desirous of mentioning the subject. I did not wish to be charged with being at a meeting which meeting never existed on a Sunday, that was my only object in mentioning it.

13,981. (*Mr. Slade.*) We quite understand that you were not there; the question is, whether any of the leading gentlemen on your side in politics did go to Mr. Aldred's on the Sunday during Divine service?—That I must leave to them to answer. I know nothing about it.

13,982. You offer no opinion about it?—No, no opinion at all.

13,983. Did you ever before this inquiry began hear that there had been—I will not call it a meeting—but several of the Conservative gentlemen going to Mr. Aldred's house on the Sunday?—I have no recollection. There are lots of things flying about in the shape of rumour and so on, but I have no distinct recollection of having heard there was a meeting on the Sunday in question.

13,984. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you go to church yourself, as far as you remember, that Sunday morning?—Unless it was a wet morning as it was last Sunday morning, which kept me away from church, I should say decidedly I was at church.

13,985. Can you remember if any of the gentlemen who were said to be at that meeting were at church?—Well, I should tell you I do not go to St. Nicholas.

13,986. You do not go to the same church as Mr. Aldred?—No, I do not; I go to St. Peter's. I should say on the morning in question I was at St. Peter's church, and therefore I was not likely to see the gentlemen that perhaps you allude to.

R. Denton.

ROBERT DENTON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,987. What are you?—A fisherman.

13,988. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—I received 20*l.*

13,989. Who from?—I do not know the gentleman who gave it to me.

13,990. A stranger?—A stranger.

13,991. Was it a man with spectacles?—Yes, I believe he had.

13,992. Were you canvassed on the other side?—No.

13,993. Nobody offered you money on the other side?—No one at all.

13,994. At the election of 1859 did you get anything?—No.

13,995. Had you a vote then?—No, I could not vote then.

13,996. You had no vote?—No.

13,997. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is that all you got?—That is all.

13,998. From anybody?—From anyone, that is all I received.

W. Beckett.

WILLIAM BECKETT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

13,999. What are you?—A butcher.

14,000. Do you live at Gorleston?—No.

14,001. Where?—At Yarmouth.

14,002. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*

14,003. Who from?—I cannot tell you the gentleman's name.

14,004. A stranger?—Yes.

14,005. Where did you get it?—I do not know him by name.

14,006. Where at? — The "Army and Navy Tavern," I think it was.

14,007. Who sent you there?—A man that you examined yesterday afternoon of the name of Tricker, who lives next door to me.

14,008. Samuel Tricker?—Yes. I received the money about the noontime; I think it was the day before the election; he says to me after dinner, "Your party is giving away money." I said, "Nonsense." He says, "Yes, I have heard it, for I have been and got 15*l.*" "Well," I says, "I do not suppose they will give me 15*l.*" He says, "They will if you like to go," and I says, "Where to?" and he says, "To this public-house, the 'Army and Navy.'" I said, "I do not know it." He says, "I will show it you," and he did go with me, and I went and had a glass of beer, and then the landlord beckoned me, and went into a room where this gentleman sat, and he says, "What do you want?" I says, "What you think proper to give me." He says, "15*l.* is what I am giving." I says, "All right," and he handed me over 15*l.*, and I thanked him and walked away. He never asked me who I was going to vote for. I should have voted the same way if I had not got anything.

14,009. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Mr. Tricker say he had

received some money himself?—He told me he had received 15*l.* I said, "Nonsense." He says, "And you can get it." I said, "Where?" He said where. I did not know where the public-house was, and he walked down with me. It was at the latter part of the afternoon I went in there, and I think I had a bottle of ginger beer, and the landlord asked me to follow him into a room. I did so. I went into the room where this gentleman was sitting at a table. He said, "What do you want?" I said, "I do not know; what you think proper to give me." He said, "15*l.*" I said, "I am much obliged to you," and I received it and walked out.

14,010. You knew it was given you for your vote, did you not?—Mr. Tricker said they were giving it for votes; he knew I was going to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl, and that is why he wanted me to go down.

14,011. Had you spoken to anybody else of the party about it before?—No.

14,012. Had you promised?—No.

14,013. Why did you not promise?—I did not think I should vote at all.

14,014. You would not have voted without the 15*l.*?—Yes, I should.

14,015. Then why did you not promise?—I would not promise.

14,016. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Brogden, not Mr. Vanderbyl.

14,017. Did any of the agents canvass you?—There were three or four of them canvassing. I do not know who they were. They were with Mr. Brogden.

14,018. Were you asked at any other time to vote?—No.

14,019. Not by Mr. Downing?—I think he did. I think Mr. Downing did call.

14,020. Did he offer you a ticket?—No.

14,021. Did he say anything about tickets?—No.

14,022. When did he call?—He called several times, three or four different times.

14,023. Did anybody else call?—Not on that side.

14,024. Were you offered any money on the other side?—Yes.

14,025. Who by?—Hutchins or Hutchinson or some such name as that.

14,026. It was a mistake, was it not, to suppose you were open to receive money for your vote?—I do not know at all about that, he came and offered me money. I told him it was not my side; I did not vote that way. I did not know the other side was going to give any money.

14,027. How much did Mr. Hutchins offer you?—15*l.*

14,028. In 1859 did you vote?—I did not live in Yarmouth then. I voted but not in Yarmouth.

EDWARD COLTHORPE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

E. Colthorpe.

14,029. What are you?—I am a hay dealer and coach proprietor.

14,030. What did you get at the last election?—10*l.*

14,031. Who from?—Charles Bunn.

14,032. Are you quite sure it was 10*l.*?—Yes.

14,033. Is that all you got?—That is all I got.

14,034. Were you offered any on the other side?—No.

14,035. Did you get anything in 1859?—I never voted before.

14,036. You had no vote?—No.

14,037. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Bunn says he gave you 15*l.*?—I know, I saw it in the papers, it is false, he gave me only 10*l.*

14,038. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he give it you in sovereigns?—Yes.

14,039. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you and Mr. Bunn have any conversation about how much you were to have for your vote?—No, we had no particular conversation. I live in one of Sir Edmund Lacon's houses, and I said I would vote for him, and he said "If I can do any good for you I will do it." He said "Very likely I shall have some money, and I will behave as well to you as to other people," and I said "All right." That is the only conversation he had with me.

14,040. When did he give you this money?—On Monday night.

14,041. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You would have voted without the money?—Yes.

14,042. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you know that other people were having money?—Well I knew one man, that is all I know.

14,043. Who is that?—His name is Ives.

14,044. Is it James or Samuel?—Jonathan I think.

14,045.—He got 15*l.*?—I do not know, I am sure; I know he had some, but I do not know what it was.

14,046. Did he get his at the same time that you got yours?—No.

14,047. Before you?—No, I got mine before he did.

JOSEPH DRAPER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Draper

14,048. What are you?—A butcher.

14,049. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,050. From Mr. Bunn?—John Hammond.

14,051. Did Mr. Hammond give you the money?—Yes.

14,052. Himself?—Yes.

14,053. Do you know a man of the name of Edward Stannard?—Yes.

14,054. Did you have any conversation with him? No, that is not relating to my case.

14,055. Are there two Joseph Drapers?—Yes, my father.

14,056. Is that all the money you got?—Yes.

14,057. Were you asked on the other side?—No, not particularly asked; they knew pretty well which way I was.

14,058. In 1859, did you get anything?—Yes.

14,059. How much?—10*l.*

14,060. Who did you get that from?—From the late John Rivett.

14,061. Did you know Mr. Rivett well?—Yes.

14,062. Did you see him at this election at all?—Yes.

14,063. Did you arrange with him to have 15*l.*?—No.

14,064. Did you know that Mr. Hammond came from him?—No, I did not know it till afterwards. Mr. Rivett asked me if I had seen anything of Mr. Hammond, and I told him yes; but it was not till after I had seen Mr. Hammond.

14,065. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are you the Gorleston man?—Yes.

GEORGE DURRANT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

G. Durrant.

14,066. What are you?—A gardener.

14,067. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,068. Who from?—Charles Bunn.

14,069. Did you get anything in 1859?—I got 10*l.*

14,070. Who did you get that from?—From the late Mr. John Rivett.

14,071. Were you offered anything on the other side at the last election?—No. I was asked for my vote, but I said I was engaged.

14,072. (*Mr. Slade.*) You got something on the

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other side?—No; my name was in the paper yesterday that I took 20*l.* on the other side; but I never took a farthing.

14,073. You did not take anything?—No, not a farthing.

14,074. That you deny?—I hope you will be kind enough to alter that, if you please.

14,075. That is not true?—I deny that *in toto;* not a farthing.

14,076. (*Mr Fitzgerald.*) Who canvassed you on the other side?—Mr. Shattock.

14,077. Anybody else?—No, I do not remember anyone else.

14,078. Did Mr. Shattock offer you any money?—He asked me if I would vote for—I forget the gentleman's name—and I told him I was engaged on the other side.

14,079. Did he offer you any money?—No; I do not remember that he did.

14,080. You recollect the name of Shattock?—I think it is; but I do not remember.

14,081. Did anybody else on the Liberal side offer you money?—No; I do not remember anyone else.

14,082. Did you speak to anyone else at all on the subject of the election?—No.

14,083. On the Liberal side?—No.

14,084. What is Mr. Shattock?—I do not know what he terms himself, I am sure.

14,085. (*Mr. Russell.*) Will you swear you only received 15*l.* at the last election?—Yes, I will swear that I took only 15*l.*

14,086. Did old Mr. Rivett offer you anything at the last election?—Mr. John Rivett?

14,087. Yes?—I do not remember he came nigh me at all.

14,088. Do you know Mr. Downing?—No, I do not know him.

14,089. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know George King?—Of Gorleston?

14,090. Yes?—Yes, I know George King, of Gorleston.

14,091. Did you see him or talk to him about this election?—No, I had no conversation with him about it.

14,092. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you ever have a ticket offered to you?—No.

14,093. Did you ever hear of the tickets?—No, I do not remember hearing of them.

14,094. (*Mr Fitzgerald.*) Did you promise your vote when you were asked for it by the candidate?—Yes.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

C. Satterthwaite.

14,095. Do you know this man?—No, I do not recognize him. I do not know. I can suggest now who it was. Perhaps the Commissioners will ask him if any one else on our side offered him money. Would the Commissioners ask him if he knows King. I think in Gorleston they were all paid by lists. It was the first night in Gorleston.

14,096. (*Mr. Russell.*) There was nothing to prevent a man taking a ticket for this man, or putting this man down on a list, and then personating him before you?—Not at all, so long as he was not ticked off on the register.

JAMES ELLETT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Ellett.

14,097. What are you?—A mast and block maker.

14,098. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,099. Who from?—From a stranger to me,—a very respectable looking gentleman.

14,100. Where at?—At my house.

14,101. A stranger brought it to you?—Yes.

14,102. (*Mr. Russell.*) With spectacles?—Yes, I think he had.

14,103. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

14,104. Were you canvassed by them?—Yes.

14,105. Who by?—By Mr. Brogden and Mr. Livingston, and the Tory candidates. I never saw them. I was out when they came. There were two gentlemen came three or four days before, and I told them I should not vote for them.

14,106. Who told you to go and get this 15*l.* from the gentleman in spectacles?—He called at my house.

14,107. Do you know why he came to your house?—He asked me which way I was going to vote, and I told him the same as I told the candidates, that I had friends on both sides.

14,108. Did he tell you who sent him?—No.

14,109. Did you get anything in 1859?—No, I was not on the register.

14,110. How came this gentleman to know you would take 15*l.*?—I do not know, I am sure.

14,111. Had you never spoken to anybody about it?—No.

14,112. (*Mr. Slade.*) You must know how he came to you?—No, I do not.

WILLIAM GEORGE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

W. George.

14,113. What are you?—A publican and fisherman.

14,114. What is the name of your public-house?—The "Barking Fishery."

14,115. Your house was made use of, was it not?—Yes.

14,116. On what night?—Three or four different nights.

14,117. Every night?—Yes, three or four nights.

14,118. Did you see Mr. Edwards there?—I do not know the gentleman. I did very likely, but I did not know him.

14,119. Did you get anything for your own vote?—Yes.

14,120. How much?—20*l.*

14,121. Who gave it you?—A stranger.

14,122. Was he in spectacles?—That I cannot say.

14,123. Was your house occupied entirely by voters on the Liberal side?—Yes, one room.

14,124. Did any of the Conservatives ever come to your house?—They came backwards and forwards sometimes for a glass of ale.

14,125. You had some Conservative customers?—Yes, some of all sorts.

14,126. Did you take any money from the Conservative side?—Yes.

14,127. How much?—15*l.*

14,128. Who did you get that from?—Mr. Newman.

14,129. What is Newman's christian name?—Samuel.

14,130. And you split your vote, did you not?—Yes.

14,131. Did you get anything in 1859?—No, I had no vote.

14,132. Did Mr. Newman ask you for your vote when he gave you this 15*l.*?—No.

14,133. Who was it canvassed you on that side?—He did himself.

14,134. Newman?—Yes.

14,135. Did nobody else on that side canvass you?—No.

14,136. Did you introduce the people who came to your house to the stranger?—No, I never knew the stranger. I never noticed him there.

14,137. You know nothing about that?—No.

14,138. And you do not know who did?—No.

14,139. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you get paid for the use of your room?—2*l.* 10*s.*

14,140. Who paid you that?—Mr. Clowes.

14,141. Was that the room that the stranger operated in?—I daresay it was, but I never saw him. It was the room that they all went to when they came in.

14,142. Was that the only room that was used?—Yes; one room, the upstairs room.

14,143. Had you any other meeting in that room except when the stranger was there?—No. I do not know. They had it for four nights. It was kept open for four nights, but I do not know who was there.

14,144. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday?—Not Sunday.

14,145. Saturday?—It might be on Saturday. We always close up on the Sunday.

14,146. Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday?—I cannot say. It was three or four nights, or something like that.

14,147. The election was on the Wednesday?—I think perhaps it might be on the Friday and Saturday, and the Monday and Tuesday. I am not certain about it. I think it must have been four nights, for they ran up a good large bill and I never got the money, but I made use of that 20*l.* as for that.

14,148. Who gave you the 20*l.*?—Some stranger.

14,149. In the room?—No.

14,150. In the bar?—No; at Warner's house.

14,151. Warner came to you at your house to bring up men that were there at his house?—No, I went myself.

14,152. Did he not bring up men to your house from his own house?—No, not that I know of. I never noticed them. If any of them stopped at my house when they passed it was only to have a glass of ale. I never saw him there more frequently at that time than at any other time when business called him this way.

14,153. Did you tell Mr. Clowes anything about this stranger?—No. I went to Mr. Clowes' office. Mr. Whiting hired this room from me.

14,154. Did you ask Mr. Clowes to pay for the liquor that was drunk at your house?—No; Mr. Brand told me that he would see it all paid.

14,155. Did you mention that to Mr. Clowes?—No.

14,156. Did you mention it to Mr. Brand?—Yes, several times. I went for it, and he told me that the next money he got I should be paid. He said "You must stop till Monday." I went again on Monday, and he said, "You must stop till next Monday." I went again and did not get it, and I have waited till now and have not got it.

14,157. How much is it?—I do not know what it is now. Mr. Brand's bill was over 6*l.* or 7*l.* It would have been a good deal more, but I put a stop to it.

14,158. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you get the 2*l.* 10*s.* from Mr. Clowes yourself?—Yes.

14,159. What did you tell him you wanted it for?—The bill was first of all sent into Mr. Brand, and he told me Mr. Clowes would pay it at the committee room. I sent my missis up to Mr. Clowes, he would not pay her, and I had to go myself, and I went the same day and he paid me.

14,160. Did you tell Mr. Clowes what had been going on at your house?—No; nothing passed. He gave me the money, and I gave him a receipt for it; and that was all.

14,161. Do you know whether that money was returned as part of the election expenses?—No; I do not know at all; I know nothing of it.

SAMUEL NEWMAN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

S. Newman.

14,162. What are you?—A butcher.

14,163. You were actively engaged in the last election were you not?—I was in some cases by Mr. Bunn; I am his servant and work for him.

14,164. Did he give you any money?—Yes, he gave me 15*l.* to pay to Mr. William George.

14,165. Was that all?—Yes.

14,166. Did he not give you some more money?—No, not for my vote.

14,167. Did anybody else give you any money?—No.

14,168. Did you get no money for your vote?—Not a farthing.

14,169. Have you always been a Conservative?—I have never voted only once for the borough, and I always voted for the party because I worked for the party.

14,170. Is that all you did give, 15*l.* to Mr. George?—Yes, I worked for him.

14,171. What do you mean by working for him?—He asked me to take it to Mr. George, and if I knew anybody more to let him know. I am always having money from Mr. Bunn, perhaps two or three times a week.

14,172. What for?—For business. I had business through him.

14,173. Did you canvass many people?—No, not many.

14,174. Did you offer many people money?—No, I did not offer them any. They might perhaps some of them say they wanted more money. Some had 20*l.* and they wanted more, and I knew Mr. Bunn was only paying 15*l.*, so I said nothing more to them.

14,175. Mr. Bunn had no authority to give any more than 15*l.*?—Not that I knew of. He had not said anything to me about it.

14,176. Do you know all the people to whom Mr. Bunn gave 15*l.*?—No, I do not, nor yet half, I daresay. I did not know who he gave money to and who he did not. Mr. Bunn made me a present after the election some little time.

14,177. How much?—He took it off my account, but I never knew anything at all about it.

14,178. How much did he take off your account?—15*l.*, but I did not authorize him to do so, nor I never asked, or anybody offered it.

14,179. I suppose you are aware Mr. Bunn took it off your account for your vote?—I was afterwards, but I did not know anything about it beforehand. Not till after I voted a week passed.

14,180. You allowed him to take it off your account?—He did do so. He kept it back for me, but I did not know it till after he told me of it, afterwards.

14,181. (*Mr. Slade.*) You have told us of this man George, which we knew about before, now tell us of anybody else?—I do not know of any others. I did not pay money to anybody else.

14,182. Do you know of anybody else who had money from Mr. Bunn?—I do not.

14,183. Try?—I do not recollect the names, I had no list of them. I do not know any of them had money, only what I heard them say; that is all.

14,184. Tell us who told you they had money?—Several had money from Mr. Bunn, but I do not know their names.

14,185. Yes, you know their names?—No. There was Mr. Lummis and Mr. Rivett, and several other parties, but I cannot tell you who. I have not kept a memorandum of them.

14,186. I do not ask you that?—I may know the people if you mention their names, but I cannot call them to my recollection.

14,187. Do you mean to say that on your solemn oath?—I was not with him at the time he paid the money.

14,188. Upon your oath, do you not know any other men to whom Mr. Bunn gave money?—I may know the people.

14,189. You must know their names?—I may know their names, but you must call them out.

14,190. I shall not do that?—I have got no list of them, only this paper.

14,191. Give me that paper. (*The witness handed a piece of paper to the Commissioners*)?—I cannot tell exactly. I do not know who received the money and who did not.

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14,192. Did you ask anybody else for their vote?—I asked Mr. Brown and Mr. Duffield, and they all said they were going to vote, and I left them, and did not say anything more to them about it.

14,193. That is Thomas Brown?—I do not know his christian name, though I live close by him.

14,194. On the road to the common, Southtown?—Yes.

14,195. You asked him?—I asked him which way he was going to vote. He told me he did not know, so I did not say anything more.

14,196. Who else?—Mr. Duffield.

14,197. That is George Noah Duffield?—Yes.

14,198. Who else?—I do not know anybody else.

14,199. Are those the only two you asked?—Yes, I believe they are.

14,200. Do not tell us about belief. Were they the only two?—Yes.

14,201. Did you go back and tell Mr. Bunn you had asked these men?—Yes.

14,202. What did Mr. Bunn say?—Mr. Bunn said he would see the parties himself.

14,203. These men live close to you?—Yes.

14,204. Do you know whether they had any money from Mr. Bunn, or not?—I believe not. I cannot say. I have no list, or nothing, so I do not know anything of it.

14,205. Did you know Mr. Rivett?—Mr. Grymes Rivett?

14,206. The gentleman who is dead?—I did know him.

14,207. Can you tell us the names of any men that he bribed?—That I cannot; I was not in his company or canvassed with him.

14,208. Have you ever heard of any person?—I never heard of any person. I promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson the first day they canvassed.

14,209. But you submitted to have 15*l.* taken off your account?—I did a week afterwards. I did not know anything about it. I never sanctioned anyone to do it.

J. Gibbs.

JONAS GIBBS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

14,210. What are you?—A hay and straw dealer.

14,211. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—16*l.*

14,212. Who from?—Mr. Charles Bunn.

14,213. Were you canvassed on the other side?—There was a man the morning the election took place said he could give me 20*l.* if I liked. I said, No, I would not change my colour; that is all I said.

14,214. Did you get anything at the election of 1859?—Yes, 15*l.*

14,215. Who from?—Mr. Bunn.

G. Green.

GEORGE GREEN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

14,216. What are you?—A carpenter.

14,217. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,218. Of Mr. Bunn?—Yes.

14,219. Were you canvassed?—Yes.

14,220. By the candidates?—Yes.

14,221. Did you promise?—No, because I had made up my mind not to vote at all.

14,222. Did you promise neither of them?—No.

14,223. Who did you vote for?—Lacon and Goodson.

14,224. You made up your mind, and you got the money, I suppose?—No.

14,225. Are you quite certain you did not promise the candidates?—Yes.

14,226. Did both sides canvass you?—Yes, they came on both sides.

14,227. (*Mr. Slade.*) You promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—I did not promise anyone. I told them I should not promise because I thought I should not vote, and they said I should offend some one if I did not vote.

14,228. Did you give them to understand you wanted money?—No.

14,229. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Had you voted in 1859?—No.

14,230. Had you a vote?—No.

14,231. (*Mr. Slade.*) What are your politics, Red or Blue?—I never had a vote before.

14,232. How long before the election did Mr. Bunn promise you the 15*l.*?—He gave it me Sunday night.

14,233. Had you seen him before?—Not for a week or two before the election. I had seen him because I worked for him.

14,234. Were you offered money on the other side?—No.

14,235. Did any gentleman pay you a visit the night before the election?—Yes, there were one or two came to my house.

14,236. What o'clock was that?—After I was in bed.

14,237. Did they come into your bed-room?—No, they did not come into my bed-room.

14,238. Called you out of bed?—Yes.

14,239. What did they do?—They said if I went up the street I could have some money. They could get me 20*l.*

14,240. Did you go?—No, I did not go with them. I came out of doors, and told them to be walking up the street, and I went back and went into bed again.

14,241. Who were the men?—A man of the name of Blyth, a harness maker, who has no vote at all, and a man of the name of Harris, a barber.

J. Humfrey.

JOHN HUMFREY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

14,242. What are you?—A fish owner.

14,243. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

14,244. Who from?—From Mr. Warner's house.

14,245. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

14,246. What did you get in 1859?—I was not a voter then.

14,247. You had no vote in 1859?—No.

R. Hurrell.

ROBERT HURRELL sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

14,248. What are you?—I malt in the winter season in the malt-house.

14,249. What did you get for your vote?—20*l.*

14,250. Who from?—Mr. Whiting.

14,251. Did you get anything in 1859?—5*l.*

14,252. Who from?—I cannot think of the man's name now. A man here in Yarmouth, but I cannot think of his name, not at present. I may think of it presently, perhaps.

14,253. Was he a Liberal or Conservative?—He was a Liberal.

14,254. Let us have his name?—I cannot think of his name at all now, that I cannot. It does not come to my mind, now and I cannot think of it. Yes, I think Greenhow was his name.

14,255. Were you offered anything on the other side at this election?—No, not at all.

14,256. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know where Mr. Whiting got the money from?—Mr. Brand, I think.

14,257. He told you that?—Yes.

14,258. Do you know who Mr. Brand got the money from?—No, I do not know.

JONATHAN IVES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *J. Ives.*

14,259. What are you?—I am a gardener for want of a better.

14,260. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,261. Who from?—Mr. Charles Bunn.

14,262. Were you offered anything on the other side?—I was not offered anything. I never voted any other side, so it is no use asking me a question of that kind. I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon ever since I did vote.

14,263. Did you promise him when he canvassed you at once?—Yes.

14,264–9. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—No, nor never before, and I should not now if they had not have brought it to me.

WILLIAM HOWES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *W. Howes.*

14,270. What are you?—Well, I have been a painter in my time.

14,271–9. And you have retired?—I am out of business.

14,280. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—10*l.*

14,281. Who gave it you?—Mr. Eagleton.

14,282. Were you offered anything by the other side?—Not anything.

14,283. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—Not anything.

14,284. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you not get something from Mr. Bunn?—Not a halfpenny; he never asked me, nor I him.

RICHARD KEMP sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *R. Kemp.*

14,285–6. What are you?—I am a keeper of an ale-house.

14,287. Did you have anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

14,288. How much?—20*l.*

14,289. Who from?—From the gent they call Mr. Jones, I think.

14,290. Where did you receive it?—At Mr. Warner's.

14,291. Were you offered anything by the other side?—Nothing.

14,292. Was it a gentleman in spectacles who paid you?—Yes.

14,293. Did you have anything for your vote in 1859?—I was at sea at that time.

14,294. Then you missed an opportunity?—No, I should not have taken any bribe then, I daresay. I do not know that I should now, only it was put into my hands.

EDWARD LEE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *E. Lee.*

14,295. What are you?—A labourer.

14,296. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

14,297. Who from?—At Mr. Warner's.

14,298. From a gentleman in spectacles?—Yes.

14,299. Were you offered anything by the other side?—Not a farthing.

14,300–1. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—No.

JAMES MAYS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *J. Mays.*

14,302. What are you?—I am a labourer and gardener, or whatever you call me.

14,303. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*

14,304. Who from?—Charles Bunn.

14,305. Were you offered anything by the other side?—No.

14,306. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—No.

CHARLES MOORE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *C. Moore.*

14,307. What are you?—A tailor.

14,308. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

14,309. Who paid it you?—A stranger.

14,310. Where at?—Mr. Warner's.

14,311. A gentleman in spectacles?—Yes, I think he did.

14,312. Were you offered money on the other side?—No.

14,313. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

WILLIAM RAND sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *W. Rand.*

14,314. What are you?—A carter.

14,315. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes, 15*l.*

14,316. Who from?—Mr. Lummis.

14,317. Were you offered anything by the other side?—No.

14,318. Do you know any other man whom Lummis bought?—No, I do not know. I never breathed a word about it. He told me this money he gave me was out of his own pocket. He called in one Sunday afternoon and put it on the table, and said they were giving 15*l.* to the others, and I might as well have it.

14,319. Did you know Lummis well?—Yes, he was a son-in-law of my wife. Still he never visited my house much.

14,320. Do you know any men Lummis employed to get votes?—No, I do not know anyone. I never spoke to him at all during the election.

14,321. Where did Mr. Lummis give it you?—In my house: he called in of a Sunday afternoon.

14,322. Did you get anything in 1859 for your vote?—Yes, 10*l.*

14,323. Who from?—Mr. Grechow gave it me.

JOHN READ sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *J. Read.*

14,324. What are you?—A blacksmith.

14,325. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

14,326. Who gave it you?—I do not know.

14,327. Where did you get it?—From Mr. Warner.

14,328. Did a gentleman in spectacles pay you?—I believe he did.

14,329. Were you offered anything by the other side?—No, I cannot say I was. I did not intend to vote the other way. I was canvassed by the Tory party, but I told them at the first onset I should not vote for them.

14,330. Was 20*l.* all you got?—Yes.

14,331. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

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5 Sept. 1866.

E. Roof.

EDWARD ROOF sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,332. What are you?—I am keeping a public-house.

14,333. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,334. Who gave it you?—Mr. Bunn.

14,335. Did you get any money on the other side?—No.

14,336. Was 15*l.* all you had?—That was all I had.

14,337. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No; I got nothing but 15*l.*; that was all.

14,338. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

14,339. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you get anything in 1859?—No.

14,340. (*Mr. Russell.*) What did you get for your vote when you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey?—I never got anything.

14,341. You voted for them for nothing?—Yes.

14,342. Did you see old Mr. Rivett?—Yes.

14,343. Did old Mr. Rivett ever give you anything?—No.

14,344. Never?—No, never.

14,345. Did Lummis ever give you anything?—No.

J. Sadler.

JOHN SADLER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,346. What are you?—A bricklayer I should be.

14,347. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,348. Who gave it you?—Mr. John Hammond.

14,349. Were you offered anything by the other side?—No.

14,350. Did you vote in 1859?—I had not one.

W. Snell.

WILLIAM SNELL sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,351. What are you?—A smack owner.

14,352. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,353. Are you sure it was not 20*l.*?—No.

14,354. Certain?—Yes.

14,355. Who gave it you?—Mr. Eastick.

14,356. Did Mr. Eastick say where he got it?—No.

14,357. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

14,358. That is all the money you got?—Yes.

14,359. Did you get anything in 1859?—No.

14,360. Had you got a vote?—No.

14,361. Do you know Mr. Brand?—No.

14,362. Mr. Edwards says that 20*l.* was sent to you?—I never received it.

14,363. Somebody did you out of 5*l.* then?—Yes, I suppose so.

14,364. Mr. Brogden will be pleased to hear how his money was spent?—I cannot tell how it was spent.

T. Stone.

THOMAS STONE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,365. What are you?—I am a fish owner in Gorleston.

14,366. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

14,367. Who gave it you?—I do not know the man.

14,368. Where did you get it?—I got it at Mr. Robert Warner's.

14,369. Was it a gentleman in spectacles gave it you?—He was the Blue side of the question.

14,370. Was it a gentleman who had spectacles who gave it you?—I do not know. I only saw one side of his face. It was very quick done, all in a moment.

14,371. Perhaps you would have got 40*l.* if you had seen both sides?—I should have got 20*l.* more if I could.

14,372. Were you offered any amount the other side?—No.

14,373. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

14,374. And 20*l.* was all you got?—I think that was little enough.

J. Storey.

JOHN STOREY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,375. What are you?—A carpenter.

14,376. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—No.

14,377. Did you receive any money to give to anybody for a vote?—No.

14,378. Do you know of any men who were bribed?—No, I had nothing to do with them.

14,379. Then if anybody has said that you took a bribe, it is a story?—No, I was not bribed. I am rather hard of hearing.

14,380. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you vote?—No.

14,381. Did you not promise Mr. Brogden you would vote for him?—No, nor yet anybody else; certainly not.

14,382. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did anybody try to prevent your voting?—Not at all.

14,383. Not anyone?—Not anyone.

14,384. Did you promise when you were first canvassed?—No.

14,385. (*Mr. Slade.*) Why did you not vote?—I did not feel disposed to vote.

14,386. You promised?—No, I did not. I never promised any gentleman. I was canvassed by both parties, and told them probably I should not vote at all.

14,387. Why did you not vote?—I was as much interested on the one side as the other; just the same.

J. Suffling.

JEREMIAH SUFFLING sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,388. What are you?—A publican.

14,389. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

14,390. Who gave it you?—I do not know.

14,391. Where did you get it?—Some gentleman brought it to my house.

14,392. Was it a gentleman with spectacles on?—I do not know whether he had spectacles on or a shade on. I took no notice of him. I took more notice of the money.

13,393. He was a stranger to you?—Yes.

13,394. Had you told anybody you would take money for your vote?—Not that I am aware of.

14,395. How came this strange gentleman to come to you?—I have no idea.

14,396. You must have given somebody a hint?—It might be hinted about the same as it was all over the parish, and all the place. Mr. King asked me whether 20*l.* was any use to me, and I said "Yes, it is just what I want." So perhaps he sent the man with the spectacles, or the shades, or whatever it might be, I do not know.

14,397. Did you get any money on the other side?—No.

14,398. Were you offered any?—No.

14,399. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

14,400. What did you get for it then?—A dozen.

14,401. Who gave you the dozen in 1859?—George King, I think, 10*l.*, and some other gentleman 2*l.* after the election. I do not know who it was now, I think the other man is dead; I have not seen him this month or two..

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J. Vincent.

5 Sept. 1866.

JAMES VINCENT sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,402. What are you?—A shoemaker.

14,403. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

14,404. Who gave it you?—I received it at Mr. Warner's from a man with spectacles on.

14,405. Did you get any money on the other side?—No.

14,406. Were you offered any?—Not at all.

14,407. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

14,408. What did you get for it then?—Nothing at all. This is the first money I received.

J. Welton.

JOHN WELTON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,409. What are you?—A shoemaker.

14,410. What did you get at the last election?—20*l.*

14,411. Where did you get it?—At Mr. Warner's house.

14,412. From a gentleman in spectacles?—I cannot say. I never noticed that.

14,413. A stranger?—Yes.

14,414. Were you offered any money by the other side?—Yes.

14,415. How much?—12*l.* or 14*l.* Mr. Bunn offered me.

14,416. Did you take it?—No.

14,417. Did you take any money on the other side?—No.

14,418. Did you have a vote in 1859?—No.

R. Joyce.

ROBERT JOYCE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,419. What are you?—A publican.

14,420. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*

14,421. Who from?—Mr. Cooper.

14,422. Did you take anything on the other side?—No.

14,423. Were you offered it?—No.

14,424. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

14,425. Did you get anything for it?—Yes.

14,426. How much?—15*l.*

14,427. Who from?—Mr. Steward.

14,428. Who is Mr. Steward?—Mr. Christmas Steward.

14,429. Was he of the Red party?—No, Liberal.

14,430. Then you voted Liberal that time?—Yes, always before.

14,431. And Conservative this?—Yes, Conservative this time.

14,432. How came you to vote Conservative this time?—Through personal interest. Living on I saw I had an interest in it, and I might have changed my opinion.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

NINETEENTH DAY.

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Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 6th September 1866.

C. Satterthwaite.

5 Sept. 1866.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

14,433. Can you give us any other names beyond those you gave us the other day?—Yes. There is a person named Newman, who I think will throw a deal of light on some of the cases; and I also wish to state to the Court, I remember, in looking over the names, most distinctly paying a person of the name of Arbon, at Cattermoles, and he also took the money for himself and his father there. The gentleman spoke for himself and his father. Whether he is the man I do not know. I know he did take the money for himself, and also for his father; and I see there are only three Arbons on the list. If the Court will allow me to have the register that I had when I checked them off in paying them, during the time I am in Court, it might bring to my recollection other things.

14,434. We have not got that register, we only have Edwards' register. Do you mean that?—No, I mean the register I had when I was paying them, when I crossed them off.

14,435. The only papers we received of yours were those two I handed to you?—I had a register which I put C. and D. upon.

14,436. That is exactly what we want to get hold of, and Mr. Edwards has not got it, or Mr. Salmon?—It was left in the room at the time I made the list out.

14,437. (*Mr. Russell.*) Edwards said he believed he had left that register on the table when he came away, and he does not know who might have taken it?—I know it was in the room. It would be a great assistance to me, because it would refresh my memory. I thought perhaps the Court might have it, and I could have it to use in Court.

14,438. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When James Noah Arbon was called, I think you said you could not recollect him?—No, I could not. But I can recollect paying Arbon, and for his father; so that there must be Arbon who has been paid, and has not come; but there must be some mistake. You will find there are three Arbons, and it may come out in the evidence which it is, if it is not this one.

14,439. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is this the register you refer to that Edwards gave us?—No, because it had some memorandums opposite the names of some of them.

B. Bradnum.

BENJAMIN BRADNUM sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,440. What are you?—A grocer.

14,441. Did you have anything for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

14,442. Who from?—Mr. Shattock.

14,443. Where did you receive it?—At my own house.

14,444. Did he tell you whom he had had the money from?—Mr. Brand.

14,445. Did you never have a ticket?—No.

14,446. Did you receive any money besides this?—No.

14,447. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

14,448. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

14,449. Did you get anything for it then?—Nothing.

14,450. Were you offered anything?—No.

14,451. Did you know Mr. Rivett?—I did know him.

14,452. Did he offer you anything?—No, never.

14,453. Neither at the last election, nor in 1859?—No.

NINETEENTH DAY.

6 Sept. 1866.

R. Edwards.

ROBERT EDWARDS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,454. What are you?—A labourer.

14,455. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,456. Who from?—Mr. Brand.

14,457. Did you get any more?—No.

14,458. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

14,459. Had you got a vote in 1859?—I do not know.

14,460. You voted for Lacon and Stracey?—Yes.

14,461. Did you get any money for your vote on that occasion?—Yes.

14,462. How much?—10*l.* I think it was.

14,463. Who gave you that?—Mr. Rivett.

14,464. Did you see Mr. Rivett at the last election?—No.

14,465. He never offered you any money?—I never saw him.

R. Brown.

ROBERT BROWN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,466. What are you?—A fish merchant.

14,467. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,468. Who from?—Mr. Eagleton I think his name was. He used to keep an eating-house.

14,469. Did you not have 15*l.* from Mr. Hutchins?—I do not know whether his name is Hutchins or Eagleton. He used to keep an eating-house.

14,470. Did you have a ticket?—No.

14,471. Are you quite certain you did not get 15*l.* from Mr. Eagleton, and 15*l.* from Mr. Hutchins?—No.

14,472. You swear to that?—Yes.

14,473. Because both Mr. Eagleton and Mr. Hutchins have sworn they both gave you 15*l.*?—I do not know the gentleman's name, he used to keep an eating-house, that I had the money from.

14,474. Did the man who gave you the 15*l.* live in Marine Terrace?—I do not know where he lived. He used to keep an eating-house. He is a gentleman now; Mr. Hutchins I suppose his name is; a lowish man; he walked with a stick.

14,475. Where did Mr. Hutchins give it you?—At my place.

14,476. Do you know Mr. Eagleton?—I know the gentleman. I do not know whether his name is Eagleton or Hutchins.

14,477. Do you know Mr. Eagleton?—No, only to speak to.

14,478. Do you swear he did not give you 15*l.*?—I swear that I only received 15*l.* from them two parties.

14,479. What did you get the other side?—15*l.*?—

14,480. Who gave you that?—Mr. Edwards.

14,481. Where?—He came to me at breakfast time, and said, am I at home? I said "Here is a letter for you," and he dropped 15*l.* into my hand, and I said "Thank you."

14,482. Which Mr. Edwards was that? Was he the stranger or the Yarmouth man?—A Yarmouth man.

14,483. Tom Edwards?—Yes.

14,484. Who gave you the money first. Mr. Hutchins, or Mr. Edwards?—Mr. Hutchins,

14,485. Then you promised Lacon and Goodson?—I do not know what he did say. I am sure he was more frightened than I was. He appeared like going after a half-pint of beer on a Sunday morning. He was paid to do it, and he was afraid to go in after it.

14,486. You voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes, I believe I did.

14,487. Do you swear 30*l.* was all you received?—Yes.

14,488. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

14,489. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember this man?—No, I do not. You see, sir, if Mr. Edwards paid him, I should not see him, he would be on Mr. Edwards's list.

R. Bacon.

ROBERT BACON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,490. What are you?—A publican.

14,491. Where do you live?—At the "Waggon and Horses," North End.

14,492. In the Caister Road?—In the Caister Road.

14,493. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

14,494. Where did you get it?—At Mr. Wright's, on the Plain.

14,495. From a strange gentleman?—A strange gentleman.

14,496. Do you remember that gentleman?—No.

14,497. Did you receive anything more?—No.

14,498. Were you offered any money on the other side?—Yes.

14,499. How much?—15*l.*

14,500. Who by?—Mr. Watson.

14,501. Was that after you had received the 20*l.*?—That was before.

14,502. Did you refuse that?—Yes.

14,503. Why?—Because I thought I could get more.

14,504. You meant to vote for the side that gave you most money?—Yes.

14,505. So you voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl? Yes.

14,506. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

H. Barnes, jun.

HENRY BARNES, jun., sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,507. What are you?—A sail-maker.

14,508. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

14,509. Where did you receive it?—At Mr. Wright's on the Plain.

14,510. From a strange gentleman?—Yes.

14,511. Did you get any money on the other side?—No.

14,512. Were you offered any?—I was not solicited at all on either side.

14,513. Have you always belonged to the Blue party?—Yes.

14,514. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

S. Boulton, jun.

SAMUEL BOULTON, jun., sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,515. What are you?—A carpenter.

14,516. What did you have for your vote?—15*l.*

14,517. Who from?—Mr. Robert Nockles.

14,518. Did you receive anything from the other side?—No.

14,519. Are you quite certain of that?—Yes.

14,520. Did you have a ticket?—No.

14,521. Did you ever go up to Wright's?—No.

14,522. Or the "Angel?"—Not anywhere.

14,523. And you swear you never received any money on the other side?—Yes.

14,524. Did you go to the "Army and Navy" at Cattermole's?—No, I use there sometimes of an evening, but not anything of that sort.

14,525. You never had any money there?—No.

14,526. How came you to only vote for Sir

Edmund Lacon?—Because Mr. Nockles asked me, would I oblige him? And I said "Yes."

14,527. But why did you not vote for Mr. Goodson?—Because Mr. Nockles asked me to vote for that one.

14,528. Mr. Goodson was the same side?—Yes.

14,529. You only voted for Sir Edmund Lacon?—That is all.

15,530. Why?—It was my feeling that way.

15,531. Did Mr. Nockles tell you where he had the money from?—No.

14,531*a*. Is your father here?—He is in Yarmouth; I do not know whether he is here.

14,532. He voted the other side, did he not?—I think so.

14,533. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

14,534. Do you remember this man?—No, I cannot call him to mind.

SAMUEL BULTITUDE ROBERTS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

S. B. Roberts.

14,535. What are you?—A mast and block maker.

14,536. What did you have for your vote?—15*l*.

14,537. Who from?—Mr. Cooper ordered me to go to Mr. George Harvey, and Mr. George Harvey paid it.

14,538. Did you get anything on the other side?—No.

14,539. Were you offered any?—No.

14,540. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

14,541. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—Yes.

14,542. How much?—15*l*.

14,543. Who from?—Mr. Beales.

ALFRED BROWN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

A. Brown.

14,544. What are you?—A fish merchant.

14,545. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—I got 15*l*. from the Tories.

14,546. Who gave you that?—I do not know the man's name.

14,547. Was it Mr. Hutchins?—I cannot tell whether it was Mr. Hutchins or not. He is a man with a curious turn of his eye; it might be Mr. Hutchins.

14,548. Do you know where he lived?—No, I do not; he lived in Yarmouth, I know.

14,549. Did he tell you where he got it from?—He did not.

14,550. Do you know Mr. Eagleton?—Yes.

14,551. Have you had anything from him?—No.

14,552. What did you get on the other side?—15*l*.

14,553. Who gave you that?—A man of the name of Edwards.

14,554. A Yarmouth man?—A Yarmouth man.

14,555. Mr. Edwards, the tailor?—I do not know whether he is a tailor or not.

14,556. Who paid you first, Mr. Hutchins or Mr. Edwards?—Mr. Hutchins.

14,557. I see you voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—I thought Hutchins was Brogden and Vanderbyl's man; I understood so from the first of it.

14,558. And you thought you could take the money twice from the same side?—Yes.

14,559. You thought that saved your morality?—Yes.

14,560. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

14,561. You made up for it by selling it twice at this election?—Yes, it appears like it.

14,562. (*Mr. Slade.*) What relation are you to Robert Brown?—A brother.

14,563. Tom Edwards paid you both?—I do not know whether it was Tom Edwards; I do not know his christian name.

14,564. The tailor?—I do not know whether he is a tailor; he is a little stout man.

14,565. He has neither given your name nor your brother's to me as having paid you?—It was a little stout man and his name is Edwards I know.

14,566. Do you know whether this man, Edwards, lives in the York Road?—I cannot say where he lives.

14,567. Is he clerk to a fish salesman?—The man that gave me the money?

14,568. Yes?—Yes, he is clerk to a salesman.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

14,569. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you admit all these monies being given in by Edwards?—It is in this list that the Court has, as given by E. R. Edwards to Robert Brown and Alfred Brown. It is not Tom Edwards; it is a brother of his, I am informed.

HENRY B. MUNSEY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

H. B. Munsey.

14,570. What are you?—A painter.

14,571. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—12*l*.

14,572. Who gave you that?—Mr. Lane's eldest son.

14,573. Did young Mr. Lane tell you that his father had given him 14*l*. for you?—No.

14,574. Then you will be glad to hear that he stole 2*l*. of it?—I only had 12*l*.

14,575. Did you get anything on the other side?—I was offered some, but I did not take any.

14,576. Who by?—I do not know who it was; I think it was Mr. Livingston's side.

14,577. But who was it on that side that offered you the money?—I think Mr. Livingston himself.

14,578. Do you mean to say Mr. Livingston himself did?—I think so; it was at the house in the market-place; at a cookshop.

14,579. Whose shop is it? Who keeps it?—I do not know the gentleman's name.

14,580. Is that the shop opposite the "Angel?"—It is not direct opposite; it is further down.

14,581. Is it James Thompson?—Yes, that is the name.

14,582. Did you see Mr. Livingston there?—I think it was, but I am not sure; I cannot say whether it was Mr. Livingston.

14,583. You should not mention people's names in connexion with such matters unless you are pretty sure?—I am not sure.

14,584. But somebody offered it you?—Yes.

14,585. What makes you think it was Mr. Livingston?—By the looks of him, nothing else.

14,586. Did you know Mr. Livingston?—Yes, I do know him by sight very well.

14,587. Was it that gentleman, or his son (*pointing*)?—That gentleman.

14,588. Do you remember how much was offered to you?—I think it was 10*l*.

14,589. Try and remember who really did offer you that money?—I do not know the party who it was.

14,590. Are you sure Mr. Livingston was present when you were offered this money?—No, I am not; I was offered that, but I do not know whether Mr. Livingston was present. I thought it was Mr. Livingston, but I cannot say.

14,591. Were you offered any money at the "Angel?"—No, I never was up at the "Angel."

14,592. Did you get any money at all on the other side?—No.

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H. B. Munsey.

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14,593. Are you in the habit of being offered 10*l.*?—No.

14,594. You must remember who did offer you that 10*l.*; you can remember if you like?—No, I do not know; I could not tell you, because the morning I think when the election was I was offered that; I do not remember; I did not wait to hear; I came off directly.

14,595. Was it after the election?—It was the morning of the election, the same morning.

14,596. What makes you think it was Mr. Livingston? Did Mr. Livingston ask you for your vote?—Yes.

14,597. When?—At my house; that is, in the shop, before the election.

14,598. Were you offered any money then?—No.

14,599. What made you go up to Thompson's the election morning?—He met me in the market-place, and asked me to go as far.

14,600. Who did?—Mr. Thompson.

14,601. And did he ask you to go up to his house?—Yes, up to his house, and I went upstairs.

14,602. And who did you see when you got there?—I thought it was Mr. Livingston; that is what made me think it was.

14,603. How many people were there in the room?—There were not any there.

14,604. Only one?—Only one, and the man that lived there, that kept the shop, Mr. Thompson.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

14,605. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember this man?—I think I have a recollection of him.

14,606. Coming to you?—Yes, but I do not think there would be 10*l.* offered the morning of the election. I think it would be more likely 20*l.*

H. B. Munsey.

HENRY B. MUNSEY recalled.

14,607. (*Mr. Russell.*) Are you sure it was not 20*l.* that was offered?—I might have held my hand for it if it had been.

14,608. You must tell me more about it?—That is all I know; I did not want the money the other side; I had got what I wanted.

W. Livingston.

WILLIAM LIVINGSTON recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,609. Do you remember this man?—Yes, perfectly well, and I recollect calling upon him with the two candidates. We could not get a promise from him. But as to saying it was in Thompson's shop, I have been in the house canvassing, I was never nearer the place than the "Angel" from one week's end to the other; and the day of the election I was never in the place; and as to being upstairs, I was never upstairs; and as to my offering him 10*l.*, I deny it in toto.

14,610. If you on your oath say you were not at Thompson's the day of the election, this charge at once falls to the ground?—Most decidedly I do; we could not get him to promise, and Mr. Garratt gave him a job to paint the outside, and he thought he made him right by doing so.

H. B. Munsey.

HENRY B. MUNSEY recalled.

14,611. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who was it offered you the 10*l.*?—I do not know.

14,612. You hear what Mr. Livingston says?—Yes.

14,613. You know Mr. Livingston by sight well?—Yes.

14,614. You could not mistake him?—Well, I might be in a hurry at the time; I cannot say who it was; I was offered the money, and that is all I know about it, and I did not take it.

14,615. You did not take it because it was not enough?—It was not that; I did not wish to draw both sides.

14,616. Were you employed by Mr. Garratt?—Yes, he asked me to paint some canvassing to put up round the palings.

14,617. Did he ask you for your vote?—No, he did not; I was up all one evening after it; and he said if I would make haste and get over it I should be well paid for it. That was all he said; and it was the morning before I could get it finished for them.

14,618. Were you well paid for it?—Yes.

14,619. What were you paid?—I got my charge for it.

14,620. What was your charge?—I think it was 3*l.* I had to alter it once. It was to "Vote for Vanderbyl and Brogden;" no it was "Marshman," in very large letters, in oil painting.

14,621. You had not a vote in 1859?—No.

G. Lawson.

GEORGE LAWSON sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

14,622. What are you?—A mariner.

14,623. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

14,624. How much?—20*l.*

14,625. Who from?—I cannot say.

14,626. Where?—Close to the "Army and Navy Tavern."

14,627. Did you get a ticket?—No.

14,628. Who sent you there?—I went down of my own accord.

14,629. Were you not very much surprised to receive 20*l.*?—No.

14,630. Did you hear you would get 20*l.*?—I heard there was money given.

14,631. Who told you that?—Different parties; I cannot say exactly who they were.

14,632. How long before you went there did you hear it?—The night before the election.

14,633. How long before you went to Cattermole's did you hear you would get 20*l.* if you went there?—It might be in the forenoon.

14,634. Who told you?—I cannot say who it was now.

14,635. Did you go by yourself?—Yes.

14,636. What did the gentleman say to you when you went into the room? Did he ask you your name?—Yes, and where I lived.

14,637. Did he look out your number?—I cannot say.

14,638. Did you find anybody else there?—No.

14,639. Do you know a man named Fish?—Yes, he was my owner at the time.

14,640. Did he ask you for your vote?—Yes.

14,641. What did you say?—I said I did not know, I had not made up my mind which way I should go yet.

14,642. Whom did he want you to vote for?—For the Whigs.

14,643. For the Blue or the Red?—For the Blue.

14,644. Did he tell you to go to Cattermole's?—No.

14,645. Did he offer you any money?—No.

14,646. Did you get any other money besides that 20*l.*?—No.

14,647. From nobody?—No.

14,648. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

HENRY CADDYWOULD sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,649. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

14,650. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—10*l.*

14,651. Who gave you that?—Mr. Johnson the builder.

14,652. Mr. E. O. Johnson?—Yes.

14,653. How much did you get on the other side?—Nothing.

14,654. Did you not get 20*l.*?—No.

14,655. You swear that?—Yes.

14,656. Did you go up to the "Angel?"—No.

14,657. Did you go up to Mr. Cattermole's?—I was at work at Mr. Cattermole's about a week previous to the election, but never went in about the time of the election.

14,658. You did not receive any money there?—No.

14,659. Did you ever take a ticket?—No.

14,660. Did you ever have a ticket offered to you?—No.

14,661. Do you belong to the Red party?—Yes.

14,662. Would you have taken money on the other side?—No.

14,663. And you swear that you did not?—Yes.

14,664. I suppose you had not a vote in 1859?—No.

14,665. When did you promise to vote for Lacon and Goodson?—About two or three days previous to the election. I was at that time doing some work for Mr. E. O. Johnson, and he asked me which way I was going to vote, and I told him I could not vote against the gentlemen I then worked for, Messrs. Reynolds and Palmer, and several other gentlemen, and he said he would see what he could do for me.

14,666. And you promised when you got the 10*l.*?—I told him I intended to vote that way.

14,667. Were you ever asked for your vote the other side?—Yes.

14,668. Who by?—Mr. Cattermole at the "Army and Navy Tavern."

14,669. What did you say to Mr. Cattermole?—I told him I wanted nothing.

14,670. Did he tell you if you came up to his house you would have some money?—No, he did not tell me I would have some money. He asked me if he could do anything for me. I said no, I wanted nothing from him.

14,671. Do anything for you in the way of money?—Yes.

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C. Satterthwaite.

14,672. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember this man?—No; they are so very different in their dress now. Perhaps he might come in from his work to me.

14,673. Did Cattermole give you a list?—I had a list given to me at Cattermole's.

14,674. Was this man's name in it?—Mr. Cattermole did give me one or two names, and I wrote it on the back, "This is by Cattermole." Mr. Cattermole may have some recollection of this case. I do not know.

EDWARD COLLINS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

E. Collins.

14,675. What are you?—A gardener.

14,676. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—16*l.* in all.

14,677. All on one side?—Yes.

14,678. Who gave it you?—A man by the name of Blyth, a painter.

14,679. Did he tell you where he had the money from?—No.

14,680. Did you ever take a ticket?—No.

14,681. Were you ever offered any money on the other side?—I never saw any of the party. I was ill a-bed. Mr. Blyth came the night before the election. My daughter came up and said Mr. Blyth wanted to speak to me. He came up-stairs, and laid 15 sovereigns on my bed, and told me if I voted for Lacon and Goodson, I might have it, and if anybody got more I should have more, and if I could get up to vote before 9 o'clock, he would give me another sovereign, and if I could not get up I was to give him 5*l.* back, and keep 10*l.*

14,682. And you did get up and get the extra pound?—Yes, I got it off a little bill.

14,683. You are certain you never got anything from the other side?—I saw nothing of the party. I was ill in bed. The doctor attended me for weeks after.

14,684. And did nobody offer you money on the other side?—No, I never saw anyone.

14,685. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes, I think I had.

14,686. What did you get for it then?—Nothing. I see it mentioned that he has got me down on the other side for 10*l.*, but I never saw any of the party. I was ill. After I polled, I was taken back to my bed, and I remained there some time.

14,687. You say you were never asked for your vote on the other side?—No; after I was taken ill, I only saw Mr. Marshman and Mr. Brogden of the Blue party when they first came to my house. They called at my house after I was taken ill. I saw no other party.

14,688. Did you refuse then?—That was the first day that I came out.

14,689. Did you refuse them then?—I part promised them.

14,690. What made you break your promise?—I do not know. I never saw any of the party afterwards. I only saw this man Blyth. That was all that I saw afterwards.

14,691. Do you know Dr. Stafford?—Yes.

14,692. Did he ask you for your vote?—He never asked me for my vote, he never asked me anything of the kind.

14,693. He never did?—No.

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14,694. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember this man?—I have been trying to bring him to my recollection, but I really cannot.

JOHN CUBITT NICHOLLS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. C. Nicholls.

14,695. What are you?—A shipwright.

14,696. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—This one just past, do you mean?

14,697. Yes?—15*l.*

14,698. Who gave it you?—It was brought down to my house by Mr. Cooper.

14,699. Did you ask for the money?—I never asked for the money—not a dime.

14,700. He gave it you for your vote?—I suppose so. He left it at my house, wrapped up in a piece of paper.

14,701. Did you get any money on the other side?—I never saw the parties at all.

14,702. Did they canvass you?—They never canvassed me at all.

14,703. And never offered you any money?—I never clapped my eyes upon them at all.

14,704. Had you got a vote in 1859, when Lacon and Stracey stood?—Yes; I got 12*l.*

14,705. Who gave you that?—Well, a man by the name of Downing. That was brought in a similar

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sort of way. I do not think I was in the way at the time.

14,706. That was Tom Downing?—Yes; I think it is Thomas.

14,707. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Downing give you a ticket this time?—I had no ticket. I had no piece of paper of any sort.

14,708. Is John Nicholls, of Caister Road, a relation of yours?—Not that I know of. He possibly may be, but I do not know it. If he is, I know nothing about it.

14,709. Downing says he gave you a ticket for 15*l.*?—So I had.

14,710. But a ticket?—I had no ticket.

14,711. Did you get 15*l.* from Downing?—I had 15*l.* you understand.

14,712. From Mr. Cooper?—Yes.

14,713. But from anybody else?—Not a farthing. There may be a Nicholls in Caister Road. I daresay there is, but I know nothing about him.

14,714. Downing has given us your number on the register, so that there is no mistake about it. No. 901; and Downing says he gave you a ticket. You say that is not true?—I have not had a ticket.

R. Etheridge.

ROBERT ETHERIDGE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

14,715. What are you?—That is a most difficult question perhaps to answer that I can give you. I am nothing at all. I must leave you to judge in some way.

14,716. Did you receive a bribe for your vote at the last election?—I think I may say I did. I received money at any rate.

14,717. How much?—15*l.*

14,718. From whom?—I did not know the party at all at the time; I never saw him before. It was left at my house, on the table. I never saw the party before. I did not know him by name. I have never but once seen him since, and that is within the last 10 days; and I have never spoken to him but once since, and that is the same time, within the last 10 days.

14,719. Who is it?—I think his name is Hutchins. I described in the House of Commons where he lived. I did not know his name—that is, when my evidence was taken there.

14,720. Who was it to vote for?—Sir Edmund Lacon.

14,721. And you did vote for him?—I did.

14,722. Did you receive any money from anybody else?—Not any.

14,723. Had you a vote in the year 1859?—Not here.

14,724. Were you canvassed for your vote for Brogden and Marshman?—I was canvassed on both sides, but saw neither party. I did not know either of the parties until I met them in the House of Commons; not even Sir Edmund Lacon. I never saw him before in my life. He came up to me and shook hands with me. I said. "I presume I am speaking to Sir Edmund Lacon," and he said, "You are; and," said he, "You were not at home when I called."

14,725. Did you see nobody on the Liberal side who canvassed you?—Not anybody. In fact, I promised my vote to the Liberal side, to my landlord.

14,726. Who was your landlord?—Mr. John Eagleton was then; but he turned Tory, against his colours.

14,727. Did you promise him when he was a Liberal?—I did so, under Liberal circumstances, without knowing that he had turned his coat.

14,728. You mean to say you turned because your landlord turned?—There is a little bit of something in the whole matter that took me by surprise. I was rather green in the matter. I never knew anything about bribery before in my life. It is something new to me. I have treated a good many men in the course of my time to brandy and water, and wine, and something of that sort; but as to bribery, I knew nothing about it till this election, and I was taken a little aback, what you call rather sold.

14,729. Were you not called on by anybody on that side?—Not anyone, excepting whom they sent, which I have understood since they have explained to you; Mr. Hutchins.

14,730. But Mr. Hutchins was working for Sir Edmund Lacon?—Exactly so.

14,731. On the Brogden and Vanderbyl side you were asked for your vote?—Yes; they tried to bribe me that side.

14,371*a.* Who asked you for your vote?—It was an agent.

14,732. What was his name?—I am trying to remember. I may say I might have had more from them; but having passed my word, I could not of course break it. It was a man by the name of Fox.

14,733. What did Fox say to you?—He merely offered me money, which I declined *in toto.* In fact, I declined being bribed. I was rather taken aback the other way, or I should have given Mr. Fox my vote freely.

14,734. Why should you have given Mr. Fox your vote?—Because I have always voted Liberal through my life. I am a sort of Liberal Conservative.

14,735. Fox was asking you for the Liberals?—Yes.

14,736. And he offered you money?—Yes.

14,737. How much?—15*l.*; and I daresay it would have been 50*l.* or anything else that was reasonable, but I declined altogether.

14,738. Did you give Fox to understand that you were open to a bribe?—Not in the least, quite the reverse.

14,739. I see in a book that has all the names of the voters, your name has a "t" opposite it, which means "tinnable?"—What is that?

14,740. Open to a bribe.—I beg pardon for asking the question. As I said before, I am rather green.

14,741. This book has all been explained to us?—It is the first time I have given a vote in Yarmouth at a general election; therefore I am a stranger in these matters quite.

14,742. Did you tell Fox at that time you intended to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—I did not.

14,743. (*Mr Russell.*) But he could not get you?—He could not. I declined the bribe. In fact, I was disgusted—the other way. I never took a shilling before in my life. If they come to me for my vote they will have it freely, without any money.

Mrs. H. Cox.

Mrs. HANNAH COX sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

14,744. Are you the wife of Lee Stephen Cox?—Yes.

14,745. He keeps a public-house?—Yes.

14,746. Do you remember the last election?—Yes.

14,747. Did Mr. Bunn call upon you?—Yes.

14,748. Did he give you any money?—Yes.

14,749. How much?—16*l.*

14,750. Did he say what it was for?—He asked me whether I knew which way Mr. Cox was going to vote. And I said "Yes." He said "Which way." I said "That is my business." Because he said "I "have got some money I can give you, you may as "well take it as anybody else." And he gave 16*l.* I said "Mr. Cox would not allow me to take it." And "he said 15*l.* first. I said "Mr. Cox will not allow me "to take 15*l.*" He said "No one will know anything about it, but you and I." He said "I will give you "16*l.* and I shall mention you and my man Newman "down as expenses. I shall not mention Mr. Cox on "the list at all." And I took it on those conditions.

14,751. How long before the election was that?—I cannot say when it was, a day or two, but I cannot say when it was. It was one night.

14,752. Your husband did vote?—I knew which way Mr. Cox was going to vote, because the week

before he told me he should vote for the Tories, and I heard him tell Sir Edmund Lacon he should not vote against him, when Sir Edmund Lacon canvassed him. I knew which way he would vote because he never did vote otherwise.

14,753. He would not vote against him?—He told me that was the way. Our customers round there generally are Tories, and he always did vote their way, so I was confident which way he would vote when I took the money.

14,754. You told your husband I suppose?—I told him when he received the paper. He told me he was summoned; I did not tell him until then.

14,755. Did you not tell him when you received it?—No. I never breathed it. Mr. Bunn said nobody should know it but he and myself. And I said "I can keep mine if you can keep yours." His name is Bunn, but it ought to be Cake, and he ought to be baked, because he promised me that no one should know it.

14,756. Can you make your husband do what you like?—No, I did not control him at all. I did not mention it. Mr. Bunn said he had plenty of money, and I might as well have 16*l.* and I knew Sir Edmund Lacon had got plenty and I got none, so I took it. Sir Edmund Lacon has had plenty of pounds of us, but had I known it would have come to this I should not have taken it.

14,757. What did you do with the money?—I put it where it is increasing I hope. There is no one has seen it only myself, besides where I had deposited it. I hope it is increasing, I have never seen it since.

14,758. Where is that?—In the bank, but not in Sir Edmund Lacon's bank though.

14,759. In whose name?—Of course in my own name no one else.

14,760. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was your husband very angry when he heard of it?—He was very angry. He said he wished I would let him do his own business, and he would not have had it.

14,761. But was he angry with you because you had taken the money, or that you had not told him before?—Because I had taken the money. He said he wished I had not taken the money, and he wished me to come up this morning. I had a great mind not to come because I was not summoned. But he wished me to be exposed he said.

JOHN JACKSON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Jackson.

14,762. What are you?—A baker in the Moat Road.

14,763. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—10*l.*

14,764. Are you sure it was not 20*l.*?—No, 10*l.*

14,765. Who gave it you?—I went to Wright's on the Church Plain, a gentleman who was at Wright's gave me 10*l.*

14,766. The gentleman says he gave you 20*l.*?—He did not, it was 10*l.* It was Mr. Jones, that was the gentleman.

14,767. What day was it?—Just before the election.

14768. Who told you to go up to Wright's?—Mr. Neave, the tailor, in the North Road.

14,769. Did he give you a ticket?—No.

14,770. No ticket?—No ticket at all.

14,771. Did you get anything on the other side?—Not a farthing.

14,772. Were you offered any?—I might if I liked, and I would not go, I promised the Liberals. I always was a Liberal, and I always voted Liberal.

14,773. Who offered you money, the Conservative side?—I was sent for to go to the North End Retreat and did not go.

14,774. Who told you to go?—A boy came to my house and told me to go to the North End Retreat, and I would not go.

14,775. Were you told how much you would get if you went?—I was not told how much I had promised the two gentlemen, and I would not run away from my promise.

14,776. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

14,777. What did you have for your vote then?—Not a farthing.

14,778. And you voted the same side?—I voted the same side, Liberal.

14,779. Are you sure you had a vote in 1859?—Yes.

14,780. You did not vote?—I do not think I did vote, but I had a vote.

14,781. Do you remember that gentleman, Mr. Jones (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*)?—Yes.

14,782. Was the money you got in gold?—It was in gold.

14,783. Wrapped up in paper?—No paper at all. The money was not in paper. There was no package. I took it in my hand, in gold.

14,784. Did you ever tell Mr. Neave what you got? No, I did not tell anyone.

14,785. What did you expect to get?—I did not expect to get anything, though I went to Mr. Wright's. I saw the others going, and they told me to go to Mr. Wright's, and when I went there, this gentleman gave me 10 sovereigns.

14,786. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you promised anything?—I always did promise the Blues.

14,787. Were you promised any money?—I was not promised any money.

14,788. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did not Mr. Neave tell you how much you would get?—Not a farthing. Mr. Neave never told me, and I did not know what I was going to get. A gentleman asked me what my name was; I told him, and he counted 10 sovereigns out; and that is the truth.

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C. Satterthwaite.

14,789. This is a case in which you gave a number, and 20*l.* to it?—Yes.

14,790. And he received the money from you?—All I can say is, that he must have got the 20*l.* because there was no 10*l.* paid at Wright's. It was in 15*l.* and 20*l.* paper parcels.

14,791. He is down in this list, curious enough, as a B., that is, 10.?—I have made a memorandum to inquire of Mr. Neave if he knows anything at all about this case; but I do not remember paying any 10*l.* at Wright's. I made those payments up according to the statements on the list, 15*l.* in little paper parcels and the 20*l.* in gold, and just handed it over to them.

14,792. Are you certain you never gave a 10*l.* parcel?—I cannot recollect giving a 10*l.* parcel in that place.

14,793. Do you remember giving any sovereigns not in paper?—No, I should not do that; in fact I sat up at night to do it. I had it wrapt up in 15*l.* and 20*l.* parcels, and then I counted them out as I laid them upon the chair.

14,794. Were they tied up or rolled up?—They were rolled up, but I pressed them at the ends, so that they could not get open; I did that in order that there might be no mistake, and I put C. and D. upon each package; just what the amount was.

14,795. You do not go the length of saying it is impossible you could have given this man the 10*l.*?—No; but I have made a memorandum here, that I will inquire of Mr. Neave if he can give me any explanation about it. He says Mr. Neave sent him, but I do not remember paying 10*l.* in that house.

14,796. Had you any A. packages; If I had it would be according to the list. I think I had one A. package, and I think that was for a Mr. Beales, or for a Mr. Brereton.

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14,797. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Where do you suppose that B. (*referring to the marked register*) came from; there is only a B. against his name?—I cannot say.

14,798. (*Mr. Russell.*) Might not this have happened, suppose he came and said, "I have come for 10*l.*?" Would you not have undone the package and given him 10*l.* out of it?—I do not think that would be so. I should ask him his name, and see the amount put down, and pay him the amount that was put down.

14,799. If you saw the amount was 10*l.*, and you were only prepared with 15*l.* and 20*l.*, you would undo the package and give him 10*l.*?—I should have a list previously marked C. and D., and put the package in, and refer to his name. He tells me his name; I look on the list and I find he is C. or D., and I hand him the C. or D. package, as the case might be.

14,800. But when you found he was neither one nor the other, would you not then undo the C. or D. package and give him 10 sovereigns out of it?—He does not ask me for any; he comes in among the rest for his pay.

14,801. And you then refer to the list?—Yes.

14,802. And you see him written down B.?—If it was a C. the list would not correspond with B.

14,803. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How could he have got into this list as a B.?—That list has nothing to do with the list they gave to us.

14,804. He must have been taken from somewhere?—It is possible he may have been promised that 10*l.* at some time or other, and the markets rose and he wanted money; I cannot tell. Perhaps Mr. Neave can explain, because he says Mr. Neave sent him.

J. Foulsham.

JOSEPH FOULSHAM sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,805. What are you?—I am a commission agent and debt collector.

14,806. Did you receive any money at the last election?—15*l.*

14,807. Where did you receive that?—At the "Angel."

14,808. Who from?—Mr. Edwards, I think.

14,809. A strange gentleman?—A stranger; I did not know him at the time.

14,810. Who told you to go up to the "Angel?"—I saw Mr. Livingston, senior, and he took me into the room where Mr. Edwards was, and said, "This is Mr. Foulsham," and Mr. Livingston left the room immediately, and did not hear the conversation which passed between me and Mr. Edwards.

14,811. Did you tell Mr. Livingston why you wanted to see Mr. Edwards?—No; we were talking about the matter, and he asked me which way I was going to vote; I said, "I do not know;" I had not positively made up my mind.

14,812. Had Mr. Edwards got money in front of him when you went in with Mr. Livingston?—There was money lying on the table.

14,813. Mr. Livingston introduced you and he then left the room?—Yes.

14,814. And then you received your 15*l.*?—Yes.

14,815. Did you see Mr. Downing?—No; Downing is quite unknown to me; only just by sight; I never spoke to the man in my life.

14,816. He never offered you any money?—No.

14,817. Had you a ticket?—Not for myself.

14,818. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, I will swear to it positively. I am here to speak the truth, and I wish to do so.

14,819. Had you any tickets for other people?—I had one for Mr. John Jones, of the Regent Road.

14,820. Who gave you that ticket?—I am not exactly positive; I believe it was Mr. Tom Edwards, the tailor; I believe it was him. He said in his evidence it was him, and that he was known to me personally; I was not acquainted with his name at the time; I believe it was Edwards; I should not like to swear positively it was him or not.

14,821. Do you remember what was on the ticket?—The number of the register and the 16*l.* Mr. Edwards said it was 20*l.*, but it was 16*l.*

14,822. Do you mean the money was written 16*l.*?—16*l.* And Mr. Jones, if you call him up, will prove what I state is true.

14,823. Was there any letter upon it?—Not any letter that I remember.

14,824. A., B., C., or D.?—None whatever, only the number on the register and the 16*l.*

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,825. Do you recollect this witness?—I may state I have a recollection of this gentleman as well; I remember seeing him.

14,826. Do you remember giving him money?—I must have given him money, or I should not have had any conversation with him.

14,827. Were there any tickets of the sort he mentions?—No; I remember the whole circumstance of this case.

14,828. What are the circumstances?—He is one of those duplicates, and after the election I think we had Mr. Foulsham up to see who paid him; Mr. Edwards got the money from me, and gave me a ticket afterwards for the amount, C. No. 469. It turned out (in fact mention is made of it here) that Mr. Edwards got the 15*l.*, but he said he had given it to Mr. Hickling; I think that is the name. Mr. Edwards said he had given Mr. Hickling the 15*l.* to give to this person. It turns out Mr. Hickling did not do so, and Mr. Edwards was ordered to get back the 15*l.*

14,829. Did he get the 15*l.* back?—I do not know; that is in Edwards' account; I cannot tell; but it appears to have been struck from mine as correct, my having paid it.

14,830. By that the 15*l.* that Mr. Foulsham received at the "Angel" would be the only 15*l.* that he received?—Yes, it appears so, because there is an instruction here for Mr. Edwards to get the 15*l.* back.

Mr. J. Foulsham.

Mr. JOSEPH FOULSHAM recalled; examination resumed by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,831. Who took you up to the "Angel" to identify Mr. Jones as the man who paid you?—Mr. Livingston took me up to the "Angel," that is all. Mr. Livingston only introduced me into the room as Mr. Foulsham, and left us. There is nothing to mention on Mr. Livingston's part as regards the sum.

14,832. Did Mr. Livingston tell you that there was a difference of opinion between Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards as to who paid you?—No, I do not remember that he did. I do not remember anything at all about that. A messenger came down to me and said I was wanted, and I went up to know what I was wanted and when I went, in fact I was introduced. I did not know Mr. Jones till I saw him in the box the other day. I was not aware that he was one of the parties that was present, and Mr. Edwards merely asked me, "Did you take more than 15*l.*?" and I said, "No." He said, "Did you not take 15*l.* at the 'Army and Navy,' as well as at the 'Angel?'" I said, "No." He said, "Are you confident of that?" I said, "Yes." He said, "Who paid you at the 'Angel?'" I said, "A gentleman told me his name was Edwards; I did not ask him, he volunteered." And they said, "Is he present?" I said, "I do not see him here; that gentleman had spectacles on." Mr. Edwards put on his spectacles, and I then said, "You are the man that gave me the 15*l.*" And it seems Mr. Jones was satisfied with that.

14,833. Who was in the room during this discussion besides Mr. Edwards?—Mr. Jones.

14,834. Who else? Mr. Jones, Mr. Edwards, and anybody else?—I really do not know whether Mr. Livingston was there; I do not know whether he was or was not; I will not say positively whether he was or was not.

14,835. (*Mr. Livingston.*) I beg to put Mr. Foulsham right. He says I went down to the "Angel;" I did. He says I introduced him to Mr. Edwards; I did so. It was in a low sitting-room that I introduced him to Mr. Edwards, and left him there. There was no gold there; that I say positively. It was in the sitting-room, because Mr. Jones was out of the way, and I introduced him. What took place afterwards I cannot say.

14,836. Was it in the sitting-room you were introduced?—It was not downstairs, it was upstairs; I know I went up a flight of stairs; this was after the election.

14,837. Did you take John Jones up to the "Angel" to receive money?—No. He did not go to the "Angel," he went to the "Army and Navy."

14,838. Did you go with him?—Yes, I went with him.

14,839. Did you see him get his money?—No, I did not; I gave him his ticket, and he got it cashed.

14,840. That was the only ticket you gave?—That was the only one, and I am very sorry I had anything to do with it.

14,841. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No, I was not in the town at the time.

ROBERT LAXON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

R. Lacon.

14,842. What are you?—A grocer.

14,843. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,844. Who gave it you?—Mr. Jones, I presume.

14,845. Where did you receive it?—At Cattermole's, the "Army and Navy Tavern."

14,846. Did you have a ticket?—No.

14,847. Never?—No.

14,848. Who told you to go to Cattermole's?—I went down as I do sometimes of an evening. Knowing that was the committee-room I thought there might be a little news stirring, and when I got there I found voters were receiving money, and so I made one of them.

14,849. No one in particular told you to go there?—No; I was not told to go.

14,850. Were you offered money on the other side?—No.

14,851. Did you give any other man a ticket, or tell him to go up to Cattermole's?—No; I had nothing to do with anybody else.

14,852. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No; I was not there. I was not in Yarmouth then.

14,853. (*Mr. Slade.*) You are put down here as "Ale-house?"—I keep a grocer's. I sell beer as well. I have a grocer's shop and a beer-house as well in one.

WILLIAM FOX sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

W. Fox.

14,854. What are you?—A carpenter and joiner.

14,855. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—No.

14,856. You did not?—No.

14,857. Did you receive 15*l.* from Mr. Edwards?—No.

14,858. Nor from anybody?—No.

14,859. Did you receive a ticket?—No.

14,860. No money on either side?—No.

14,861. Did you ever see Mr. Jones?—No, not till I saw him here. That is the gentleman (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*). That is all I know about it.

14,862. Did you see a stranger before the election?—Where?

14,863. At the "Angel?"—I never was in the "Angel" in my life, and I have lived here 12 years too.

14,864. At Cattermole's?—I have been at Cattermole's, but not for the last five or six years. I used to live down at Tower Road, and then I used to go there sometimes for beer.

14,865. Did you take a list of persons, and ask for a sum of money?—No.

(*Mr. Satterthwaite.*) It is his brother.

14,866. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you canvassed?—Yes, by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden.

14,867. I see you did not vote at all?—No, not at all.

14,868. Was that because you had no political opinions?—I am a strong Liberal.

14,869. Then why did you not vote for your party?—I was not wanted. I saw the election was lost, and I did not trouble myself about it.

14,870. Had you promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—No, nobody.

14,871. Did you take an active part yourself in the election?—Not at all.

14,872. Not in canvassing?—No.

14,873. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No, not for the borough. I had a vote for the county. That was in 1857, when the election was. I never voted for the borough.

14,874. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is your brother in court?—No, I think not; I think he is down at the North End, at work.

14,875. (*Mr. Russell.*) I think you are summoned by mistake for your brother?—No; it is some other man at South Town that I have been summoned for.

14,876. Do you live in Bath Hill Terrace?—No I live at No. 1, Marine Terrace. I formerly lived in Bath Hill Terrace.

14,877. Is Thomas Fox your brother?—Yes.

14,878. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you live with your brother?—No.

14,879. Did you see your brother at the election time?—No, I do not recolleet. I saw him the evening after the election.

14,880. Did you get any money from him?—No, not at all; nor yet from anybody else.

14,881. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did your brother ever offer you any money?—No.

14,882. Do you know that he had some?—No, I do not know anything about it. I never received any money yet, nor tickets.

14,883. Are you and he upon intimate terms?—I work for him sometimes. I should have been at work for him now if I had not been here. I work for myself also.

14,884. Did he not tell you he had some money?—No, he did not tell me anything of the kind.

14,885. Will you swear he did not give you any money?—I will swear he did not give me any money, nor tell me anything about it.

14,886. Nor offer you a ticket?—No.

14,887. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he ask you to vote?—He asked me which way I was going to vote. I told him most likely I should vote for the Liberals; and I should have voted for the Liberals if I had been wanted. I can assure you there is no mistake about that.

14,888. (*Mr. Russell.*) We have your name returned to us by Mr. Edwards as having had 15*l.*?—Yes, I know you have; but it is a falsehood. I never saw Mr. Edwards, and I do not suppose that he ever saw me in his lifetime. I want to know where I took this money from? They put it down at 15*l.* Where did I take it? That is what I want to know. And who gave it to me? Gold does not buy me; not in electioneering matters, I can assure you.

14,889. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you canvass Mr. Etheridge?—No.

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14,890. Do you know whether your brother did?—I cannot tell that.

14,891. Do you know Mr. Etheridge?—Oh, yes.

14,892. There is no other William Fox but you?—I do not know of one.

14,893. Mr. Etheridge has told us this morning that William Fox canvassed him, and offered him money for his vote?—No; he has made a mistake. I never offered him any money.

14,894. Do you believe it must have been your brother?—I do not know if it was him or anybody else. I never offered any money. I had nothing at all do with the election whatever.

14,895. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you hear Mr. Etheridge examined in court?—Yes.

14,896. Did you hear him mention your name?—I heard him mention Fox; I do not know whether it was William or Thomas. I heard Fox's name mentioned.

14,897. Then it is evidently a mistake?—It is very likely. I do not know anything about any election or anything else.

G. Maystone.

GEORGE MAYSTONE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,898. What are you?—A fish merchant.

14,899. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

14,900. Where did you receive it?—At Wright's.

14,901. From a stranger?—From some strange man. I do not know who he was.

14,902. Had you a ticket with you?—No.

14,903. Who told you to go up to Wright's?—I saw Mr. Edwards and several others about the town, and they said they were going to Wright's to receive money, and I went.

14,904. Was it Tom Edwards, the tailor?—I do not know whether his name is Tom or not.

14,905. Is he a tailor?—I think he is a tailor. He is a short man.

14,905. Were you offered any money by the other side?—Yes, 15*l.*

14,906. Who offered you that?—A man by the name of Blyth.

14,907. Did you take it?—No.

14,908. You are quite sure of that?—Quite sure.

14,909. He is a painter?—Yes, he is a painter.

14,910. Was that after you had the 20*l.* at Wright's?—That was on the Sunday afternoon he offered me that.

14,911. When did you get the money from Wright's?—On the Monday.

14912. Have you always belonged to the Blue party?—Well, I never had a vote before.

14,913. You had no vote in 1859?—No.

J. Morl.

JAMES MORL sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,914. What are you?—A beer-house keeper.

14,915. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

14,916. Are you sure it was not 20*l.*?—I am sure of that.

14,917. Did you have a ticket?—Yes.

14,918. What letter was there upon the ticket?—C.

14,919. Where did you take the ticket to?—To Cattermole's.

14,920. And you were paid by a stranger?—Yes.

14,921. 15*l.*?—15*l.*

14,922. Who gave you the ticket?—Downing.

14,923. Were you offered any money by the other side?—Yes.

14,924. Who by?—By Mr. Lummis.

14,925. And what did he offer you?—He offered me three different prices. First, he offered me 15*l.* That was upon the Saturday. He came to me upon the Sunday and offered me 20*l.*; and I saw him again on the Tuesday, and he offered me 25*l.*

14,926. On what day was it you received the money at Cattermole's?—On the Monday night.

149,27. Then you belonged to the Blue party?—I always was that side.

14,928. Did you see Mr. Lummis about?—I was at work for him.

14,929. Do you know of any other man that Mr. Lummis either gave money to, or offered money to?—No.

14.930. You do not?—No.

14,931. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No, I was not upon the register.

A. Goffin.

ALFRED GOFFIN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

14,932. What are you?—A marine store dealer.

14,933. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—Firstly, 15*l.*

14,934. Who gave you that?—William Blyth, the painter.

14,935. Did you take anything from the other side?—A small acknowledgment, a small sum.

14,936. How much?—7*l.* 10*s.*

14,937. Who gave you that?—A man answering to the name of Jones.

14,938. Where did you receive it?—At the "Angel."

14,939. When?—On the Tuesday morning.

14,940. Had you a ticket?—No, nothing of the kind. I had a recommendation from Mr. Neave and Mr. Edwards.

14,941. Are you quite positive you did not get 10*l.* from Mr. Jones?—7*l.* 10*s.* I am positive I got no more.

14,942. Did you ask for more?—I asked for the sum which had been previously arranged for.

14,943. And what was that?—7*l.* 10*s.*

14,944. Did Mr. Neave and Mr. Edwards arrange for that?—They did.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

14,945. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember this man?—Yes, I remember giving him some money, I cannot remember the amount just now.

14,946. It is returned to us as 10*l.*?—I know that I did pay some ten shillingses; I rather think they were larger amounts than that, but I am not certain.

14,947. Did you pay some odd sums on the Tuesday morning?—Well, I cannot tell exactly the day. I think I did pay some odd sums. There is a 12*l.* 10*s.* here I see.

A. Goffin.

ALFRED GOFFIN recalled.

14,948. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was it loose gold, or wrapped up in a paper?—Loose gold.

14,949. What was the arrangement about your vote with Mr. Neave and Mr. Edwards?—That I should vote for Mr. Brogden.

14,950. I see you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden?—I did.

14,951. And you got the 7*l.* 10*s.* on condition of voting for Lacon and Brogden?—On account of voting for Mr. Brogden.

14,952. Nothing was said about Mr. Vanderbyl?—They were aware that I had promised Sir Edmund Lacon.

14,953. You split your vote?—Yes.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

14,954. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember any case of that sort, where half the 15*l.*, 7*l.* 10*s.* was given to a man if he split his vote?—They never told me what arrangements were made. They merely gave me the lists. I did not know what arrangements had been made. They never spoke to me about it, except in some cases. I said, "I suppose you will be up early, and will vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl." I see I have one here 6*l.*

14,955. The man's story is a very natural one, that he had promised he would vote for Mr. Brogden and they gave him half the 15*l.*?—It is possible. It might be so. That may be one of the differences in the accounts. I believe there are two cases which will come out in evidence if the parties will come forward, which will account for 5*l.* That is where I gave 17*l.* 10*s.* instead of 20*l.* You recollect I had 10*l.* overplus.

14,956. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) It is 10*l.* in your account?—That will account for 5*l.* Then there will be 5*l.* more still to account for.

ALFRED GOFFIN recalled.

A. Goffin.

14,957. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

14,958. Did you receive anything for that?—Yes.

14,959. How much?—9*l.*

14,960. Do you remember who gave it you?—Yes.

14,961. Who?—John Eagleton.

14,962. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Whom did you vote for in 1859?—Watkin and his colleague; I think it was Mr. Young.

HENRY RICHES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

H. Riches.

14,963. What are you?—A baker by profession.

14,964. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—No.

14,965. You are reported to us as having received 20*l.*?—No, I never received a farthing.

14,966. Did you have a ticket given to you?—No.

14,967. Did you ever go up to the "Angel?"—No.

14,968. Nor to Cattermole's?—No.

14,969. Nor to Thompson's?—No.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

14,970. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember this man?—Well, I do not know that I can exactly say that I remember him. I think I have some recollection of him. Perhaps the Court will ask him who canvassed him, and will get at it in that way.

HENRY RICHES recalled.

H. Riches.

14,971. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who asked you for your vote?—Sir Edmund Lacon.

14,972. Did you promise him at once?—Yes.

14,973. And Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

14,974. I see you voted for them?—Yes.

14,975. Who canvassed you for your vote upon the other side?—Mr. Brogdon, and Mr. Livingston with him.

14,976. Did you refuse them?—I told them I had promised.

14,977. You told them you had promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

14,978. (*Mr. Slade.*) You promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marsham?—No. I never saw Mr. Marsham. He never visited me at all.

14,979. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

14,980. Mr. Livingston's memory is the same as your own, and no doubt you are here under a misapprehension?—I think so.

14,981. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you come forward yesterday to deny this?—I came here yesterday, and I was told to come up this morning.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

14,982. (*Mr. Russell.*) What is the explanation as to this?—Downing tells me there is another person of the same name, and they may have been confounded.

(*Mr. Russell.*) There is not another.

14,983. (*Mr. Slade.*) We have William down as receiving 20*l.* as well?—Then I beg your pardon.

WILLIAM MILLER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

W. Miller.

14,984. What are you?—A lodging-house keeper.

14,985. Where do you live?—No. 1, Ely Place.

14,986-7. Albion Road?—Yes, Albion Road.

14,988. Did you receive anything for your vote at ths last election?—I did.

14,989. How much?—15*l.*

14,990. Who from?—Mr. Cooper.

14,991. Were you offered anything upon the other side?—Nothing at all. I never promised. I always go that way.

14,992. Always?—Certainly.

14,993. You voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

14,994. Is your namesake, William Miller, a relation of yours?—No. I have no other Miller in this place a relation of mine, none at all. There is only myself.

14,995. Had you a vote in 1859?—I had.

14,996. Did you receive any money for your vote at that election?—Nobody ever gave me anything.

14,997. Dide you vote upon the same side?—Upon the same side.

14,998. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Where were you living in 1859?—I was living upon the Quay.

14,999. South Quay?—South Quay.

CHARLES CRICKMER sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

C. Crickmer.

15,000. Is your name Charles R. Crickmer?—Yes.

15,001. What is the second name?—Robert.

15,002. What are you?—A lodging-house keeper.

15,003. In Yarmouth?—Yes. 21 Middle Market Road.

15,004. Did you get any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

15,005. How much?—10*l.*

15,006. Who gave it you?—Mr. Leman.

15,007. Who is Mr. Leman?—A clerk at Gurney's Bank.

15,008. When did Mr. Leman give you this money?—The night before the election.

15,009. Where at?—At my own house.

15,010. Did he say what it was for?—Yes. It was to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

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C. Crickmer.

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15,011. Had Mr. Leman asked you before for your vote?—About a fortnight before.

15,012. Had you told him how you were going to vote then?—I told him I could not vote for the Tories, as I was in the employment of the Whigs. But I always had voted for the Tories in the municipal elections, and as I was employed by the Liberals I thought I would not go and vote against them.

15,013. Then why did you take 10*l.*?—He asked me if any money would induce me to vote for the Liberals. I said I would not vote for the Tories; and then he asked me again if any money would induce me to vote on the Liberal side.

15,014. Did you give him to understand you did not intend to vote at all?—I did not intend to vote at all without I was bribed.

15,015. Did Mr. Leman say he would try and get you some money?—Yes.

15,016. Did you arrange with him how much you were to have?—Yes.

15,017. 10*l.*?—10*l.*

15,018. Did he say where he was going to get that 10*l.* from?—No; he did not tell me where he was going to get it from.

15,019. Did he give it you in sovereigns?—Yes.

15,020. Did you understand that Mr. Leman paid you this 10*l.* out of his own pocket?—Well, I do not know where he got it from. He gave it me, but he never informed me where he got it from. I had no idea where he got it from.

15,020. Did you ever hear whether he gave money to other voters?—I do not remember hearing within my own hearing, of his giving money to other persons but me. Being a friend he got it for me.

15,021. (*Mr. Russell.*) Does Mr. Leman live in Tower Road?—Queen's Terrace, near the Regent Park, or Chapel Denes.

15,022. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is Mr. Leman a voter, do you know?—Yes.

15,023. He spells his name Leman?—Yes.

15,024. Did you get any money from anybody else?—No.

15,025. Are you aware that Mr. Satterthwaite has said that you had 10*l.* from him?—I have seen it from the papers, but I did not receive any money from him. Whether this money came from him or not I do not know anything at all about. That is all the money that I received, and that is the first and the last.

15,026. This was upon the Tuesday night?—Yes.

15,027. What time?—About 9 o'clock.

15,028. Did you see Mr. Lane at the election time?—Yes.

15,029. Did he make any offer to you?—He said I should have 10*l.* if I would vote for the Tories.

15,030. Benjamin Lane, I mean?—Yes, the rate collector.

15,031. When was that?—Down the Market Road.

15,032. But when was it?—About a fortnight before the election, as near as I can recollect.

15,033. What did you say to Mr. Lane?—Mr. Lane asked me which way I should vote, I said I should vote for the Liberal side. He said "If you like I can get you 10*l.*" "No," I said "I am employed by the Liberals, and if I vote at all I will vote on the Liberal side."

15,034. But you would not vote without money?—I would not vote for the Tories.

15,035–6. But you would not have voted without money?—I should not vote at all without money.

15,037. Had you a vote at the election before this?—No.

H. Leman.

HENRY LEMAN sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,038. Are you a clerk in Gurney's bank?—Yes.

15,039. Did you take any part in the last election?—Officially do you mean?

15,040. I mean, did you canvass anybody?—Yes.

15,041. How many?—Only one.

15,042. Charles Crickmer?—Yes.

15,043. You gave him 10*l.*?—Yes.

15,044. Did you, at the time you gave it him, tell him it was for voting for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes.

15,045. Where did you get the money from?—Well, I advanced it myself in the first instance, but I was subsequently reimbursed.

15,046. Who reimbursed you?—Mr. Brand.

15,047. What is Mr. Brand's christian name?—Henry.

15,048. Where did Mr. Brand get the money?—That I do not know.

15,049. Did you ever hear?—No. Whether it was Mr. Jones, or Mr. Edwards, or some other person I do not know.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

15,050. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you any explanation to give?—To save the Court time, I gave the money.

15,051. To Brand?—Yes.

15,052. 10*l.*?—Yes; upon Downing's ticket.

H. Leman.

HENRY LEMAN recalled.

15,053. (*Mr. Slade.*) How came you to be the go-between between Mr. Brand and Mr. Crickmer?—Mr. Crickmer told me he would rather vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl for 10*l.* than he would vote for the others for 15*l.* or 20*l.*, inasmuch as his employer being Liberal, he would rather take 10*l.* and vote his way, than take more and vote the other way; but his employer, I believe, never even mentioned the thing to him.

15,054. What made you interfere?—No other motive than people at an election generally interfere.

15,055. Did you know that Mr. Brand could give this money?—Yes.

15,056. You did?—Yes.

15,057. Had Mr. Brand told you that money was going at that time?—Yes, I think so. At any rate he gave me to understand I should have the money.

15,058. Were you aware of this system of agents doling out money by tickets?—No. I did not hear of it till after the election that it was doled out by tickets

15,059. Did you know that Mr. Brand could go to a house and get money by asking for it?—I do not know where he obtained the money from or how.

15,060. What day did you first learn money was to be got?—Do you mean on either side?

15,061. I mean upon the Liberal side at present?—Not till Monday evening, I think, or the afternoon.

15,062. On what day did you pay Crickmer?—The night before the election.

15,063. And when did Mr. Brand repay you the money?—Two or three days after the election; it may be two or it may be three days.

15,064. Did you offer anything to any other voter?—No.

15,065. What day was it that Mr. Brand said to you he could get the money, and authorized you to advance the 10*l.*?—I should not think it was before the Sunday.

15,066. Not before the Sunday?—No, I think not; and then he was not certain about it whenever he did tell me.

JOHN JONES sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,067. Are you the dentist?—Yes; I wish I was the dentist. I am one of them.

16,068. You are the dentist whom we have heard of?—Yes, notoriously.

15,069. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—Well, I had a ticket brought me. First of all some money was left at my house by Mr. Eagleton.

15,070. How much?—12*l.*; 24 half sovereigns wrapped up in a piece of paper. It was placed on the mantel-piece.

15,071. Did you see him put it there?—Yes, I saw him put it there.

15,072. What did he say when he put it there?—He said, "Mind, Jones, I do not give it to you."

15,073. What did you understand by that?—Why, I understood if any inquiry or anything took place, I had no occasion to say Mr. Eagleton gave me anything; it was left there. I understood it, of course.

15,074. Did you receive any money from anybody?—Joseph Foulsham called and asked me if I wanted a little money, and I told him I did. In fact I wanted a great deal at the time.

15,075. And he gave you a ticket?—Well, he came and asked if I would take some money. I said I would have nothing to do with it; that I had some money in the house; but I said if he liked to go and get it—if he would do the dirty work—I would pay him for it; that I would not go myself.

15,076. What was upon the ticket?—I did not get the ticket. We were walking down the Tower Road. He said, "Jones, look at the ticket." I looked at the ticket. I saw the number on the register upon it, and 16, with an £.

15,077. That means 16*l.*—Yes.

15,078. What became of that ticket?—We had a walk in the evening down the Tower Road, to a place called the "Army and Navy Tavern," I believe.

15,079. Cattermole's?—Yes.

15,080. And did Mr. Foulsham go in?—Mr. Foulsham went in, and I went in, and after sitting there some time he went up stairs, but he was told he was not wanted; it was the party who had the ticket was wanted, and he gave me back the ticket, and I went into the room.

15,081. Who did you find in the room?—I only saw one man in the room, but I believe there was somebody behind a screen or something of that sort.

15,082. And then you received 16*l.*?—Yes; 10*l.* done up in paper, and six loose sovereigns.

15,083. What did you do with the 12*l.* you got from Mr. Eagleton?—I returned it on the morning of the election, very early in the morning, about 7 o'clock, or a little after, perhaps.

15,084. You voted for the Liberal party?—For the party who paid me; for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

15,085. For the one who paid you the highest sum?—Well, Mr. Eagleton had always, for a long time previous to the election, told me he should do something for me at the election, and the fact is I was rather annoyed at so paltry a sum, so that I returned it. I should have voted, even if I had not got any money, for the Conservatives.

15,086. (*Mr. Russell.*) Are your political principles Conservative?—Yes.

15,087. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you been canvassed on both sides before?—Yes.

15,088. Had you promised your vote to anyone?—No, I made no promise. Sir Edmund Lacon called with Mr. Goodson, and afterwards Mr. Brogden was introduced by Mr. Livingston.

15,089. Did you always intend to receive money for your vote?—Well, I was given to understand by Mr. Eagleton, for a year or two previously, that he had a great deal to do with elections, and that he could get me some money. He knew I was unfortunately in a position to require some, and he worked out a little revenge, and I did a little revenge on my own account.

15,090. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you poll early on the day?—I polled about eight minutes past 8 o'clock.

15,091. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Thomas Fox canvass you?—Well, we always had some talk; we never had any canvass. He did not canvass me.

15,092. Did he try to influence you as to which way you should vote?—No, not at all. I would not be influenced by anyone.

15,093. Had you a vote in the year 1859?—Not for Yarmouth; I was not a resident here.

JOHN HAINES, junior, sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,094. What are you?—A publican.

15,095. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

15,096. Who gave it you?—Some stranger, who was represented as Mr. Jones, at the "Angel?"

15,097. You got it at the "Angel?"—Yes.

15,098. Did you receive a ticket?—Yes.

15,099. Who gave you the ticket?—Thomas Edwards.

15,100. Do you remember what letter was on the ticket?—No.

15,101. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

15,102. Never?—No.

15,103. Do you belong to the Blue party?—Mostly I have done so, but I had not a vote before this time.

15,104. You had no vote in 1859.?—No.

JAMES HAINES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,105. What are you?—A coal weigher.

15,106. Are you the brother of the last witness?—Yes.

15,107. What did you receive?—15*l.*

15,108. Did you get a ticket?—Yes.

15,109. Did you go up with your brother to the "Angel?"—No, I went by myself to the "Angel."

15,110. And you got 15*l.* for your ticket?—Yes.

15,111. Did you notice what letter was on it?—No, I do not remember what letter was on it.

15,112. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

15,113. Never?—No.

15,114. Who gave you the ticket?—Thomas Edwards.

15,115. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

15,116. (*Mr. Slade.*) James Haines of Queen Street voted in 1859.—That was my father.

ROBERT BANHAM sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,117. What are you?—A baker.

15,118. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—Not anything.

15,119. Did not Mr. Bunn give you anything?—No, not anything.

15,120. Whom did you vote for?—For Lacon and Goodson.

15,121. Did you promise them when you were first canvassed?—Yes.

15,122. Who canvassed you?—Not anyone particularly; I went voluntarily.

15,123. Were you ever offered any money at all?—Never.

15,124. Not by either side?—Not by either. I

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have been entitled to give a vote for the last 26 years, and I always voted for the Tory party.

15,125. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—Yes, I voted in 1859.

15,126. Did you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Stracey in 1859 ?—Yes.

15,127. Have you always belonged to the Red party ?—I have always belonged to the Red party.

15,128. And never took any money for your vote ?—I never took any money for my vote on either side.

15,129. Did Mr. Bunn canvass you ?—I never saw Mr. Bunn. I do not know Mr. Bunn.

15,130. Does not Mr. Bunn live close by you ?—No, I never saw Mr. Bunn in my life, and if I was to see Mr. Bunn I do not know him, and I do not think Mr. Bunn ever saw me.

15,131. Did you know old Mr. Rivett ?—Yes.

15,132. Did he ask you for your vote ?—Mr. Rivett asked me for my vote on the morning of the election. I always knew when to go.

15,133. Did old Mr. Rivett ever give you any money ?—Never.

15,134. Did you know that old Mr. Rivett had money to give you ?—That I cannot say. I never knew anything about Mr. Rivett's election affairs. When I was first able to give a vote I always gave it to the Red party, and never varied, and I have had a vote for the last 26 years, and have never varied.

R. Jones.

ROBERT JONES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,135. What are you ?—A shopkeeper.

15,136. What sort of shop ?—A general shop—a grocer's you may term it.

15,137. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—15*l.*

15,138. Who gave it you ?—Robert Killett, of George Street.

15,139. Did he tell you who gave him the money ?—No.

15,140. Did you get any money on the other side ?—No.

15,141. Were you offered any ?—Yes, if I would go down and vote then and there.

15,142. When was that ?—On the morning of the election.

15,143. Who offered it you ?—A man by the name of Hickling.

15,144. How much did he offer you ?—12*l.*

15,145. Did you refuse it ?—Yes.

15,146. Are you quite sure of that ?—Yes, quite sure.

15,147. Was 15*l.* all the money you had ?—Yes, every farthing I had.

15,148. Did you belong to the Red party ?—Well, my father always voted the Red. I never had a vote before.

15,149. You had no vote in 1859 ?—No.

15,150. You carried away 15*l.* of Mr. Brogden's money ?—No, not Mr. Brogden's; I beg your pardon.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,151. Do you know anything of this man ?—No, I do not know, that I do; if he received it it may have been from the intermediate party, Mr. Hickling.

15,152. Mr. Hickling may have received the money from you to give to this man and may never have accounted for it ?—Yes; perhaps Mr. Hickling will answer as to it if you call him.

T. Aldred.

THOMAS ALDRED sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,153. What are you ?—A tailor.

15,154. Were you offered any money for your vote at the last election ?—I do not remember being offered any money.

15,155. Were you canvassed ?—No.

15,156. I see you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—Yes, I did.

15,156*a*. Did you vote for them without ever being canvassed ?—No; I was canvassed for my vote of course.

15,157. By them ?—By Sir Edmund Lacon.

15,158. Did you promise Sir Edmund Lacon when he asked you for your vote ?—I did, as soon as he came into the shop.

15,159. Then and there ?—Then and there.

15,160. Were you canvassed by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman ?—I was.

15,161. And did you tell them that you had promised Sir Edmund Lacon ?—The words I used were they were too late in the field. I did not think there would be any opposition, and I promised my vote to Sir Edmund Lacon, as I hitherto had done.

15,162. Do you know Mr. Clark, the baker ?—I do.

15,163. Did he say anything to you about your vote ?—No, I do not remember his saying anything about my vote.

15,164. Do you know Mr. Laxon ?—Yes, I know Mr. Laxon.

15,165. Did he say anything to you about your vote ?—I never spoke to him on that occasion whatever.

15,166. Not only you never received any money, but you were not offered any money on either side ?—I have never received any money for my vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and neither have I given any.

15,167. Did you vote in 1859 ?—Yes, I did vote in 1859.

15,168. For Lacon and Stracey ?—Yes, for Lacon and Stracey.

15,169. We will not trouble you any more. I do not know why you were called ?—I thought Mr. Clark would say something as to his leading me to some room where I was to have some money, and as soon as the chairman said I was not wanted, if I did not take a bribe; I thought I might go, because I had nothing to do with it.

S. Mobbs.

SAMUEL MOBBS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,170. What are you ?—A baker.

15,171. What did you have for your vote at the last election ?—12*l.*

15,172. Who gave you that ?—That I do not know. I went to the "Angel" and received it.

15,172*a*. Did you have a ticket ?—No.

15,173. Who sent you to the "Angel?"—Mr. Waters.

15,174. Azariah Waters ?—I do not know exactly his name; Waters is his name; he is living in the Market Row.

15,175. And you were paid by a strange gentleman ?—Yes, I was, by a gentleman I never saw before that I know of.

15,176. What did you get to vote for the other side ?—Nothing at all.

15,177. Were you offered any money by the other side ?—No, I was not.

15,178. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you not ask Mr. Lane for 25*l.* ?—No, I never asked him for 25*l.*; he only made a figure on a board of 20*l.* and I rubbed it out. I said I will alter the figure, make it 25; he never offered me any money.

15,179. What was it for ?—He never came to me any more about it.

15,180. You put the 25 ?—I put the 5 instead of the 0.

15,181-2. You meant it to be 25 ?—Yes, that was all that was said about it.

15,183. (*Mr. Russell.*) Mr. Lane thought that too much ?—I suppose he did.

15,184. Was that after you had taken your money at the "Angel ?"—No, that was before the election.

15,185. When did you first promise your vote ?—I never promised it at all; on the morning of the election I went directly and voted.

15,186. Did Waters take you up to the "Angel ?" —Yes.

15,187. And did he introduce you to the stranger? No, he told me that was the room to go in, that was all.

15,188-9. Should you have voted at all if you had not been paid for your vote ?—That I should not.

15,190. You had not got a vote in 1859 had you ? —No, I had not a vote at that election.

15,191. You would not have got quite so much for it if you had ?—I do not know I am sure; I was not tried on then.

15,192. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did anybody else go with you and Waters to the "Angel ?"—No.

15,193. Did he take you up in a cab ?—No.

15,194. You walked ?—We walked there.

15,195. What made Mr. Waters take you ?—He came in on the election morning; he said, "I want you." I said, "What for ?" He said, "To go and vote." I said, "Vote for who ?" He said, "Brogden and Vanderbyl." I said, "I have not got what I want." Then he asked me what I wanted, and I said 15*l.* He says, "I cannot give you that, they are only giving 10*l.*" He says, "I will see if I can get you 2*l.* more;" and he went away and came back and told me he could get me 12*l.* I said I would vote for that.

15,196. Do you know of Mr. Water's bringing up anybody else to the "Angel ?"—No. In fact he was only two minutes with me; only while he took me close to the door of the room.

15,197. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you intimate at all with Mr. Waters ?—No, I never knew the man before for what I know.

R. Nobbs.

ROBERT NOBBS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,198. What are you ?—A collector.

15,199. What did you get upon the Blue side for your vote at the last election ?—15*l.*

15,200. Are you sure it was not 20*l.* ?—Yes, quite sure.

15,201. Where were you paid ?—At Cattermole's.

15,202. Did you receive a ticket ?—No.

15,203. Who told you to go to Cattermole's ?—Thomas Downing.

15,204. On what day ?—Tuesday afternoon.

15,205. Did you get any money on the other side ? —Yes.

15,206. How much ?—15*l.*

15,207. Who gave you that ?—William Blyth.

15,208. The painter ?—Yes.

15,209. When did he give you that ?—5*l.* upon the Monday night and 10*l.* upon the Tuesday morning.

15,210. Did he give you the 10*l.* on the Tuesday morning before you went up to Cattermole's ?—Yes.

15,211. And you voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl ?—Yes.

15,212. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—No.

15,213. (*Mr. Slade.*) You got 15*l.* upon both sides ?—Yes.

15,214. Why did you not split your vote then ?—I should have voted the Liberal way if they had not given me anything. I certainly should not have voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

15,215. We have been told that you had 20*l.* ?—Yes; I saw it in the list, but I assure you he has put down rather too much. There is 5*l.* due to me; he gave me only 15*l.*, and he says 20*l.*

15,216. You voted upon that side ?—I voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

15,217. You seem to have received 20*l.* ?—He has put me down 20*l.*, but he gave me only 15*l.*

15,218. You are sure you only got 15*l.* at Cattermole's ?—Quite sure.

15,219. How was it given to you ?—In sovereigns.

15,220. On the table ?—No, a man took it out of his pocket and told it into his hand, and then gave it to me with the other hand.

15,221. Counted them out ?—Yes.

15,222. A handful ?—Yes, he got me out 15*l.*

15,223. It was not wrapped up ?—No.

15,224. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you go to Mr. Blyth or did Mr. Blyth come to you ?—Mr. Blyth came to me.

15,225. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you not promise Sir Edmund Lacon ?—No.

15,226. Did he canvass you ?—Yes, about a fortnight before the election.

15,227. And you did not promise ?—I told him I could not promise him; that I should vote the other way.

15,228. Did you promise Mr. Blyth ?—I did not promise him that I should vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

15,229. Are you quite sure of that ?—Quite sure.

15,230. (*Mr. Russell.*) Why did you take the money from Mr. Blyth if you did not mean to vote on that side ?—He asked me which way I was going. I said, "You know I always go on the Liberal side." He said, "Will you get anything for it ?" and then he said, "Will 15*l.* satisfy you ?" I said, "15*l.* is very acceptable;" and then he said, "I will give you 5*l.* now and 10*l.* the next morning.

15,231. You took the 15*l.*, and when you took it you meant to vote the other way ?—Yes.

J. Newark.

JOHN NEWARK sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,232. What are you ?—A broker.

15,233. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election ?—Yes, before the election.

15,234. How much ?—20*l.*

15,235. Who gave it to you ?—I do not know; quite a strange gentleman.

15,236. Where did he pay you ?—At Wright's.

15,237. On what day ?—I think it was the Monday before the election. I will not be certain, but I think so.

15,238. Did you have a ticket ?—No.

15,239. Who told you to go up to Wright's ?—A man of the name of Hewitt, who told me there was some money going on there, and he told me to go there.

15,240. Has Hewitt got a vote ?—Yes.

15,241. Where does he live ?—In the same street, Charlotte Street.

15,242. Is that William Hewitt ?—I do not know.

15,243. Of Church Plain ?—He is the same trade; at least he is a shoemaker, and I am a broker and shoemaker.

15,244. Do you know of any other man whom Hewitt sent up to Wright's ?—No, I do not.

15,245. Do you know if Hewitt said anything more ?—No, I do not know.

15,246. Were you offered any money by the other side ?—There was a man came to me upon the Sunday before the election, and he asked me which way I was going to vote, and by my discourse he found out I did not vote for his party, and he did mention the quantity of money; but he found out it was of no use, and he walked off.

15,247. Do you know who he was ?—He lived upon the beach, and I think his name is—I cannot think of it for a moment.

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15,248. How much did he offer you?—Well, he talked about 15*l.*

15,249. Was it Mr. Shuckford?—No; he keeps a public-house close by the jetty, but his name is gone from me just at this moment.

15,250. Was it Beales?—No.

15,251. Do you know the name of the public-house?—No, I do not know the sign.

15,252. Are you sure his name is not Beales?—I am sure his name is not, because I have heard his name a good many times; that is not his name.

15,253. Was it Wilshack?—It is very close to the jetty's end.

15,254. Was it Golder?—No.

15,255. Power?—No.

15,256. If you can remember, you will let me know?—Yes, I can tell you; it is the same man that Mr. Garwood gave the 10*l.* to.

15,257. That is Beales?—Yes, I could not understand you. That is the man. I understood you a different name.

15,258. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

15,259. Did you get anything for your vote then?—Yes, I got 10*l.*

15,260. Who gave you that?—Mr. Wilshack.

15,261. And you voted the same way then?—Yes; I did not vote the same way that I did this time. I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey then.

15,262. How came you to change your way of voting?—Because between the two elections the party I had received the 10*l.* from, there was a little difference between him and I, and so I changed my colours.

15,263. A little difference between you and Mr. Wilshack?—Yes.

15,264. And so you determined to go over to the other side?—Yes.

15,265. Those are your politics?—I do not understand you.

J. Butterfield.

JOHN BUTTERFIELD sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,266. What are you?—A mariner.

15,267. Did you have anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

15,268. How much?—15*l.*

15,269. Where were you paid?—At the "Army and Navy Tavern."

15,270. Who sent you up there?—A man of the name of Tricker.

15,271. Is he a voter?—Yes.

15,272. Did you have a ticket?—No.

15,273. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

15,274. Have you always belonged to the Liberal party?—I never had a vote before.

J. Blazer.

JOHN BLAZER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,275. What are you?—A greengrocer.

15,276. What did you get for your vote?—20*l.*

15,277. Where were you paid?—At Mr. Cattermole's.

15,278. Did you have a ticket?—No.

15,279. Who sent you up to Cattermole's?—Some strange gentleman called and told me to go down there.

15,280. Was it a gentleman with spectacles on?—No.

15,281. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

15,282. Not at all?—No.

15,283. Did Mr. Brogden canvass you?—Yes.

15,284. Did you promise him your vote?—Not exactly, I did not.

15,285. You left him in a pleasant state of doubt?—That I do not know at all. I told him I should consider of it.

15,286. And the result was you got 20*l.*?—Yes.

15,287. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

F. Bellamy.

FREDERICK BELLAMY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,288. What are you?—A baker.

15,289. What did you receive for your vote?—20*l.*

15,290. Where were you paid?—At the "Army and Navy Tavern."

15,291. Did you have a ticket?—No.

15,292. Who sent you up to Cattermole's?—There was a message left, when I was not in the way, to go, by either Mr. Moore or Mr. Fill. I believe either one out of the two.

15,293. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

15,294. Not at all?—Not at all.

15,295. Were you canvassed by Mr. Brogden?—Yes, I believe I was.

15,296. Did you refuse to promise?—No.

15,297. Did you promise him?—No, I do not think I did promise him.

15,298. You never promised to vote until you got the 20*l.*?—I did not promise it then. It was offered to me if I would do him the service of voting for them.

15,299. And you did him the service and voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—I did it, because I heard such was the case. I do not mind now whether it was the case.

15,300. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

15,301. What did you get for it then?—I never looked for anything. No more I did this time, if it had not been offered me.

15,302. You did not get anything in 1859?—No.

15,303. Did you vote the same side?—To the best of my recollection I did.

S. Drake.

SAMUEL DRAKE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,304. What are you?—I am a carter by trade. I cart all sorts of things; anything that you please. You may call me a labourer. I am nothing more than a labourer.

15,305. Did you cart away 15 sovereigns of Mr. Brogden and Vanderbyl's?—No, I did not.

15,306. What did you get for your vote?—Well I do not know what I got, but the money was not paid to me.

15,307. Who was the money paid to?—The money was brought and left in my stable.

15,308. How much?—I believe 15*l.*

15,309. When was it you found the 15*l.* in your stable?—The day before the election.

15,310. Who put it there?—It is a gentleman that I never saw before, and I had no knowledge of who brought it. I have a knowledge of the man now, because if I see him I know him again. But he came to me during the time, and he said. "You will get what others get." And I never knew what the others got; but, however, that was nothing to me; he left it.

15,311. Had you never seen the gentleman before?—I had only seen him when he called once before.

15,312. I daresay you would not mind seeing him again?—Well I should have no objection.

15,313. Did you see him put the 15 sovereigns in the stable?—No, I did not.

15,314. How came you to find them?—There were

other people in the stable, they received the money though I did not. I was in my kitchen when he went through the kitchen to pay it away in the stable.

15,315. Did you see him pay the other men?—No, I could not see him because the door was shut.

15,316. Who were the men that were there?—I do not know that they were men.

15,317. Do not you know who they were?—Yes, I know one person that was there.

15,318. Who was that?—That was my wife.

15,319. Who was there besides your wife?—I do not know. There was none but him himself. Him that paid the money and my wife.

15,320. Did your wife see the strange gentleman put the 15 sovereigns in the stable?—I do not know what she did. I cannot speak of that, because I was not there myself. I did not see it.

15,321. Did your wife tell you where you would find it?—No, I never saw it, or never handled it myself.

15,322. Who got hold of it?—Well, my wife, I suppose.

15,323. And then your wife gave it to you?—No, she never came to me and I never saw the money. I never handled the money.

15,324. Never had it at all?—I never had it at all. I stand here in truth in what I speak. Mine is truth. I give it to you as truth.

15,325. When did your wife tell you she had got it?—I know she had got it! I did not know that, because the man went out of my room where I was, and gave it to her I suppose; that I could not tell because I was not there, and I was nowhere in the stable where I could see her, therefore, I could not tell, but he says he paid it to me.

15,326. Did your wife tell you which way you were to vote?—No.

15,327. That 15*l.* was to make you vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

15,328. How much did you get on the other side?—Not anything.

15,329. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

15,330. Do you know Cattermole's?—No.

15,331. The "Army and Navy?"—No.

15,332. Do you know the "Angel?"—No.

15,333. Do you know Wright's?—No.

15,334. Or Thompson's?—No.

15,335. Did you ever have a ticket?—No.

15,336. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Downing ever give you a ticket?—No.

15,337. Do you know Downing?—Yes, I know Downing very well.

15,338. And he never gave you a ticket?—No.

15,339. Did your wife have any money besides that 15*l.*?—Not any that I can speak to.

15,340. Will you swear you did not have any money at all from the other side?—I swear I never handled the money, or never saw it.

15,341. But I mean from the other side?—Yes. I will swear I never had a shilling. I never had a shilling before in my life from either party.

15,342. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes, I had a vote in 1859, but I never received anything.

15,343. Did you get nothing for your vote in 1859?—I never had any before.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

15,344. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know this man?—I cannot remember him. They change themselves, they are so different now to what they were when I saw them before. They are cleaner; and everything of that sort makes a great difference.

15,345. This is rather a remarkable looking man and you might recollect him?—He would have have his hat on at the time.

15,346. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You will not say positively you did not see him?—No.

WILLIAM HOLMES sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

W. Holmes.

15,347. What are you?—A fish curer.

15,348. What did you get?—15*l.*

15,349. Who did you get it from?—I received it at Mr. Cattermole's.

15,350. That was to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes.

15,351. Did you?—Yes.

15,352. Did you get anything on the other side?—No.

15,353. Were you asked for your vote on the other side?—Yes.

15,354. Who asked you?—Mr. Cooper.

15,355. How long before the election was it?—Three or four days.

15,356. What did you say to Mr. Cooper?—I said I did not know yet which way I should go.

15,357. What did you mean by that? That you would go whichever way they paid you, I suppose?—No, I had not made up my mind which way I should vote at that time.

15,358. What did Mr. Cooper say?—He said he should see me on the election day again.

15,359. Did you tell Cooper that you got money on the other side?—No.

15,360. Did you tell him that you expected money on the other side?—No, I did not expect any.

15,361. Did you not tell Cooper he was too late; you had got money the other side?—No.

15,362. Are you sure?—I never told him any such thing. I was offered money the other side.

15,363. Who offered it you?—Downing.

15,364. When did Downing offer you this money?—On the Monday night.

15,365. Did you get this 15*l.* through a ticket?—I had no ticket; he said I did not want any.

15,366. Who sent you to Cattermole's?—Downing himself.

15,367. Did Downing show you any tickets?—No, I never saw any.

15,368. Is that the 15*l.* that Downing offered you?—Yes, got on the Monday night at Cattermole's upstairs.

15,369. Did you vote in the year 1859?—No, I was rather too late.

15,370. How were you too late?—I had not been in the house long enough where I lived.

15,371. You had no vote?—No.

15,372. Where was it that Downing offered you the money?—In the Market Place.

15,373. When?—On the Monday night.

15,374. When was it Downing told you first you could get some money?—That was on the Saturday.

15,375. You had told Cooper before that that you had been offered money?—I do not think I had.

15,376. When did you tell Cooper you had been offered money?—That was on the Monday morning that I told Cooper.

15,377. Was that the first time that Cooper had canvassed you?—No, I spoke to him before.

15,378. What did you say to Cooper then?—I told Cooper I had not made up my mind.

15,379. Did you not tell him then you had been offered money?—No, not until the Monday morning.

15,380. Are you quite sure of that?—Quite sure.

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J. Hart.

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JAMES HART sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,381. What are you?—A fisherman.

15,382. Did you get any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

15,383. How much?—20*l.*

15,384. Who gave it you?—George King.

15,385. Where did he give it you?—In my own house.

15,386. On what day?—On the Thursday, the day after the election.

15,387. Had you agreed with him that you were to vote on his side for 20*l.*?—Yes, before the election.

15,388. Were you canvassed on the other side—No, on neither side.

15,389. You were canvassed by King?—Yes, that is all.

15,390. Had you ever voted before?—No, not this election.

15,391. Did you vote in 1859?—No, I was about three months astern of that.

15,392. Then that is all the money you had?—Yes.

T. Leak.

THOMAS LEAK sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

15,393. What are you?—A carpenter.

15,394. Did you have any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes, 15*l.*

15,395. Who gave it you?—Mr. Johnson.

15,396. Were you offered any money by the other side?—I was offered, I think, 25*l.*, but I do not know who it was. I never saw him any more, and I do not know what party they belonged to.

15,397. Where were you offered 25*l.*?—Just this side of the chapel.

15,398. In the street?—Yes; whether it was done as a joke or what I could not say.

15,399. Did you refuse it?—No; they said they should see me again.

15,400. You never did see the gentlemen again?—No; if I had I do not think I should have known them.

15,401. Was 15*l.* all the money you got?—Yes.

15,402. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No; this was the first time I voted.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

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Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 7th September 1866.

C. Satterthwaite.

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CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

15,402*a*. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you wish to give in any more names to the Commissioners?—William Overton Longhurst, of Beckett's brewery, who paid money away. Then there are two names of people, some I have paid down at Cattermole's, that are not down on the list, and there may be some mistake in keeping them off the register. Their names are Clarence Kirkham, of Brighton Terrace—

15,403. What did you pay him?—15*l.* And the other is Henry Bambridge, of Gaol Street, 15*l.*

15,404. How did you ascertain these names?—From gentlemen who met me and said, "You have not got "so-and-so upon your list, and you paid them at Cat- "termole's." A person of the name of Juler told me of one of them.

15,405. Of your own knowledge you do not know that you paid them money?—He said he knew that I had done so.

15,406. You have no memorandum or voucher of it?—No. That is what I wanted the register for yesterday. The register tells me everything. Also there are remarks. I have no doubt I could have given a deal more information if I had had that register.

15,407. Do I understand that Longhurst was one of the Captains?—I was told that he was a party that had to do with giving money away, and I wish to have all those, as perhaps we might get some light through them.

R. Balls.

RICHARD BALLS recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,408. We do not want to have a lot of useless statements here, but your name has been mentioned as receiving money from Mr. Jones?—I see it is in the paper.

15,409. Do you deny that?—Yes.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

15,410. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you give in the number to the Commissioners of 57 as having received money?—No.

J. Skinner.

JOHN SKINNER sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,411. You live in the Blackfriars Road?—Yes.

15,412. Your name was given in as having received 15*l.* from Mr. Jones?—So I see in the paper. I never received a farthing. I never spoke to one of the parties at all.

15,413. What are you?—A fishowner.

15,414. Were you canvassed at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon canvassed me.

15,415. Were you canvassed on the other side?—No. I believe the people called at my house, but I never saw one of them.

15,416. What answer did you give to Sir Edmund Lacon when he called?—I told him if I voted I should vote for him.

15,417. Are you sure you promised Sir Edmund Lacon when he first called?—Yes; the first time I saw him I told him.

15,418. I am sorry to say that in this list you are put down with a "T" against your name, which means that you wanted money?—No, I did not.

15,419. You are not put down as a promise to Sir Edmund Lacon even in his list?—I promised Sir Edmund Lacon, and told him if I voted I should vote for him.

15,420. It was not a promise at once; it is put down in pencil?—I never saw Sir Edmund Lacon but that once, and I told him if I voted I should not vote against him.

15,421. Did you vote at the election before the last?—I did.

15,422. Whom did you vote for?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

15,423. Did you receive anything for your vote then?—No, I did not.

15,424. How many times did Sir Edmund Lacon call at your house?—I cannot say. I only saw him once.

15,425. Had you heard of his being there?—Yes.

15,426. How often?—I cannot say. My wife used to tell me when he came. It might be two or three times, or four times. But when Sir Edmund Lacon came Mr. Hunt, the rate collector, came with him.

15,427. That was when you saw him, when Mr. Hunt was with him?—Yes.

15,428. You have had the opportunity of denying it, and we have nothing more to ask you. You got nothing for your vote at all?—I got nothing, only a thank. That is all I got.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

15,429. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you recollect this man?—No. Still he might come.

WILLIAM DICKSON HUMPHREY sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

W. D. Humphrey.

15,430. Do you live in the St. George's Road?—No.

15,431. Your name is William Dickson Humphrey?—Yes.

15,432. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—No.

15,433. Do you know Mr. Brand?—No, I do not know him. I knew his father, but I do not know him.

15,434. Were you offered any money at the last election?—No, not by any one at all.

15,435. You voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

15,436. It was Edwards who mentioned your name. It was a mistake evidently.—That is my name, William Dickson Humphrey.

15,437. But you never received anything?—Not a farthing from any one. I can take my oath of that.

THOMAS DOWNING recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

T. Downing.

15,438. Do you remember this gentleman?—It is another William Humphrey. I telegraphed for him from Newcastle. This is Captain William Humphrey, of St. George's Road. He was telegraphed for to come from Newcastle.

15,439. Is he on the register?—Yes. He lived in the St. George's Road.

15,440. We are not talking of Mr. Jones's list.—No; it is Mr. Edwards's list. It is perfectly right.

15,441. George Humphrey, Blackfriars Road; is that the man you mean?—No; William Humphrey, St. George's Road.

15,442. He is put down as 20*l.* in Mr. Jones's list?—He was in Mr. Edwards's list. He had, I think, 25*l.*, 20*l.* and 5*l.* for his expenses; and that was paid by Mr. Parker, so I am satisfied it went through Mr. Edwards's list. I gave the money to Parker myself for Mr. William Humphrey, so I know that is perfectly right.

15,443. Do you know this gentleman?—Yes, I knew of him all my life. I should not have attempted to have done anything with him, nor yet have allowed anyone else. I was quite certain it was of no use.

JAMES BUTLER sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

J. Butler.

15,444. Your number on the register is No. 242, and you live in Charlotte Street?—Yes.

15,445. Mr. Jones mentions your name as having received 15*l.*?—He does.

15,446. Is that true or false?—That is false.

15,447. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—I had no vote. This was the first.

15,448. I mean this election?—No; I never received anything at all in any shape whatever.

15,449. Had you promised your vote to anybody?—Mr. Brogden called upon me. He asked me if I would vote for him. I did not promise him I should, but I told him if I voted I should vote for him. That is the only answer I gave him.

15,450. When did you tell Mr. Brogden that? how long before the election?—On the Wednesday I believe it was, as near as I could see. He was in the street on the Wednesday.

15,451. What are you?—A cabinet maker.

15,452. You voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—Yes.

15,453. Do you mean the Wednesday before the polling day?—Yes.

15,454. That is a week before the election?—Yes.

15,455. You promised him then?—Yes. That is what I said to him. I told him if I voted I should vote for him, and I did so.

15,456. Did you say you had made up your mind?—He asked me, when I told him I should not promise him, he asked if there was anything in his principles that I wanted him to explain. I told him no, there was nothing. He tapped me on the shoulder and said, "I know you are a Liberal at heart," and that is how we parted.

15,457. Had you a vote at the election before this?—No.

15,458. Did you know at the last election that money was going about?—I do not know that I heard much about it, that there was money going about.

15,459. I ask, did you know there was money going about?—No; I say I did not know there was.

15,460. When did you first find that out?—Most of it I have learnt since this inquiry has been going on.

15,461. When did you first learn money was being given for votes?—That I could not say.

15,462. Before the election?—I do not say that I could say that there was money passing for votes before the election.

15,463. Did you hear money was being given to voters for their votes before the election?—I do not know it. I was told that there was money being given, but I take my oath I did not know that anybody was giving away money. I had a conversation, at least I heard Mr. Jones was coming before.

15,464. Who told you that?—Mr. Thompson.

15,465. Mr. Thompson told you Mr. Jones was coming?—Yes.

15,466. Did he say what he was coming for?—He said, "We want to do the thing properly; Mr. Jones "was coming to conduct it."

15,467. That will not do. You know what he came for?—He came into my shop and asked me the price of a piece of paper; at least he did not ask me, he asked Mrs. Butler, and Mrs. Butler told him it was 4½*d.* or 5*d.* I cannot say what it was in particular, and he said, "If I went anywhere else, people would "say it was 10*l.* or 15*l.*" She said, "You are on "electioneering matters; if so, I will not call Mr. "Butler." He said "No." Then when I went to him he asked the price of the piece of paper, and he said his master wanted to know; Mr. Brogden I believe he said he was; and I asked him whether Mr. Brogden was going to paper the "Angel." That is the remark I made to him. That is how the conver-

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sation came up about Mr. Jones. He said they were "Going to do the thing properly; the election would "be settled." This was the Thursday before the election when I saw Mr. Thompson.

15,468. "Going to do the thing properly?"—Yes.

15,469. What did you understand by that?—I suppose what he meant was, what business they were going to do was that which nobody should find out.

15,470. Did you not know he meant you to understand money would be given?—I do not know whether he knew himself money would be given or no. He asked me if 10*l.* or 15*l.* would pay for the piece of paper for my vote. That is what he said to me.

15,471. Who is Mr. Thompson?—He lives across the Market I believe.

15,472. Is he a voter?—I do not know.

15,473. James Thompson you mean?—I do not know whether his name is James or not.

15,474. The man at whose house the money was paid?—That I do not know.

15,475. You have heard since, have you not?—I have only heard it in this affair.

15,476. I mean that very man?—His name is Thompson. That is as far as I can say.

15,477. You had a conversation with Mr. Thompson about the money?—That is how he drew me in for that conversation, by coming into the shop about the piece of paper. That is how it was led into, and in that way. How he came I cannot say.

15,478. You knew from the conversation that took place, that money was being given for votes?—Of course I could not say it would be given. He did not tell me he was going to give money. He said, a Mr. Jones was coming. I do not know whether he knew Mr. Jones was in the town at the time, or anything.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

15,479. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you recollect anything about this?—There is something peculiar about this case. It appears in going over the list, his name has been omitted, and in coming to check it off again to see whether I was correct or not, it is put down in ink. A ticket must have been found, and it is put down in ink different to the others; so that I think he must have been paid; and I would almost take an oath that he has been paid.

J. Butler.

JAMES BUTLER recalled; examination resumed by Mr. SLADE.

15,480. When you had the conversation with Mr. Thompson about Mr. Jones coming, what did he tell you about Mr. Jones? Did he say he was coming down to conduct the election?—He told me a Mr. Jones was coming down.

15,481. Did he say who Mr. Jones was?—No. I asked him of course as a matter of talk several questions for my own information, so far as it goes.

15,482. Tell us what you asked him. We shall have Mr. Thompson here?—I will speak the truth.

15,483. Go on and tell us what passed?—He told me about Mr. Jones coming down, and they were going to do the thing properly this time. The election would be settled, I think he told me, before the Friday; but I suppose he meant before the Friday night.

15,484. Did he say Mr. Jones was come down?—He either said he had come down, or was coming down; I will not be positive.

15,485. Did you ever receive a ticket?—No. I never heard of a ticket until I saw this inquiry here.

15,486. Are you sure on what day this conversation took place?—The Thursday before the election.

15,487. Are you sure of that?—Yes. It must have been the Thursday. I cannot say whether the Thursday or Friday, but I believe it was the Thursday.

15,488. Are you sure it was the Thursday?—I am pretty well sure it was the Thursday. I do not see what other day it could be.

15,489. How did Mr. Thompson tell you that he had learnt that Mr. Jones was coming?—He did not tell me how he heard it. I did not get it from him. He told me he came from his master, Mr. Brogden. He said that was his master.

15,490. He said Mr. Brogden was his master, and Mr. Brogden told him Mr. Jones was coming?—I would not say that.

15,491. I ask what Mr. Thompson told you as to how he knew that Mr. Jones was coming?—I say he did not tell me that. I did not get it from him.

15,492. What did you say about his master?—He told me his master wanted to know the price of a piece of paper. That is what I said at the commencement. I saw another person afterwards on the election morning. That was Mr. Tingay in the Market Road. That was the election morning. I saw nobody else during that time, not to have any conversation with at all about the election. Mr. Tingay called on the morning, and I went to him, and he asked me if I was going to vote, I said, "Yes." He asked, "Who for?" I told him "For Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl." In fact, I took a voting card, which I received the night before, and showed him who I was going to vote for. I suppose he was not satisfied with that. He asked me whether I had seen Mr. Fowler, and I told him "No," as I had never seen Mr. Fowler.

15,493. What made him ask you if you had seen Mr. Fowler?—I do not know. He said, Mr. Fowler should have called upon me.

15,494. Did you never see Mr. Thompson again after that conversation on the Thursday?—No.

15,495. Not till after the election?—Not till after the election.

15,496. That you take your oath to?—Yes.

15,497. Had you promised Mr. Brogden your vote at the time you had this conversation with Mr. Thompson?—He called the day before; on the Wednesday, I think, Mr. Brogden called.

15,498. And you promised him that day?—Yes; that is what I told Mr. Brogden.

15,499. That is what you told Mr. Thompson?—That is what I told Mr. Brogden. You are asking about Mr. Brogden.

15,500. You promised him your vote?—Yes.

15,501. And the next day Mr. Thompson came to you?—The next day Mr. Thompson came into my shop.

15,502. And told you Mr. Jones was come, or coming?—He began this conversation about the piece of paper; and that is when he told me about Mr. Jones, that he either had come, or was coming, I cannot say which.

15,503. What authority had Mr. Thompson to offer you this money for the paper?—I cannot say.

15,504. Did he say anything?—He wanted to know for his master, Mr. Brogden.

15,505. And you never had the curiosity to ascertain whether Mr. Jones had come or not?—No.

15,506. Never thought any more about it?—I never saw anybody, or spoke to anybody about the election.

15,507. Or never heard of money being spent?—I never heard no more than that.

15,508. Never heard of any people having been bribed?—I never heard anybody was bribed before the election.

15,509. You never heard of anybody going to Thompson's to be paid?—No; I knew nothing of that kind.

15,510. Nor the "Angel?"—Nor the "Angel."

15,511. Nor Cattermole's?—Nor Cattermole's.

15,512. It is all new to you?—Yes.

15,513. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you a married man?—Yes.

15,514. Did your wife receive anything?—No; in no shape whatever. We never received a farthing, I can take my solemn oath, in no shape, by direct or indirect means in any way whatever. If the money was drawn in my name it was drawn falsely; but if it was drawn as Mr. Jones has stated he can take his oath to, he says he took certain tickets, and that is the only reference he has to it, and the only check he has against those people, and of course he had a right, when the person came with the cheque, to take and strike off those names that he gave the ticket to.

15,515. Do you know Mr. Thompson well?—No; I only know him by seeing him.

15,516. How came he to come to you, and question you about the election?—I do not know any more how he came to come into me, whether he was sent round, or what it was, I would not say.

15,517. Where did this conversation take place?—In my shop.

15,518. He came to you?—I saw him in my front shop. He asked the price of a piece of paper.

15,519. Did he come there for any other purpose than to have this conversation with you?—That was the only conversation I had with him.

15,520. What did he come into your shop for?—I told you, he came in and spoke to Mrs. Butler first about the piece of paper, and he said, if he went anywhere else people would say 10*l.* or 15*l.* for this piece of paper, and she said, "If you are on electioneering "matters I will not call him down," and he assured her he was not, and upon that she called me down.

15,521. Do you mean a piece of paper for papering a room?—Yes. That is my business. That is what I sell.

15,522. Did you mention just now the name of Fowler?—Yes, that is the name Mr. Tingay said. He asked me if I had seen him.

15,523. When did you see Mr. Fowler?—I never saw him at all.

15,524. It was this man Tingay met you?—Yes.

15,525. He asked if you had seen Fowler?—Yes.

15,526. Was it Fowler or Flower?—Tingay is the man who asked me.

15,527. Do you know who Fowler is?—He is a draper, I believe, in the Market Place.

15,528. That is the man that he met?—Yes.

15,529. Who is Mr. Tingay?—He is a confectioner living in the Market Road.

15,530. (*Mr. Russell.*) Are you a Liberal?—Yes, I profess to be.

15,531. Why did you not promise Mr. Brogden to vote for him like a man when he first came?—I do not know that I am exactly bound to promise.

15,532. A man that gives a shuffling and evasive answer when he is canvassed for a vote lays himself open to the imputation of being ready to take a bribe, and there is no moral difference between the man who is ready to take a bribe and the man who does take one; there is nobody to blame but yourself?—Of course I must bear the blame, if there is blame, but I take my oath I never received a penny in any shape whatever.

15,533. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know a man named Flower?—I know Mr. Flower in the market.

15,534. Do you know whether he received a bribe?—No.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE re-called.

C. Satterthwaite.

15,535. (*Mr. Slade.*) You do not recollect this man?—As to this person that he names, I have just had given to me another name of Tingay, or whatever it is. It seems he has been a partizan to the election with reference to paying money away. I have just got a name here that this man bribed; perhaps he may throw some light upon this.

15,536. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was Fowler one of the committee men who gave in names?—Not who gave me names. I believe he was one connected with the committee, but I had no communication with him.

15,537. Was Mr. Tingay?—I did not know till just now. A voter has been put into my hand that Tingay came and got money for on the morning of the election, or it was sent by Mr. Tingay to the voter, whose name I have here. I do not know whether he is on my list.

15,538. That is another name?—Yes, not this man; but this man says he knew nothing about bribing. Perhaps Mr. Tingay might say whether he paid him or named bribing to him.

RICHARD BALLS recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

R. Balls.

15,539. Did you receive a ticket from Downing at the last election?—No.

THOMAS DOWNING recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

T. Downing

15,540. Did he receive one?—No.

15,541. Is he in your list?—No.

15,542. He is down as Richard Balls, Market Road?—That is wrong, I can assure you.

15,543. Here is your list with the number 57 and the "C" against it?—It is wrong; that is only a list of what might be got; that is not the list that I drew for.

15,544. That is the list you gave me?—That is the list that I spoke to. I spoke to Mr. Balls the Saturday. I did not say I had bribed those parties. You asked me for the parties I had seen.

15,545. I asked you for the parties you had given tickets to?—It is quite a mistake.

15,546. Is there not a "C" put against his name?—I know that I gave in those parties that I had spoken to.

15,547. Why did you put a "C" against their names?—It is merely to suppose what they got the other side. I found afterwards what they asked me. I saw Mr. Balls, the Saturday, and he said there was him and Spencer and several more that he gave me on the Saturday. I was rather afraid to meddle with them, and so I did not touch them. If you take this as a list of parties I bribed you take it as quite wrong.

15,548. Why do you put a "C." against their names?—Only from a conversation that I had with some of them. I had agreed for so much money, but there is not one of those out of the whole that I had except Jay, and that I put down as returned. You must have misunderstood me there. This "C," if you recollect, I explained meant that they did vote the Conservative side, and the "L" meant Liberal, there was Conservative and Liberal; you asked me, if you recollect, to explain what "C" meant, I said that means Conservative, and that they had voted Conservative.

15,549. Did all those men with the "C" against their names vote for the Conservatives?—Yes, I took it from the poll book. I gave you that list, and you recollect you particularly asked me about that list. I said they voted Conservative. They were men I had spoken to previous to the election, and they were going from me.

15,550. I asked you for a list of men you gave tickets to?—Begging your pardon, you asked me for all I could recollect giving tickets to, and I told you then.

Mr. (*Satterthwaite.*) I can call Mr. Downing's attention to something which might remind him of the circumstance of this Mr. Balls. He called on me in the evening, and said Mr. Balls's money was got by a person of the name of Fisk, but he did not get it, it

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was transferred to another party. The money was given to another party, that may refresh his memory.

15,551. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you remember this?—Parker had 200*l.*, and he will be able to give you the party he gave it to, but I have not his list.

15,552. Did you give in a list of names to Mr. Jones?—Yes, I believe I did.

15,553. How many names?—That I cannot say.

15,554. You know you gave them a list, do you not?—If a party comes to me and gives a list, I carry it to Mr. Jones. For instance, Parker brought me a list of 10 names, Parker and Seago. I took that to Mr. Jones, and from what I recollect, Humphrey was one, and Edward Jacks was another. After he gave me the numbers I took them to Mr. Jones. If Parker and Seago were here they would tell you the names, I gave the amount of the money for them.

15,555. I understand that you saw this gentleman, Mr. Balls?—Yes, on the Saturday.

15,556. And gave him no ticket?—No, I gave him no ticket.

15,557. Or did not send him for any money?—No, you have made a mistake in that list. You asked me to give you a list of what I could recollect that was bribed on the other side, and that list I brought you, of what I considered was bribed on the other side to my knowledge, and that list represents the men I had spoken to, which I thought you would understand, that those were the parties that I could recollect. You asked me whether I would bring a list of what I thought was bribed the other side, and those were parties I spoke to and had conversations with, therefore I gave it you on that account.

15,558. Will you give me a list of whom you gave tickets to?—I can only give it you from Mr. Jones's list. I could pick them out if I had his list.

15,559. Did you give any tickets?—Oh, yes.

15,560. Do you mean that list Mr. Jones has before him?—If I had the register, no doubt there are several parties I could tell.

15,561. There is the register, and the 20*l.* against them (*handing it to the witness*). Do it yourself, and write it down on paper; but before you do that, give me the names of those people that gave in lists to you?—I do not think that I paid any money, only to Parker and Seago.

15,562. Parker and Seago brought you a list?—Their list was in one. I gave them 200*l.*

15,563. Did anybody else bring you a list?—Not that I gave any money to.

15,564. Did anybody else give you a list?—Yes, several of them. Mr. Edwards gave me a list. He gave me a list, and I wrote tickets.

15,565. I do not want to know about the tickets, but who gave you lists to take to Mr. Satterthwaite?—Mr. Edwards did.

15,566. Tom Edwards you mean?—Thomas Edwards brought me a list, but at the time I could not recollect every one.

15,567. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You mentioned Parker just now; that we never heard of before?—Parker and Seago I am certain. I gave them the money in the "Angel."

15,568. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Fowler?—I will not be certain whether he took tickets of me or no. I cannot positively say. I have no doubt he took some.

15,569. Did Neave?—No, he did not I know.

15,570. Newman?—I would not say whether he had one.

15,571. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I see you did mention Parker's name before.—Yes, I did.

15,572. Did Thompson have some tickets?—He says he has not. I fancied he had. I asked him afterwards and he said he had no tickets of me. I have asked him since, and he says no he had not any.

15,573. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you your canvass book?—I gave it to Mr. Edwards. I do not think there is another man. You have Westoby junior.

15,574. Do you know Edward R. Edwards, Tom Edwards' brother?—Yes.

15,575. Did he give in any list?—No, I think not.

15,576. Was he busy at the last election?—No, I do not think so. I never knew that he was busy. I thought he was rather inclined to stand neutral. I knew he would not vote.

A. Stebbings.

ALFRED STEBBINGS sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,577. Where do you live?—High Road, Gorleston.

15,578. I have nothing against you.—I am very glad of it. I had a vote for 16 years, and I never took a farthing.

15,579. What did you wish to say?—I was ordered.

15,580. Were you summoned?—Yes.

15,581. I thought you came to deny receiving money?—I do deny it. I have voted 16 years, and I never received a penny.

15,582. Did you receive a summons?—Yesterday, and I came up, and I gave in a note to deny what had been said. Warner said I was a likely person to take a bribe, and he believed I did so.

15,583. There is nothing against you.—I should wish to know, because my name is in the paper.

15,584. (*Mr. Russell.*) Warner having said you were likely to take a bribe was rather in your favour than anything.—Yes; it was meant from spite, and nothing else.

W. Glanfield.

WILLIAM GLANFIELD sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,585. Your number on the register is 515?—I do not know. I have never looked.

15,586. It is a mistake. You wish to say you never received anything for your vote?—Not a penny.

W. Blake.

WILLIAM BLAKE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,587. Do you live at St. Nicholas Road?—Yes.

15,588. Your name on the register is No. 141 for 20*l.* That you wish to deny?—Certainly.

15,589. What are you?—A fish merchant.

15,590. Were you canvassed at the last election?—No; I think Mr. Livingston called at mine. I think he came. I will not be certain.

15,591. Was Mr. Livingston the only gentleman who asked you for your vote?—Yes, he was the gentleman who asked me, because I made up my mind to go and try when Mr. Livingston came and asked me. I said I should vote red, and it was no use. I was under compulsion to vote blue before, on account of a legacy. I voted blue, but I wished the red to get in. It was on account of my uncle. He was a hot blue, and I was obliged to vote that way on account of a legacy to my wife, but after he died I was at liberty to vote which way I pleased.

15,592. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes; I told him I should vote for him; and the previous election before I told Sir Edmund Lacon I should vote dead against him. I was compelled so; it was no use asking me. If I had not done it, I should have lost the legacy.

15,593. That must have been the reason that the Liberals could not understand your vote?—I suppose so; I do not know.

15,594. They knew you ought to vote their side, and you were not going to?—Because I was compelled.

15,595. They thought you wanted money ?—I told Mr. Livingston when he came about me.

15,596. They put you down in their list as wanting money ?—I did not want any.

15,597. Some gentleman has drawn 20*l.* in your name ?—If they have, it is under a mistake.

15,598. (*Mr. Russell.*) You voted for Watkin and Young in 1859 ?—Yes.

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15,599. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect him ?—I do not. It is in Mr. Edwards's district, so I am informed ; I have just been inquiring.

WILLIAM MOSS sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

W. Moss.

15,600. Do you live in the St. George's Road ?—No. St. George's Street.

15,601. Your number on the register is No. 874 ?—I do not know the number.

15,602. You are down on the list as having received 20*l.* for your vote ?—I never received 20 shillings, nor yet 20 pence.

15,603. Then it is not true ?—It is not true.

15,604. You promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman ?—I did.

15,605. And you voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl ?—Yes ; I promised Mr. Brogden, I think, within two days of his first coming.

15,606. And you voted for them ?—Yes.

15,607. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you canvassed on the other side ?—Sir Edmund canvassed me, and Mr. Goodson, and I was canvassed by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman.

15,608. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you a vote in the election before the last ?—Yes, I have voted at a great many elections. My first election was with Wilshire and Baring, and I have voted since, and never received a penny at any time.

15,609. Always voted blue ?—Yes.

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15,610. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know this witness ?—No, I do not think he got it from what I hear. They say he is a man that would not take it.

15,611. Somebody drew a ticket in his name ?—There is no doubt of that. A good many of them say there will be transfers. If they would only come forward and give the name of the transfers, they would save a great deal of time. If the gentlemen who say they have transferred them to others will give a list of whom they state they have transferred them to, it would save a deal of trouble.

15,612. What gentlemen do you know who have stated that ?—Mr. Downing has transferred several names. I am placed in this position that parties tell me tales and afterwards they contradict me.

15,613. (*Mr. Russell.*) If a man transferred a ticket, when he came to present it it was the wrong number on the transfer ?—That was not the way they did it. For instance, Downing would bring me a certain number of tickets. He takes the money himself to pay away. On going to look over the register, we find the party has not had the money. Then where has it gone ? He says he transferred it to some one ; unless we did not pay that party we were too late, and it is put on the register, the number of the ticket I received, not who they paid afterwards, because they drew the money for that party.

EDWARD SMITH sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

E. Smith.

15,614. What are you ?—A painter.

15,615. Where do you live ?—In Southtown.

15,616. What did you come here for ?—I had a summons sent to me yesterday.

15,617. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election ?—I had no vote.

15,618. You had the other day ?—No. I have not been in the house long enough to have a vote ; the last house I lived in was a 6*l.* 10*s.* a year house ; so that that did not give a vote.

15,619. Here you are No. 1,599 on the register, "House, High Road, Southtown" ?—It cannot be me, for I have not a vote.

15,620. I think the summoning officer must have got hold of the wrong Edward Smith ?—I suppose so. It is not me, that is all I know.

15,621. If you have not got a vote, you certainly did not get any money for it ?—I had nothing.

JAMES SHATTOCK sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Shattock.

15,622. What are you ?—I have no business now.

15,623. What were you ?—A shoemaker.

15,624. Do you know a man named Bensley ?—Yes. Perhaps it would save time if I gave in a list.

15,625. Answer the questions first. Did you rereceive some money before the last election to buy votes with ?—Yes, I received 20*l.* for each of those votes.

15,626. How much money did you receive altogether ?—240*l.*

15,627. Who gave you that money ?—*That* is the gentleman. Mr. Jones, I think.

15,628. Where did he give it you ?—In my own house.

15,629. When ?—On the Monday previous to the election.

15,630. Had you given him a list of men whom you could buy with that money ?—No, I had nothing to do with it till he brought me the money ; nothing at all.

15,631. How was it, then, you would buy these votes ?—I did not buy them. Mr. Brand introduced Mr. Jones to me, and asked me if I would be kind enough to hand the money to those names, which I did.

15,632. That list was given to you by Mr. Brand ?—Not this list, but a list of which this is a copy.

15,633. A list containing those names ?—Yes.

15,634. Will you be kind enough, one by one, to give us the names of those men who you bribed with the money ?—Brown on the Southtown Common.

15,635. Thomas Brown of Fen Street, Gorleston, and Road to Common, Southtown ?—That is the same man.

15,636. What did you give him ?—20*l.* At least I supposed it to be 20*l.* It was all screwed up in brown paper parcels, and I was to give them each two, and I believe there was 10*l.* in it.

15,637. What is the next ?—Duffield.

15,638. What is his Christian name ?—Henry, I believe.

15,639. Where does he live ?—On the same common as Brown.

15,640. Is it George Noah Duffield, Road to Common, Southtown ?—Yes, that is it. Then Charles Veale Gardiner, Burnt Lane, Gorleston.

15,641. The next ?—John Durrant, gardener.

15,642. Of Fen Street, Gorleston ?—Yes. Samuel

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Pestell, of the "Guardian Angel," Southtown. A man of the name of Wright, in Burnt Lane.

15,643. Joseph Wright?—Yes. Benjamin Bradnum and William Fleming.

15,644. Of High Street Gorleston?—Yes, a baker.

15,645. And the next?—J. Bensley, bricklayer, of Fen Street.

15,646. High Road, Southtown?—Yes. Thomas Humfrey, carpenter.

15,647. Is it Henry Thomas Humfrey of Fen Street Gorleston?—I do not know whether it is Henry Thomas, but his name is Thomas Humfrey I know, he is a carpenter in Fen Street, Gorleston; and William Smith, cattle dealer.

15,648. Does he live in Fen Street?—Yes, that is all of this list, but I have one more that I received 10*l.* from Mr. Brand for.

15,649. You received 240*l.*?—I had 20*l.* left which I was to have given to a party named George Durrant.

15,650. Of High Street, Southtown?—Yes.

15,651. Did you offer it to him?—I did but he had received 15*l.* on the other side, so he would not take it.

15,652. What did you do with that 20*l.*?—I have it my pocket now, and I offered it to Mr. Brand the week after the election, but he said he could not take it, the accounts were made up.

15,653. You were just telling me about 10*l.* you received from Mr. Brand?—10*l.* I received from Mr. Brand afterwards.

15,654. When?—The morning of the election.

15,655. Did you ask Mr. Brand for the money?—No, he brought it me and told me who to give it to.

15,656. Who were you to give it to?—I gave it to Joseph Godbolt, a cooper.

15,657. What Godbolt, where did he live?—He did live at the house the polling went on at that time, but I do not know where he lives now.

15,658. There is Frederick Godbolt, and John James Godbolt.—He lived at the house the polling was at.

15,659. Both of them lived in the High Road, Southtown.—No. This was the man who occupied the house the voting was held at; I do not know his name any more than Godbolt.

15,660. What is he?—A cooper.

15,661. Has he got a shop?—No, he is a labouring man now. I think he works in King Street, but I know very little about him.

15,662. Did you give this 10*l.* to Godbolt yourself?—I did.

15,663. Was he a man you knew by sight?—He lived neighbours to me within two or three doors. I knew him of course by sight.

15,664. What sort of a looking man?—He was a tall thin man. He works for a person of the name of French, I think now in King Street, as a journeyman cooper.

15,665. Are you sure this man had a vote?—I have no doubt about it. All I had to do was to hand him 10*l.* I did not ask any questions, I knew nothing about it. Mr. Brand gave it to me, and asked me if I would give it to Godbolt, and I gave it him, and I think he voted on the other side as well, and had 10*l.* the other side, I have understood so.

15,666. That is Frederick Godbolt?—I do not know, I would not be sure about that.

15,667. Was that all the money that you received?—That is every farthing that passed through my hands.

15,668. Did you receive the 10*l.* to give to Godbolt after you had offered the 20*l.* to George Durrant?—I did.

15,669. Did you tell Mr. Brand then you had 20*l.* over?—I did not think of it at the time. He merely came to me, and being in confusion the morning of the election I forgot it.

15,670. Who canvassed you?—Sir Edmund Lacon called, but I told him I should vote the other side. I always had been a Liberal 20 years, and had always voted for the Liberals.

15,671. Did Mr. Brogden canvass you?—He did, and I promised him.

15,672. Did you promise him?—I promised him at once.

15,673. You are returned to us as having received 20*l.* from Mr. Jones?—That 20*l.* was left by Mr. Jones with me for a friend that I said I thought would vote, that was George Durrant, but when I got there with the 20*l.* the other party had been beforehand with the 15*l.*, and three days after the election I said to Mr. Brand, "I still have 20*l.* which I wish "to return." And he said "Dear me I do not know what to do with it, the accounts are made up now." I said "What am I to do with it." He said "Let it "stand over." And I have it in my pocket now, and shall be glad to give it back.

15,674. Mr. Satterthwaite says he shall be happy to take it.—If you take my name off as being bribed I will return it.

15,675. (*Mr. Slade.*) We cannot do that. Your name will be on as a briber and bribee.—I do not wish to be on as a bribee. I named it to Mr. Brand, and I said I should be glad to return it.

15,676. You are in this list with the letter D. against you also.—That is not right, I promised there and then. I have voted for 20 years in London, and always voted for the Liberals.

15,677. (*Mr. Russell.*) You do not mind bribing poorer men than yourself, but you are highly indignant at thinking it is supposed you did the same?—I am highly indignant at having it put down to me. I did not take it on those terms.

15,678. Why did you not return it before the election?—I thought a few days after would make no difference. I offered it to Mr. Brand the Wednesday, I did not know where to find this gentleman, but I offered it to Mr. Brand.

15,679. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No, not down here.

15,680. Do you know Mr. Rivett?—I knew two or three Mr. Rivett's in the neighbourhood, but never spoke to any.

15,681. Do you know Mr. Lummis?—I never spoke to him to my knowledge. I know Mr. Rivett by being on the road only.

15,682. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you get for your services?—Nothing at all.

15,683. What made Mr. Brand come to you?—I do not know, I should have had nothing to do with it had not Mr. Brand have come to me with this gentleman, Mr. Jones. I knew nothing of this gentleman, I had not the slightest idea they were coming until they were in the house.

15,684. Had Mr. Brand spoken to you about it before the election?—Nothing but asked me for my vote, and spoke about other neighbours, but nothing connected with money matters, nor did I know they were coming until they were in the house, nor should I have had anything to have done with it had not Mr. Brand been with this gentleman.

15,685. Did Mr. Brand say you had better keep this 20*l.*?—No, he did not say keep it; he said "You "had better let it stand over for the present," as if he would make further inquiries about it.

15,686. When did you offer this money back to Mr. Brand?—I think the Monday or Tuesday after the election he might come to the house, I never went to his house.

15,687. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you understand from what Mr. Brand said that you would ever be called upon to return that 20*l.*?—I did not understand that I should or should not, but I fully expected it. I always had it by me ready to return at any moment, and when this inquiry was going on I fully expected I should hear from this gentleman, or some one who I could return it to.

15,688. Do you mean that you had in money the identical 20*l.*?—No, I will not say the same, because I have at one time taken out five sovereigns and put in a 5*l.* note, and once 10 sovereigns for a note.

15,689. Do you swear you have always kept the specific 20*l.* ready to return?—Yes.

15,690. And you always intended to return it?—I never wished to keep it. I should be most happy to give it up now. Will you take me off as a bribee?

15,691. I do not think you will find any difficulty in getting people to take 20*l.* in Yarmouth?—If I am to have the slur I may as well keep the money.

15,692. Do you prefer to keep it?—No. But if I am to have the slur I will keep it! If I am considered still as a bribed voter. I wish to give it up on those terms.

15,693. Is Mr. Brand in court?—He said he would be here.

15,694. That will do. We have nothing more to ask you?—Am I to suppose if I give up the 20*l.* I shall be taken off?

15,695. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Our decision will be communicated to Her Majesty.—But am I to understand if I give up the 20*l.* I shall be considered as a bribed voter?

15,696. (*Mr. Slade.*) We cannot give our opinion to you, we are not allowed to do it.—Thank you. If I am to remain a bribed voter I may as well keep the money.

15,697. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You must exercise your own judgment, and do what you consider honest in the matter, and we will do what we consider honest.—Then I will give it up.

(*The witness handed* 20*l. to Mr. Satterthwaite.*)

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

C. Satterthwaite.

15,698. Do you remember this man?—Yes; I know him very well.

15,699. What is the impression on your mind. Do you remember the case about Durrant?—Yes; I remember it, and I had not Mr. Durrant's name upon it. I inquired of him his name, and I put it down where the money was wanted, as a check for myself. That is the reason I should put his name for the 20*l.* He would give an explanation of it, if it came to an explanation afterwards. Not having his list or his name, they did not know anything about this man suggested, so I put his name down, but I did that merely for my own check.

15,700. (*Mr. Slade.*) George Durrant's name stands on your list for 20*l.*—You will find as to one or two names he has read over, I have not got them on my list. As I said before I cannot exactly call to mind the names, but I know I gave the 20*l.* to this person for the man to be paid. And we had a list of the names, and I think I got a ticket, I do not know what it was, but I got something as a security that I had given him 20*l.*

15,701. What I mean is this, George Durrant, 1451 on the register, stands in your list as having received 20*l.*?—Yes.

15,702. And Mr. Shattock, this witness also stands in your list for 20*l.*?—Yes, he does.

15,703. Therefore you see the 20*l.* cannot be made to do duty for both.—Do not you see there are one or two names I have omitted, and it is just possible I may have made a mistake. There are one or two names that have received 20*l.*, that I have not got on my list now. Mr. Brand returned me 20*l.* Of course I did not put that down, I kept it out of this list. I cannot explain anything about this, but I know I left 20*l.* with him, and asked him for this money, in order that I could put it in my bag as a check, or as a voucher, that is all. I did not pay any money without vouchers.

15,704. (*Mr. Russell.*) It is very evident Mr. Brogden has paid 20*l.* for Durrant and 20*l.* for Mr. Shattock. I wonder whether Mr. Brogden would have received it back if there had not been a Commission?—I am certain he would not.

15,705. Did you have much money returned to you after the election?—I rather think it was on the election day, I will not be certain, or when we were making up our accounts. Only from Mr. Brand, that was all.

15,706. What was the sum Mr. Brand returned you?—I do not know whether it was 20*l.* It was 20*l.* or more, but I can speak to 20*l.*

15,707. When did you leave Yarmouth?—I think I stayed nearly a fortnight. I think so, but I am not quite certain, a week or 10 days after the election.

15,708. What day was it the accounts were closed between you, Mr. Salmon, and Mr. Johnson?—I was anxious to get home. We commenced with the accounts the following morning after the election.

15,709. When had you closed the accounts?—We never had closed them properly until we went away. They were kept open to make certain inquiries, and things were found out afterwards.

15,710. I need hardly ask you if any money had been offered to you, you would have taken it?—We should have been most happy to receive it.

HENRY HOLT BARBER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

H. H. Barber.

15711. What are you?—A shipping agent and coal merchant.

15,712. What part did you take in the last election?—Very little indeed.

15,713. Are you a Liberal?—Yes.

15,714. Will you tell us what you did? Had you anything to do with the bribery?—No; nothing at all.

15,715. Were you a committee man?—Yes.

15,716. In what ward?—Nelson Ward.

15,717. Where did they hold their meetings?—At different places; one was at Mr. Fill's, up a loft.

15,718. Do you know the names of any of the parties who were bribed on your side?—No, not one of them except what I have seen in the papers and heard about.

15,719. You know nothing at all about it?—Not about bribery.

15,720. I do not know why you were summoned?—I do not know myself.

15,721. (*Mr. Slade.*) Has that paper you have in your hand anything to do with the inquiry?—Nothing at all. I am only here to answer any questions you like to ask me. I know nothing about it.

15,722. You were summoned as being one of the committee?—Yes, my name was mentioned and I suppose I got a summons for that.

SAMUEL FLEMING sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

S. Fleming.

15,723. What are you?—A pilot.

15,724. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

15,725. What did you get for your vote?—I received 15*l.*

15,726. Who from?—From Mr. Rivett.

15,727. Were you canvassed on the other side?—No, not this time.

15,728. You were offered nothing by them?—No.

15,729. In 1859 did you receive any money?—Not a farthing.

15,730. Had you a vote then?—Yes.

15,731. Who did you vote for in 1859?—For the Liberals, but really you will excuse me for saying if I voted at all; I either voted at that time or the time before.

15,732. And you got nothing?—No.

15,733. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are you a brother of William Fleming?—I am a brother of William Fleming.

15,734. What did he get for his vote?—I should naturally suppose the same as myself.

15,735. And from Mr. Rivett, too?—Yes.

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15,736. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you heard him say so?—I have heard him give very broad hints to that effect.

15,737. You have?—Yes.

15,738. I daresay your brother will not wish to be summoned?—I daresay not. I feel pretty well positive you will find the answers I give you correct. I tell you plainly we were detained at home with our vessel 6 or 7 days with a promise that we should be satisfied for our trouble; that is the sum and substance of it.

15,739. (*Mr. Russell.*) Your brother is at sea?—He is at sea; at that time of year it was nothing particular in our pockets I assure you.

15,740. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you tell us anybody else Mr. Rivett gave money to?—I really cannot say with any positiveness no further than I should be like other people. I should think it is very likely my other two shipmates took the same as I did.

15,741. What are their names?—Leggett and Stanford.

15,742. Thomas Leggett?—Thomas Leggett and Joseph Stanford. I cannot say positively if it is the case, but it is very likely.

15,743. Did you ever hear them say anything about it?—Yes; I heard them say that from which every one would suppose it was the case.

15,744. You have no doubt they received the same as your brother and yourself?—I have no doubt whatever.

15,745. Are they at sea?—No, they are at home.

15,746. They are at home, are they, now?—Yes.

J. Durrant.

JOHN DURRANT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,747. What are you?—A gardener.

15,748. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

15,749. From Mr. Shattock?—Yes.

15,750. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

15,751. What did you get in 1859?—10*l.*

15,752. Who from?—Mr. Greenhow.

15,753. Is that all?—Yes.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,754. Is it 1453 on your list?—Yes.

15,755. Is it not scratched out?—No, it is 20*l.*

T. R. Fleming.

THOMAS R. FLEMING sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,756. What are you?—A baker.

15,757. What did you get at the last election for your vote?—20*l.*

15,758. Who from?—Mr. Shattock.

15,759. What is your second name?—Ritson.

15,760. Is that all you got?—Yes.

15,761. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

15,762. In 1859 had you a vote?—I had no vote then.

G. N. Duffield.

G. N. DUFFIELD sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,763. What are you?—A gardener and cow-keeper.

15,764. Did you receive 20*l.* from Mr. Shattock?—Yes.

15,765. Were you offered anything on the other side?—Yes.

15,766. How much?—15*l.*

15,767. Who by?—Mr. Bunn.

15,768. Did you take it?—No.

15,769. Were you offered any by anybody else?—No.

15,770. Did you get anything in 1859?—I was not in this country.

15,771. You had no vote?—No.

15,772. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who offered you first, Mr. Shattock or Mr. Bunn?—Well, I think Mr. Shattock did. I will not be positive who did. They were pretty much in the yard together; one was at the house and the other at the yard.

15,773. You do not remember whether you had Mr. Shattock's money then?—No, I had not the money then.

15,774. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You chose the side that offered you the largest sum?—Yes.

R. Bessey.

ROBERT BESSEY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,775. What are you?—Eel merchant. I buy eels.

15,776. What we call a fish merchant?—Yes.

15,777. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

15,778. Who from?—Mr. Watson.

15,779. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

15,780. Were you offered?—No; I did not know the people who came round on the other side.

15,781. Did you get anything in 1859?—Yes.

15,782. How much?—15*l.*

15,783. Who from?—Mr. Stalworthy.

15,784. Who is he?—I do not know but very little about him.

15,785. Is he in Yarmouth now?—Yes, I believe so. I do not know.

15,786. What is his Christian name?—Edward, I think it is.

15,787. Was that to vote on the same side?—Yes.

J. Duffield.

JOHN DUFFIELD sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,788. What are you?—A carter.

15,789. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—Nothing.

15,790. You got nothing at all?—No.

15,791. (*Mr Slade.*) Where do you live?—Southtown.

15,792. Mill Road?—Yes, Southtown.

15,793. 20*l.*, was it not, you got?—No.

15,794. Do you know Mr. Lindoff?—I do. He brought 15*l.* and gave it to my wife. I was not at home.

15,795. I thought somebody had it?—Yes, but he received it back again.

15,796. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Lindoff got it back again?—Yes.

15,797. Did you order it to be returned?—Yes.

15,798. What about the 20*l.*?—I never received a penny.

15,799. Did your wife?—No.

15,801. Who did you vote for?—For Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden.

15,802. (*Mr. Russell.*) Why did you return the money to Mr. Lindoff?—Because I did not like the idea of taking it.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,802. Do you know this man?—I do not. Have I got him on my list?

15,803. 1448?—I think it is Noah. I have 1448.

15,804. 20*l.*?—Yes.

15,805. Did you give the 20*l.*?—It is very likely.

15,806. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Your list in Gorleston is a very short one; perhaps you can recollect the parties who gave you the names in Gorleston?—They were strangers to me.

15,807. Was there more than one given to you? Mr. Shattock has given us a good many?—I think a party named King had something to do with it. I am not certain. I remember him having something to do with it. I think when he comes up I can give an explanation about it.

J. Duffield.

JOHN DUFFIELD recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,808. What are your politics, Red or Blue?—I am not so very strong for either of them.

15,809. Tell me how did you vote?—I voted for Lacon and Brogden.

15,810. Red and Blue?—Red and Blue. I am not so hot in the cause as many people.

15,811. (*Mr. Russell.*) Mr. Lindoff told you to give him back the 15*l.* because you would only vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—I voted for Lacon and Brogden.

15,812. Mr. Lindoff took the money back?—Yes, Lindoff took the money back.

15,813. Because you would not vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Not for that that I know of. I told him I should not.

15,814. That is what he says, that you would only promise to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—I never promised him anything, nor yet none of the party. I promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden too; he was not a canvasser.

15,815. How much did you receive on Mr. Brogden's side?—None at all; not a penny.

15,816. Nor your wife?—No, nor yet no one belonging to me. I did not wish to have any. If I wished for money I should not have given the other up.

15,817. Did not Lindoff give you 15*l.* for your vote in 1859?—Yes.

15,818. You did not return that?—No, I did not.

15,819. He did not ask you to give it back?—That he did not.

15,820. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) If you took it in 1859, why did you not take it at this election?—It was in the same way that this was brought in. I did not wish for the money then. Mr. Lindoff told me that 15*l.* was for all voters, and he brought me the 15*l.*

15,821. Who canvassed you on the other side?—When?

15,822. At this last election?—Both parties.

15,823. Did anybody offer you money on the other side?—No, not a penny.

15,824. Nor offered your wife?—No; I stand before you as fair as any man.

15,825. (*Mr. Slade.*) You promised everybody, did you not?—What do you mean by everybody? I promised two men.

15,826. You promised Brogden and Marshman, and Lacon and Goodson?—I never promised, only Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden.

15,827. I have Mr. Livingston's list here as promising Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—I did not do so.

15,828. Then I have Mr. Reynold's list as promising Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—I did not do so.

15,829. Here you are put down as promising Lacon and Goodson?—I did not do so.

15,830. Are you sure you did not?—No.

15,831. Did anybody else receive the money for you?—No.

15,832. You are sure of that?—Yes.

15,833. You are sure your wife would never get any money?—I am sure she did not, only what she took from Mr. Lindoff, and that she returned to him again.

J. Christmas.

JOHN CHRISTMAS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,834. What are you?—I keep a beer-shop in Southtown.

15,835. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No, not a farthing from anyone.

15,836. Do you know a man of the name of Bonney?—No; I know one at Gorleston, but I have not spoken to him for these three months that I know of; he has a fishing boat or two building out that way. That is how I came to know him.

15,837. Joseph Bonney?—I do not know him.

15,838. Do you know Mr. Bunn?—No, I never saw the man in my life that I know of.

15,839. Mr. Bunn told us that he gave a man named Bonney 15*l.* for you?—He does not know me, and I do not know him. There is a man named Christmas Watson living round that way.

15,840. You got no money from either side?—No, not a farthing from nobody, nor yet half a one.

15,841. On two or three occasions we have found ladies would take money, but gentlemen would not?—There was not a farthing ever brought into my house in any shape or way whatever.

15,842. Have you a wife?—Yes.

15,843. She did not take anything?—Not a farthing; there was never a penny-piece brought into my house for that purpose, neither from one party nor the other.

15,844. (*Mr. Slade.*) That is how the mistake has arisen; it is Christmas Watson?—Yes, it has nothing at all to do with me; they did not know me, I know.

R. Durrant.

ROBERT DURRANT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,845. What are you?—A coal porter.

15,846. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

15,847. Who from?—The gentleman was quite a stranger to me, but afterwards I understood his name was Jones.

15,848. Who sent you to him?—That I cannot say; there were two or three men in a house where I was getting half a pint of ale.

15,849. Where did you get the 20*l.*?—In Queen's Road.

15,850. At Thompson's?—Yes.

15,851. Tell me how came you to go there?—I was drinking half a pint of ale at a public-house with three or four people who had votes, and they asked me if I was minded to go with them; they were going to see if there was anything allowed at all, and I went up with those other people.

15,852. Did anybody give you a ticket?—No.

15,853. Who had canvassed you before; had anybody offered you money before?—No.

15,854. Who did you see when you first got to the house; who showed you up to Mr. Jones?—Well, I cannot exactly say. There were one or two went up before I that were in the house; I believe Mr. Peck showed me the way.

15,855. Who is Mr. Peck?—A man who keeps a Tom and Jerry shop in Friar's Lane.

15,856. When you got into the room with Mr Jones, what did Mr. Jones say to you?—He asked me my name and where I lived, and he turned to a

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paper and gave me the money, and that is all he said, except, "Be off with you as quick as you can."

15,857. Do you know of anybody who had given your name to him beforehand?—No, I believe not.

15,858. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

15,859. Did you see anybody on the other side at all with reference to the election?—I never saw anyone to offer me anything, neither to give me money nor yet to offer it.

15,860. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

15,861. Who did you vote for then?—The Liberal party.

15,862. Did you get anything then?—I think somewhere about 5*l.*

15,863. Who gave you the 5*l.*?—A man of the name of George Clements.

15,864. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Peck got 20*l.*, did he not?—I do not know, I am sure; we went into the room separate. I did not see what Mr. Peck got.

J. Halfnight.

JAMES HALFNIGHT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,865. What are you?—A house carpenter and ship chandler.

15,866. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

15,867. Who from?—Mr. Jones.

15,868. Who took you to Mr. Jones?—I was taken up in a fly at night from my house.

15,869. Who by?—His name was Taylor, I think, the driver.

15,870. Who was there besides you?—I think, Henry King.

15,871. Was it Henry King took you up? — He took me up.

15,872. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—Yes.

15,873. How much?—10*l.*

15,874. Who did you get that from? — From the Tories; on the Tory side.

15,875. Who from?—Edward Leggitt.

15,876. Who is Edward Leggitt?—A person that kept the "White Lion," at that time in Gorleston.

15,877. Was that all the money you got at the last election, the 20*l.*?—Yes.

15,878. Nothing from the other side?—No.

15,879. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you know Mr. Rivett?—I did know him.

15,880. Did not Mr. Rivett give you something at the last election?—No; I never saw him. I was at work from home for several weeks, except the coming home at night and going away in the morning.

15,881. You voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl at the last election?—Yes.

15,882. And for Lacon and Stracey in 1859?—Yes.

15,883. What made you change your way of thinking?—I do not know there was anything particular. Sir Edmund pressed me very hard when he canvassed me on that occasion in 1859, and I yielded to it, and promised him I would vote for him.

15,884. You yielded to the 10*l.* in 1859?—No, the 10*l.* was not named.

15,885. You got it?—Afterwards; he never named it to me, nor I to him.

15,886. When you got double the money this time you voted for the other side?—I do not know that.

15,887. Are you sure you did not get any money from the Conservatives?—I am sure of that.

15,888. Not a penny?—Not a farthing.

15,889. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you get the 10*l.* after the election of 1859?—No.

15,890. Before?—The night before the election, or the afternoon before; it was brought to my house, I did not ask for it.

15,891. Tell me who went in the fly with you besides Henry King? — A ship builder, I think, in Southtown.

15,892. What is his name?—A young man just by the new ferry; I cannot think of his name. I think that was the party; it was late at night. I had just come from my work; it was after tea.

15,893. Do you know Mr. Lovewell Blake?—That was the person, I think, a young man. I will not be certain, but I think it was him.

15,894. Anybody else? — I do not remember anybody else.

15,895. How many were there in the fly? — Three of us, I think, altogether.

15,896. A fly holds four?—So it might; I do not remember only three of us; we went away in a great hurry. I had just come from my work. They drew me away as if they were wild.

15,897. Were you canvassed on both sides this time?—I was not at home either time when they called.

15,898. You never saw anybody? — No, I was at work from home.

W. Smith.

WILLIAM SMITH sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,899. What are you?—A dealer.

15,900. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

15,901. From Mr. Shattock?—Yes.

15,902. What are you a dealer in?—Cattle.

15,903. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

15,904. Were you canvassed on the other side at the last election?—I was.

15,905. And offered any money?—I was.

15,906. By whom?—Mr. Bunn.

15,907. How much did he offer you?—10*l.*

15,908. That was not enough? — No, I did not intend to take any on their side; it was a fortnight before the election, I think.

15,909. You say that was a fortnight before the election? — I think so. I had no idea of taking any money from either party. I intended voting Liberal.

15,910. (*Mr. Slade.*) You live at Fen Street, Gorleston?—Yes.

S. Pestell.

SAMUEL PESTELL sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,911. What are you?—A publican.

15,912. Did you get 20*l.* from Mr. Shattock at the last election?—Yes.

15,913. Did you get anything on the other side? — No.

15,914. Were you offered anything?—No.

15,915. Were you canvassed at all?—Not at all.

15,916. Did you get anything in 1859?—No.

15,917. Had you a vote?—No.

15,918. You had no vote?—Not in 1859.

C. Watson.

CHRISTMAS WATSON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,919. What are you?—A shopkeeper.

15,920. What sort of a shop do you keep? — A general shop.

15,921. (*Mr. Slade.*) A marine store dealers?—No, a grocers.

15,922. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

15,923. From whom?—Joseph Bonney.

15,924. Who gave it you, Mr. Bonney? — Mr. Bonney gave it me.

15,925. From Mr. Bunn?—Yes.

15,926. Did you get anything in 1859?—No.

15,927. Had you a vote?—No, not then.

15,928. At this last election were you offered anything on the other side?—No, I did not try for it.

GEORGE POPE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *G. Pope.*

15,929. What are you?—A publican.

15,930. What did you get at the last election for your vote?—16*l.*

15,931. From whom?—That gentleman, I believe. I think that is the gentleman (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*); I could not swear to him.

15,932. Did you get anything on the other side? — No.

15,933. Were you offered anything?—Yes.

15,934. Who by? — I cannot say whether it was Mr. Harrison; it was some one called in the afternoon. I refused them, and told them I was going to vote the other way; it is Mr. Hargrave Harrison living close by me.

15,935. You would not have anything to say to him?—Yes.

15,936. You are a Liberal?—Yes.

15,937. Did you vote in 1859? — No, this is my first.

15,938. Who took you up to Mr. Jones to get the money?—I was ordered to go.

15,939. Who ordered you?—Mr. Moore and Mr. Fill, I believe are the two gentlemen.

15,940. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you a ticket?—No.

15,941. How did you receive the 16*l.*? — He put 16 sovereigns into my hand.

15,942. Were they all loose?—Yes.

15,943. It was not a case of 10 sovereigns wrapped together?—No.

15,944. All loose?—All loose. I got it in my hand.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE. *C. Satterthwaite.*

15,945. Do you remember this man?—I remember this, I put another sovereign to it; it is in the list 16*l.*, I think you will find; of course I broke open the 15*l.* and put the sovereign to it, and he counted it before he went out.

15,946. Can you give any explanation why it was 16*l.*?—No, I do not know; I could only pay according to the list.

GEORGE POPE recalled; further examined by Mr. SLADE. *G. Pope.*

15,947. Had you arranged for 16*l.*?—Yes.

15,948. Who with?—Mr. Moore and Mr. Fill.

15,949. (*Mr. Russell.*) Where were you paid?—At the "Army and Navy" tavern.

15,950. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you asked for 20*l.*?—Yes.

15,951. And they beat you down 4*l.*?—Yes.

15,952. When was this arrangement made with Mr. Moore?—In the afternoon previous to the election.

15,953. On the Tuesday afternoon?—Yes.

15,954. They had been to you before that?—Yes, several times, both parties.

15,955. How long before the election had Mr. Moore come to you and offered you money?—Not till that afternoon; there was no attempt at money, because I never promised either party till that afternoon.

15,956. I suppose you were hanging out for money?—No, I had not made up my mind which way I should vote.

15,957. You were waiting for some offer?—Yes, if it could be got.

JOHN THURSTON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *J. Thurston.*

15,958. What are you?—A hay dealer.

15,959. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

15,960. From Mr. Jones?—I do not know who it was.

15,961. A stranger?—A stranger to me; I did not know the man at all.

15,962. Where at?—At the "Barking Fishery," at Gorleston.

15,963. Who took you there?—I walked there myself.

15,964. What induced you to go there?—Because I was sent for to go.

15,965. Who sent for you?—I do not know.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE. *C. Satterthwaite.*

15,966. Do you wish to make a statement?—I do not know if I shall be out of order. I presume this is Gorleston; when I arrived there with the list I inquired of one of the men who was acting as a captain, I do not know exactly whether he was a captain, however a man who appeared to be a fisherman; I read over to him the list, and I wanted to know if they were there, and if not, I said he must send for them; there were several men there when I got there, and I said, if the parties are not here you had better send for them, so that I shall not be here all night.

JOHN THURSTON recalled; further examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *J. Thurston.*

15,967. Do you know Henry King?—Yes, I know the man.

15,968. Was he the man that fetched you?—No, I do not know I have any particular knowledge of the man who came down for me. I walked up to the house myself.

15,969. Had you agreed beforehand with anybody to receive the 20*l.*?—I had some talk with Henry King about it.

15,970. Did you receive anything in 1859?—No.

15,971. Had you a vote?—Yes.

15,972. Did you vote?—I always voted for the Liberals, on the Liberal side.

15,973. And you received nothing in 1859?—Nothing at all.

ROBERT HARBORD sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *R. Harbord.*

15,974. What are you?—A dairyman.

15,975. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

15,976. Are you certain it was 15*l.*?—Yes.

15,977. Who from?—I cannot tell you the gentleman's name, but it was at Thompson's house, close to the market.

15,978. At Thompson's?—Thompson's, the eating house, at his house.

15,979. That is in Yarmouth?—Yes.

15,980. Who sent you there?—I was in the market, and I saw Thompson with some more men in the market-place, and he came up to me.

15,981. Had you a ticket?—He gave me a ticket then and there.

15,982. Thompson, you say, gave you the ticket?—Yes, the man keeping the eating house.

15,983. Had you arranged with Thompson for the 15*l.*?—No; he there and then asked me a few questions and he gave me the ticket.

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15,984. Had you a vote in 1859?—No, this was the first time.

15,985. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are you put down in the Gorleston list as living at Mill Road, Southtown?—Yes; I formerly had premises there; at that time I had premises there.

15,986. What did you get for being on the Gorleston list?—I had not anything. I had not a vote for Gorleston.

15,987. You did not vote for Gorleston, I know. What did you get for Gorleston?—I never voted for Gorleston. I voted then for Yarmouth. That is the only place I voted for.

15,988. Did you not also at Gorleston receive some money?—No; I never received any money only where I have just mentioned, the eating house. I was not on the register only at one place.

15,989. Yes, you were. You are the same man. You are on the register for Yarmouth, as well as Gorleston. You voted for Gorleston?—I do not know anything about being on the register for the other. I never was canvassed at all, not even for Yarmouth, because I have been out of town a goodish bit of my time.

15,990. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who did you vote for?—Brogden and Lacon, one and one.

15,991. (*Mr. Slade.*) What did you get for voting for Sir Edmund Lacon?—I never got anything.

15,992. You were paid 15*l.* to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—I told Mr. Thompson I should not go for both of them. He said, "Nonsense! you "must go for them." I told him I should not, as I was situated in business. He says, "Here is a ticket, "come along;" and I went with him and took the money.

15,993. Do you get your grains from Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

15,994. Do you recollect this man?—No.

15,995. The money was drawn at all events?—There is no doubt I should pay the money on the ticket.

15,996. The money was drawn at Gorleston as well?—I cannot speak to Gorleston, except what I paid to Warner.

R. Harbord.

ROBERT HARBORD recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

15,997. Do you know Mr. Warner?—Where did he live?

15,998. In Gorleston?—No; I know very few people there. They are people in the dairy line, but very few people I know.

15,999. (*Mr. Slade.*) You swear you only received 15*l.*?—Yes, that is all I received.

16,000. From anybody?—From anyone.

16,001. (*Mr. Russell.*) And somebody else received 20*l.* that was meant for you?—I never heard the slightest of it at the election nor since. I never knew anything of it.

F. Crisp.

FREDERICK CRISP sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

16,002. What are you?—A painter.

16,003. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

16,004. Who from?—From the Liberal side.

16,005. Who was it?—Well, I really do not know who it was.

16,006. Where did you get it at?—At the "Angel."

16,007. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

16,008. Are you known to be a Liberal?—Yes.

16,009. Did you get anything in 1859?—I had not a vote then.

16,010. Did you get a ticket to go to the "Angel?"—No.

16,011. Who had you arranged with?—I did not arrange with anyone. A neighbour of mine that got it called on me, and was surprised to think I had not got any.

16,012. Who was that neighbour?—It was Mr. Holmes, the hairdresser.

16,013. Where does he live?—Gaol Street.

16,014. George Martin Holmes?—Yes.

16,015. You told him you had got nothing, and he recommended you to go to the "Angel?"—Yes.

16,016. And you went there?—Yes, I went there.

G. M. Holmes.

GEORGE MARTIN HOLMES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,017. What are you?—A haircutter.

16,018. Did you hear the last man's evidence?—Yes.

16,019. Did you take him up to the "Angel?"—Yes.

16,020. What did you receive for your vote upon the Liberal side at the last election?—20*l.*

16,021. Where were you paid?—At the "Army and "Navy" tavern.

16,022. Did you have a ticket?—No.

16,023. Who sent you up there?—Mr. Moore.

16,024. You received something upon the other side too?—Yes.

16,025. How much?—10*l.*

16,026. Who gave you that?—Henry Savory.

16,027. When did you get that money from Savory?—Something like a fortnight before the election.

16,028. Do you mean you got the promise of the money or the money itself?—I had the money.

16,029. Did Savory tell you where he got it from?—No.

16,030. And you had no idea?—I had not.

16,031. Are you certain that was a fortnight before the election?—Not within a day or two. It may have been a day or two before or a day or two after, I cannot say which; but something within two days either way.

16,032. You got the 10*l.* of course for your vote?—Yes.

16,033. Did you promise to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson when you got it?—Yes.

16,034. And you afterwards took 20*l.* and broke your promise?—Yes.

16,035. Now I see that in 1859 you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Watkin?—Yes.

16,036. Did you adopt the same ingenious plan upon that occasion?—I do not exactly understand the question.

16,037. Did you take money upon both sides?—Yes.

16,038. How much did you get on the Conservative side?—15*l.*

16,039. Who from?—A man of the name of Barwell.

16,040. Whom did you receive the money from on the other side?—A man of the name of Steward, a pawnbroker.

16,041. How much?—8*l.*

16,042. Where does this man Steward live?—This man Steward lives in King Street.

16,043. Is it Arthur or Christopher?—Christopher.

16,044. Did you send up any men besides Mr. Crisp?—No.

16,045. You did not put Crisp up to the dodge of getting money on both sides?—No.

16,046. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When Savory gave you that 10*l.* a fortnight before the election did he promise you any more money?—Yes.

16,047. What did he promise you ?—That I should have as much as the others would give me.

16,048. The others ?—The opposite party. What they gave I should have.

16,049. When the election came on did you ask him for more ?—No.

16,050. Why not ?—For the very reason that I thought I had then quite sufficient. It was very acceptable to me at the time, and I took it.

16,051. (*Mr. Slade.*) You could not ask Savory for more, because you voted against him ?—I did not ask him.

DANIEL HARBORD sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

D. Harbord.

16,052. What is your Christian name ?—Daniel.

16,053. Are you upon the register ?—Yes.

16,054. Had you a vote ?—Yes.

16,055. What did you get for your vote ?—My son gave me 15*l.*

16,056. Who did your son get that from ?—He told me somebody gave it to him at the "Army and Navy" tavern. He did not know the man.

16,057. What are you ?—A bricklayer.

16,058. What is your son's name ?—George.

16,059. Is he a voter ?—Yes.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

16,060. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you explain this ?—If the Court recollects, a person came up very indignant the other day, to say, that his father had received no money. It appears to be a mistake of the printer, he has put it down wrongly. It is not printed as it was upon the register. In this case, the son divided it with the father. The son got 10*l.* and the father 20*l.* The son took the father the money. It was 10*l.* for one and 20*l.* for the other. He would divide the two, and give his father one half, 15*l.*

DANIEL HARBORD recalled ; examination resumed by Mr. SLADE.

D. Harbord.

16,061. Is your son here ?—No.

16,062. Did your son tell you how much he got himself ?—He told me what he got.

16,063. How much ?—30*l.*

16,064. Your son I see is too unwell to leave his bed ?—Yes, he is.

16,065. What is your son by profession ?—A bricklayer.

16,066. Had you a vote at the election before the last ?—No, I had not.

16,067. Had your son ?—No.

WILLIAM NEWMAN sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

W. Newman.

16,068. What are you ?—A tailor.

16,069. You took a very active part in the last election ?—Not a very active part till within the last four days. I was about at different times previous to the last four days, but I took no active part till the last four days.

16,070. Are you a voter ?—No.

16,071. In what way did you take an active part ?—Do you mean the last four days ?

16,072. Yes ?—Upon the Saturday morning Mr. Livingston wished me to give up the whole of my time till the election was over. He impressed upon my mind, that I was to see all I could see, but to offer no inducement, I was to see in which way they were going to vote, and I did so upon the Saturday.

16,073. In consequence of what Mr. Livingston told you to do, what did you do ?—I went all through the ward to every one I had an idea had not promised, to see the reason why they had not promised, and what their intentions were. I had no power to hold out any inducement to anyone. That was entirely impressed upon my mind.

16,074. Did you go through the ward and see everybody ?—I saw all that I possibly could see. I did not see every one.

16,075. Did you hold out any inducement ?—Certainly not.

16,076. During the election did you know of the doings going on at the "Army and Navy" tavern ?—Yes.

16,077. Did you ever send anybody up there ?—Yes.

16,078. And to the "Angel" ?—Yes. I went with one to the "Angel" on the election morning.

16,079. And to Cattermole's ?—That is the "Army and Navy" tavern.

16,080. Thompson's ?—No.

16,081. Who did you send up in this way, can you tell us the names?—On the Monday morning I received an order to meet a Mr. Edwards at the "Angel."

16,082. Who from did you receive the order ?—A messenger employed by the name of Aldous came to me. I was going up the town and I met him. He said, "Is not your name Newman?" and I said, "Yes." He said, "Will you meet Mr. Edwards at "half past 10 this morning."

16,083. On Monday ?—On Monday. I saw nothing more of Mr Livingston from the Saturday morning. On the Monday morning I was sent for to see Mr. Edwards. When I saw Mr. Edwards, he said, "Con-"fine yourself to the Regent Ward, and get a fresh "list by half-past 2 in the afternoon ;" and from the words he spoke, I inferred there was something intended to be done, but I did not know positively from the words he used to me. I inferred so. I did not offer anything, but I made it my business to see what the voters wanted.

16,084. When he told you to get a fresh list of voters, do you mean you were to get a fresh list of voters that had promised, or had not promised ?—I cannot say what he meant by it. Whatever may have been done, I do not know anything about. He said, "Go and get a fresh list of voters by half-"past 2."

16,085. Did you understand by that, a list of voters to be paid ?—The fact was I then thought there was something going to be done some way or other. I was not at all in the secret. As I said before, a party came to me. Previously to the Saturday, I had lost some little time in going about, but on the Saturday morning when I was asked to give up the whole of my time, I did so; and on the Monday this was the information I received from Mr. Edwards.

16,086. Did you get him a list ?—It was a difficult matter for me to see many before dinner time. I did get a list of some perhaps six or seven. When I say a "list" I had no list, no more than I have now. I took it from recollection, and if you wish, I will give you the names of all I saw during the time.

16,087. Did you see anyone on Tuesday ?—Yes, I saw some on Tuesday.

16,088. Did you take up a fresh list to Mr. Edwards on Tuesday ?—No, I took no list, neither to Mr. Edwards nor to anybody else. It was like this ——

16,089. You said you did take up a list ?—I said I did not take up a list. I gave in the names, for I put nothing to paper. I gave him the names that I had got.

16,090. You gave him the names upon the Monday ?—I gave him the names upon the Monday.

16,091. Did you give him more names upon the Tuesday ?—No, I do not think I did. I am now speaking wrongly. I think I gave one extra name upon the Tuesday.

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16,092. How many names were there altogether that you gave in in that way?—I should say about eight.

16,093. Can you give them at all?—Yes.

16,094. Then do so?—The first on the Monday was Jacob Shimmon. I called upon him, knowing that he had always voted Liberal. I said "I understand "Shimmon you have not promised," and he said "No, I have not." I said I was surprised; "How is "it you have not?" He said, "The fact is, I am offered "20*l.* and 12 months work in the employ I am now "in." "What!" I said, "20*l.* and 12 months work?" And he said "Yes." And I said "Do you intend "voting that way?" and he said, "I do not know I "am sure, I do not feel at all inclined to do so." Then I said "Is there any inducement I can offer "that would induce you to vote the other way?" He said, "I would rather vote according to my own "principles." I said, "What would it be to induce "you to forsake the 20*l.* and the 12 months work?" He said, "I hardly know;" and after some little talk, I said, "Would a consideration of 10*l.* be of any "benefit to you?" and he said, "If you make it 15*l.* "I will take it into consideration." I said, "I can "do nothing of the sort." I said, "It may be "arranged for you." Then he said, "You know I "work for Mr. E. O. Johnson, and a man by the "name of Brooks, Mr. E. O. Johnson's foreman, was "down here on Sunday morning with 20*l.*, and Mrs. "Shimmon was terribly annoyed to think he should "take 20*l.* there on the Sunday morning."

16,095. Then you handed his name in to Mr. Edwards?—No; I did not see Mr. Edwards any more. I suppose about half-past 4 or 5 on the Saturday. I was at the "Angel" at half-past 2 and got no information till between 4 and 5, and then the names I got, I got the tickets from Downing for, and those tickets I took to the parties. I did not tell them I could possibly give it them, because I did not know whether I was thoroughly right or not.

16.096. You gave us the name of Jacob Shimmon. You got a ticket for him from Downing?—Yes; for 15*l.*

16,097. Give us the other names.—James Crow, a carpenter, in the Albion Road, I think. I was under the impression that it was to be 12*l.*, but I see by the published list in the papers he got 15*l.* That I did not know of. I understood he was to have only 12*l.* Whether he got 15*l.* or 12*l.* I cannot say.

16,098. Is it John Crow?—It may be John Crow; I will not say about the Christian name.

16,099. You had arranged, at all events, with Mr. Crow for 12*l.*?—Yes.

16,100. Will you give us the next?—Henry George, Geneva Terrace.

16,101. What was the arrangement with him?—15*l.*

16,102. Now the next?—The next is James Saunders, 15*l.*

16,103. He was to have 15*l.*—Yes.

16,104. The next?—Jeffrey Brown, the Crown Road.

16,105. What was he to have?—15*l.*

16,106. Now the next?—Edward Wright, Providence Place, 10*l.*

16,107. The next? There are two more I think. Have you a list?—I have not a list. I think I have given you the names of Shimmon, George, Saunders, and others. There was a Mr. Rackham, a baker, in Crown Place.

16,108. Do you know his Christian name?—No; I do not know his Christian name, but I think it is Charles Rackham. I fancy so.

1,6109. How much?—I imagined it was 10*l.*, but I find it appears 15*l.* in the list.

16,110. Is it John Rackham?—No; I think there is only one Rackham. It is in Crown Place. I know the place quite well.

16,111. He got 20*l.*—I know nothing about what he got, for I never had any money. I never saw any money, and never touched any money.

16,112. Now the next?—I think that finishes the list as far as the Monday was concerned.

16,113. Then the one on Tuesday?—The one on Tuesday. I might say upon the Tuesday morning, about something like 10 o'clock, I cannot say exactly, I was down at the committee room in the Regent Ward, and I was sent for to go to the "Angel." When I got there, there were four tickets put into my hands, one for Mr. Laxon, in Gaol Street; one for Mr. Baker, the hatter, in Howard Street; one for a Mr. Brady, in some row. There is a number to the row, but I do not exactly recollect the number of the row. That would be the four I think.

16,114. No. You have only given Laxon, Baker, and Brady.—I know what made me say the fourth. I had one put in my possession for Joseph Draper, and on the afternoon of Tuesday there was a man by the name of King, living in the Market Place, or that is where he stood upon the register. He comes from Norwich. He is living at Norwich. I met him in the afternoon, and he told me that Mr. Bullimore had him in tow, and that he had been seen to at Cattermole's, and all the rest of it; and he mentioned various sums that he had been offered, from 10*l.* to something like a score and a half. I cannot say the truth of it. Ultimately he told me if I drew him a C ticket he would come by the first train in the morning, which would come in about 9 o'clock, and if I met him, he would vote. The consequence was I drew a C ticket for him in the afternoon, and upon the election morning I met him at the station, and I first of all, as he stood upon the register for the North Ward, took him to the North Ward committee rooms, with the expectation of seeing Mr. Jones there, but Mr. Jones was not there. I then came to the "Angel" with him, and when we got to the "Angel" Mr. Jones said, "Why did you not draw this money last night?" My answer was, that I had nothing at all to do with money. He said, "I think you are too late; I do not "think there is any money left." I said, "I know "nothing at all about it." King had not the ticket. I had the ticket, and I put the ticket into Mr. Jones' hands. What King got I cannot say, and I know nothing about it. All I know is when he came out of the "Angel," he says, "Newman, about my expenses "from Yarmouth to Norwich?" I said, "I do not "know anything at all about it." I said, "The "fact is this, you and I have been very good friends; "you have been in the Liberal cause, I do not think "you will vote the other way now. I will see that "you shall have them in some way or other, if I pay "them out of my own pocket."

16,115. And you did?—I did.

16,116. What did they amount to?—Well, I am sure I do not know. I never cast them up.

16,117. How much did you give him out of your own pocket?—Well, I suppose it was about a month after the election he called upon me, and I laid him down two sovereigns, and he gave me half-a-crown out.

16,118. What was his Christian name?—Henry King.

16,119. Market Place?—Market Place.

16,120. Did you get that 1*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* repaid to you?—No, I paid it out of 7*l.* which Mr. Livingston gave me.

16,121. You paid it out of 7*l.* which Mr. Livingston gave you! You said just now you paid it out of your own pocket?—Yes, I consider it was out of my own pocket, because Mr. Livingston never knew anything at all about it. I never said anything to Mr. Livingston about it. When the election was over I took a bill in to Mr. John Clowes, the auditor, for four days for which I received 2*l.*, I met Mr. Livingston two or three days afterwards, and he said "What "have you got for the election?" I told him; he said, "You have not been paid sufficiently." I saw Mr. Livingston no more for a week, or it might be longer, and then he said, "Newman, if you come here, I will "give you some money for your services," and he gave me 7*l.*; and I should say it was about a month after

the election when King called at my house, not particularly for his expenses, I said, "King, you may as "well have your money for your expenses," and I gave him two sovereigns. I did say, "These are the "two sovereigns for your expenses," and his answer was, "Are you going to have anything to drink," I said, "No;" and he flung down half-a-crown and said, "You can get yourself a pint of wine."

16,122. Were you paid anything by Mr. Clowes?—Yes 2*l.*, I think it is returned.

16,123. What for?—For the four days.

16,124. Did you tell Mr. Clowes how you had been employed during those four days?—Yes; I was employed as a general messenger.

16,125. You were paid at the rate of 10*s.* a day?—Yes.

16,126. For a general messenger?—Yes.

16,127. Did you tell Mr. Clowes how you had been employed?—I cannot say how the bill was worded, but Mr. Clowes had the bill.

16,128. Do you think Mr. Clowes would have paid you the 2*l.* if he had known how you had been employed?—I think very likely not, I do not know anything about that. Upon the Saturday morning, I came down, and made arrangements with Mr. Savory about his room.

16,129. I do not want to hear all that you did. I dare say you did a good deal of work. Is that all you know about voters receiving money?—That is all I know about voters receiving money. I never saw a farthing, I never touched a farthing otherwise than I am now telling you of.

16,130. You know young Mr. Livingston, I suppose?—Yes.

16,131. Did you ever have any conversation with him after the election?—We have been very intimate. We have frequent conversations together.

16,132. Did he at any time ask you to furnish him with a list of parties that had been bribed on your side?—He never asked me to furnish him with a list; in fact, I could not have told him, they were mostly only from what I have heard spoken of from hearsay.

16,133. Did you ever give him any names?—Not pointedly. There may have been names passed between us. He may have said, "Mr. Newman, do "you know what So-and-so got;" and supposing him to know as well as I did, I might have said So-and-so. But I never met young Mr. Livingston with the idea of giving him a list at any time.

16,134. Did you ever see a register with the names of the parties who had been bribed marked upon it?—No.

16,135. Who first told you about the tickets?—I heard just about half past 4 on the Monday afternoon, when I was waiting to know what was to be done at the "Angel."

16,136. Who from?—I think Mr. Downing. He said it was to be done by tickets, and tickets were to be given to parties, and they were to be cashed through Mr. Jones.

16,137. Were these tickets written in Downing's handwriting?—Yes, I saw Downing writing them, because he asked me what I required, and I mentioned the names, and he gave me the tickets.

16,138. Did he write the tickets on Tuesday as well as on the Monday?—I do not know who wrote the tickets I had on the Tuesday. They were put into my hands, and I know nothing about them.

16,139. Who put them into your hands?—I think it was Mr. Jones; I am pretty sure it was. I do not think I saw anybody else but him; he was just going out at the time, I recollect.

16,140. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you give Downing the sums of money these men expected?—Yes.

16,141. Then he wrote a ticket at your dictation?—Yes, according to what I told him the man required. He put a letter on to the ticket notifying the amount.

16,142. Who was in the room besides you and Downing?—I really cannot say. There might have been some 12 of us there at one time, but before I left they were pretty well all gone, except me and Downing, for it was the Monday afternoon when it was apparently to be decided what should be done, whether the tickets were to go out, or money to be spent or not.

16,143. Was Downing writing the tickets in the presence of all these 12 men?—No; when I asked Downing for the tickets there were not many there. He said, "Now, Newman, what is it you require?" and I told him.

16,144. I suppose you went up in regular order, one after the other?—No. It appeared to me we were required to attend there the Monday afternoon to see what was the result that could be done on the Monday, and to give in such probable numbers, that we might get, provided we could get at them in time, when they fancied, I suppose, there was a chance. After two hours and a half consultation they determined to go into the matter, and each party I suppose, that was there, was satisfied with what they wanted, and went away to their work; that, I think, and suppose, was the business.

16,145. Did you see anybody else take tickets?—I do not know that I did. I could not positively swear I saw anybody take tickets but myself.

16,146. Tell us who were there and we will judge?—The first part of the afternoon, when we first met, there was Mr. Brand, a man from Gorleston; I think Mr. Lawn was in the room, and Mr. Downing was there, and I think Mr. Henry Barber was there; I fancy so, but I do not think I could enumerate the whole of them, for I might make a mistake, and I should not wish to make a mistake about it.

16,147. You say that Downing called out to you, "Well, Newman, what is it you require"?—He did not call out to me. When the parties were leaving he said, "Newman, what is it you require?"

16,148. I understand what it was. Downing was there giving out tickets?—I never saw Downing giving tickets to anybody but myself. He might have done so.

16,149. When you came out he was writing tickets?—I do not know whether he was or no.

16,150. When you came up to him?—We were in the room all together, as we might be here. I cannot say how they got the tickets, but the parties went out. I said, "So and so is the case; if you are going "into the election, I want tickets for these people," naming them. I had no list, and, according to my dictation, he gave me the tickets, because, when I came to the 12*l.* for Crow, he said, "This is a strange "ticket to make out; I do not know what to put "upon it; it is a strange ticket for 12*l.*"

16,151. I do not want to know about that. I want to know who went up to Downing before you went?—That I cannot say. I do not know that anybody went up to him.

16,152. You were in the room?—I was.

16,153. Who was in the room with you?—I have mentioned several. I cannot say whether Downing only wrote all the tickets.

16,154. But you have only mentioned three?—There might be, perhaps, twelve or thirteen.

16,155. Give me another name?—I cannot give you the names, because, although I have been on the Liberal side all my lifetime; there are a good many strangers that I am not in the habit of meeting.

16,156. Just think of somebody else's name. You know who was there as well as possible?—No, I do not; and I should be very sorry to say anything that I do not know.

16,157. Do not be afraid of that, and I will tell you why. The gentlemen will come here and deny it?—I would not deny anything.

16,158. Tell us who you think were there. Do not be so mealy-mouthed about taking away the gentlemen's character?—I do not know; and I do not know that I am very mealy-mouthed about it.

16,159. Give us some names. You have given three, and there were a dozen there?—I really cannot speak positively.

16,160. Tell us who you think were there. Was

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Moore there?—He might be there, I cannot say; and so might Fill, but I should be very sorry to say so on my oath.

16,161. (*Mr. Russell.*) Anybody might be there?—I could not say positively who was there.

16,162. Do you know Mr. John Gartside Overend?—No.

16,163. Were you a canvasser?—No, only from the Saturday morning, and then I was by myself. I never went out with a canvassing party.

16,164. What part did Mr. Aldous take?—I never saw him only when he came down to mine, and from what I understand afterwards, he had been employed as a general messenger, and I found when I was employed in getting up the evidence for the petition, that he had been a messenger employed throughout the whole time of the election, and something occurred, he was annoyed, and some particular paper and book he destroyed for fear they should come to light. But I cannot say anything more of it. I know nothing more of him than that.

16,165. Is that John Aldous, of the Caister Road?—No; I think he lived somewhere on the Blackfriar's Road; I fancy so.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

16,166. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you explain this?—I think I can explain this away. I can remember in reference to tickets there was a meeting of the whole of the gentlemen; I was not among them; to take into consideration the question of going on with the affair. In the afternoon I was waiting the result in a bed-room, I believe; I believe Mr. Downing was the first person that came to me, and said it was agreed they should go on with the election. Mr. Downing and I then went into a room a little lower down, on another flat. We went into a private room, and there I showed him the ticket system, and it was there that the tickets began. There was no one but Mr. Downing and I, and this person, when he came for the tickets. He is confounding the meeting; I do not know whether they would allow him to be there or not. I do not know his position as far as his influence might go, but I know he is confounding the two meetings, because I was sitting in a bed-room for a half or three quarters of an hour, waiting the result of that meeting, to know whether they would go on, or whether I was to leave the town. If I am instructed right he is a party who can tell us about the money that was drawn from me to pay Jones, and which was transferred to Robinson. He may be able to tell us who the parties were that got the money. I am instructed he would be able to throw some light upon it.

16,167. All the names that he has given us here have received the money?—I am not speaking of his own, but others. He has heard conversations passing.

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16,168. Can you give us any names that were substituted for others?—I imagine that Mr. Jones has heard as much as I have myself, because it was in the presence of Mr. Jones, and if it is to put anything straight I have no objection to bring anything out. I suppose Mr. Jones referred to Richard Balls, who was up this morning. The night before last I, Jones, and Downing were together, and the name of Mr. Balls was mentioned, and Mr. Downing said, "The money I drew for him was transferred to some one else," and he said the same as to a man of the name of Fisk, and Byford. I do not know whether that is what Mr. Satterthwaite alludes to.

16,169. Do you know any other case?—Yes; there is the name of Jay.

16,170. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you say you heard Downing say the money he had drawn for these men had been transferred to other men?—Quite right.

16,171. Did he say whom the men were to whom it had been transferred?—No.

16,172. Have you ever heard that before?—No, not until the night before the election.

16,173. Did you ever receive any money yourself?—No. Only what I am now speaking of.

16,174. No money to give to voters?—No. Not a farthing, nor never saw a farthing only what I have explained to you now. I saw by the first evidence of Mr. Cooper that I gave a man by the name of Henry King, a carter, of Row No. 92, 20*l.* I do not know that I ever spoke to the man. I think that has been contradicted before, so I did not think it was worth noticing it.

16,175. When Mr. Livingston paid you the money, did he know the way in which you had been employed?—I do not know I am sure. I do not see he should because I do not know that I spoke to him scarcely after the Saturday. I saw him the Saturday evening.

16,176. You were only employed four days?—I was only employed to give the whole of my time for four days. Previous to that, I had been applied to to get information where so and so was removed to, or if anyone had left the town, if I could make out were they were gone to, and little matters of that sort of no importance, but there were very few days but what I had some little matter to look after.

16,177. Did you ask Mr. Clowes for any money for that?—No, for I thought the way the bill was made out as a special messenger for 10*s.* a day, would compensate me for the whole of the time I had given to it; and when I saw Mr. Livingston, he said he did not consider that was sufficient to pay me.

16,178. You thought it enough?—I should not have asked for more, and I do not know that I should have grumbled if I had had nothing, for I have frequently worked and had nothing on that side.

16,179. Did Mr. Livingston know how you had been employed the last four days?—I do not believe he did; I have not the slightest idea, because when he said the Saturday morning, "I should wish you to "give up the whole of your time;" he said, "Be par- "ticular, and hold out no promise; offer nothing to "anyone."

16,180. Who said that?—Mr. Livingston; the Saturday morning.

16,181. Why should he say that?—I do not know why he should, but he made a remark to me on the Saturday morning. It was the Monday I saw Mr. Edwards. I was very particular in not doing so.

16,182. I suppose he was afraid you would?—I do not know what he was afraid of, I only tell you the real facts. His fears I knew nothing of.

16,183. You thought 2*l.* was good pay for the four days?—I was satisfied with it.

16,184. Why do you suppose Mr. Livingston gave you 7*l.*?—I do not know, I am sure.

16,185. You thought you deserved it?—It was given to me, and I did not refuse it.

16,186. Have you any doubt Mr. Livingston knew the way you had been employed?—I do not think he did; if he did, he had it from some other source than mine.

16,187. I do not say you told him?—I did not, certainly.

16,188. (*Mr. Russell.*) How is it, being such a partizan as you are, that you are not on the register?—The fact is, I went off the register in 1860, and you know, unfortunately, if a Liberal once gets off the register it is a difficult matter to get on. I put in a

claim at the last registration, but it was of no avail. I daresay if I had been a Conservative I should have had no bother about it.

16,189. Do you mean you have a qualification?—Not for a Parliamentary vote. I have not had a qualification for Parliamentary voting.

16,190. What rent do you pay for your house?—8 guineas.

16,191. And you do not think it worth your while to pay the extra 1*l.* 12*s.* to get on the register?—The fact is this, the house I am now living in suits me very well.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

16,192. (*Mr Russell.*) Had these been tickets that were transferred, the money could only have been obtained in the way of personation?—You see the parties come here to contradict it, and the money has been drawn from me as having been drawn by those parties.

16,193. If the tickets had been issued, and you honored the tickets, and the money got to the wrong man, somebody must have personated the right man?—I do not know whether the Court understand it properly. In several instances Mr. Downing presented a certain quantity of tickets to me, and I handed Mr. Downing the money over that those tickets came to. Mr. Downing was to pay that money himself. He had a list as well.

16,194. (*Mr. Slade.*) Then Mr. Downing must know who got the money?—Yes.

THOMAS DOWNING recalled.

T. Downing.

16,195. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know who got it?—I received a certain amount of tickets from Mr. Parker, and I delivered him the money, as I explained the other day; but I cannot recollect all the names. I received a certain amount, and as I received it from Mr. Edwards I turned it over to Mr. Parker. I only came out of one room into the other. 195*l.* I think was the amount, but I think I gave him 5*l.* more to make up 200*l.*, but part of those names appear to be in Mr. Parker's list.

ROBERT FISK sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

R. Fisk.

16,196. What are you?—I keep a beerhouse and drive a cab.

16,197. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—No, I do not consider I got anything for my vote. I got something for my services.

16,198. What did you get for your services?—For driving people to the poll voters.

16,199. How much did you get?—20*l.*

16,200. Who employed you to drive the cab?—I do not know who he was. I went the night before the election to Mr. Cattermole's room, where the Liberals engaged the room, to get work for the cab for the next day.

16,201. And did they engage you?—Yes, they asked me what I wanted for my day's work for my cab, and I told them I thought 20*l.* was not out of the way.

16,202. And you got paid then?—Yes.

16,203. At Cattermole's?—Yes.

16,204. Did you send in your bill to Mr. Clowes?—No, I never sent a bill.

16,205. Do you know Mr. Clowes?—I never sent a bill.

16,206. Do you know Mr. Clowes?—Mr. Clowes the lawyer?

16,207. Yes.—Yes, I know him.

16,208. Did you know he was the election agent?—Yes, I knew he had something to do with it; he had nothing to do with me or my cab.

16,209. You did not know that by law you were bound to send it to him?—I took the 20*l.* for my services.

16,210. Are you surprised to hear that the Act of Parliament requires you to send in to the election agent your bill?—I did not send any. Some gentleman engaged me and my cab to drive for the purpose of taking voters up to the poll, and that is the money I received for it.

16,211. Was you cab employed on the election day?—Yes.

16,212. No other?—There was plenty of cabs employed, I believe.

16,213. But no other day?—No; not for their services.

16,214. Is that the usual rate you get paid for your cab?—No; but that is what I charged them.

16,215. 20*l.*?—Yes; and that is what I got.

16,216. Did you vote for them?—Yes.

16,217. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you bring in your bill in the shape of a D ticket?—No bill at all, nor any ticket.

16,218. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) And you cannot tell me who employed you?—No; I did not know the man; no more I do not now.

16,219. Had you a vote in the election of 1859?—Yes.

16,220. Had you a cab then?—No.

16,221. Did you have any money then?—No; nor did not vote.

16,222. You got no money at all?—No.

16,223. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know Mr. Cooper?—Yes; I know Mr. Cooper.

16,224. Did he not give you some money in 1859?—No.

16,225.—You swear he did not?—To the best of my knowledge he did not.

16,226. Do you swear he did not?—I do not remember Mr. Cooper giving me any money in 1859; if he did, I have forgotten it. That is all I know about it.

16,227. You will not swear he did not?—I will not swear either way. I cannot recollect so long back as that. I can recollect this last election, and that is all I can recollect about it.

16,228. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Would you have voted this election if they had not employed your cab?—Of course I should. I should have voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl, and I did do so.

16,229. Twenty pounds was only a reasonable payment?—I think it is very reasonable, if you come to risk your own head being broken, and your cab smashed to pieces. I think it is very reasonable, and not anything too much, not in election time. If I had got my trap knocked to pieces I should have got no recompense.

16,230. Was it knocked to pieces?—It was injured to a great extent inside, the lining, and other things.

16,231. What did it cost to repair it?—I do not know. I have not paid the bill yet.

16,232. Have you had a bill sent in?—No.

16,233. It could not have been very much damaged?—It was not damaged to a great extent, still it was injured. It did not look so well as when it went there. You know what people are when they go to vote; they light pipes, and set fire to things, and do all that sort of thing.

HENRY FISK sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

H. Fisk.

16,234. What are you?—I am a fruit merchant.

16,235. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing at all.

16,236. You got nothing?—No, not a shilling of either party, never in my life.

16,237. It seems somebody got a ticket in your

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name ?—It seems so, and I have lost a deal of my custom through the job that has been put in the paper about my receiving 20*l.*

16,238. Did you vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl ?—No, I voted for Lacon and Goodson, the way I have voted ever since I had a vote ; and they never came but once to the house, either party. I gave Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl a denial first, and to the other gentlemen I said on the day of the election I should vote for them.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

16,239. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect this man ?—I think, if you remember, Mr. Newman gave a man's name.

16,240. (*Mr. Slade.*) No. 456 is his number ?—I think this is the man. If you remember, Mr. Newman said he remembered Balls, Fisk, Byford, and Jay ; this money was drawn for them and was transferred.

T. Downing.

THOMAS DOWNING recalled.

16,241. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is this a case in which you gave the money to Parker ?—I will not swear ; I think it might be one. Parker gave me a list of 10*l.*, but perhaps Mr. Fisk would answer the question whether Parker called upon him.

H. Fisk.

HENRY FISK, examination resumed by MR. FITZGERALD.

16,242. Did he call ?—On the Monday night before the election, I was sitting in the back parlour, and the barmaid came into me and said, "A gentleman wants "to speak to you." I said, "Send him in," and the barmaid went back and she told him ; and she came back again to me and said, "The gentleman wants to "speak to you by yourself in the parlour." When I went there, who should sit there but Parker ! and Parker says, "Old boy, I have got 15 for you." I laughed at him and said, "That is no use." He said, "I will give you 20." I said, "You have not got "money enough to buy me at any price ;" and about three or four days afterwards, in and among a dozen of us, I told him openly, "Parker, you offered to buy "me for 20*l.*, but you did not get me."

16,243. When was this ?—This was the Monday before the election.

16,244. I suppose you are very glad you have had the opportunity of coming here to contradict it ? — I am, and it has done me a deal of harm.

J. Fransham.

JEREMIAH FRANSHAM sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

16,245. What are you ?—A gardener.

16,246. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—20*l.*

16,247. Where did you get the 20*l.* ?—At Wright's.

16,248. Who arranged with you about it ?—Mr. Edwards was one that came down to me ; Edwards, the tailor.

16,249. Did you get anything in 1859 ?—Yes.

16,250. How much ?—10*l.*

16,251. Who from ?—Mr. King gave it me.

16,252. Henry King ? — Mr. King, the gardener, living in Gaol Street.

16,253. Which side was that ?—The Liberal side.

16,254. Did you get anything from the other side ?—No.

16,255. Were you offered anything at this last election by the other side ?—No.

16,256. Did you have a ticket ?—No.

S. J. Sparrow.

SAMUEL JAMES SPARROW sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,257. What are you ?—A publican.

16,258. Did you have anything for your vote at the last election ?—Yes.

16,259. How much ?—15*l.*

16,260. Where did you receive it ? — From Mr. Downing.

16,261. In money or a ticket ?—Money.

16,262. Were you offered any money on the other side ?—No.

16,263. Was that all you received ?—That was all.

16,264. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—No.

16,265. Did anybody go with you to Downing's ?—No, I went into the "Angel" tap promiscuously, and I went into the yard for a necessary purpose, and I saw Mr. Edwards, and he said, "What are you up "to ?" I said, "Nothing particular." Downing came into the yard and spoke to me. It was all done in two minutes, and no one was present.

16,266. No one saw it done ?—No.

16,267. Do you know of any other man who had money from Downing ?—No, I do not.

H. Wade.

HENRY WADE sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,268. What are you ?—A shipwright.

16,269. Did you have anything for your vote at the last election ?—Yes.

16,270. How much ?—15*l.*

16,271. Who gave it you ?—A man by the name of Brown.

16,272. What is Brown's christian name ?—Edward.

16,273. Did he live in Row No. 145 ?—I do not know.

16,274. What is he ?—A cooper.

16,275. Did Brown tell you where he had the money from ?—No.

16,276. Where did he give it you ?—He gave it to me up in King Street, not in any house at all.

16,277. He met you in the street ?—Yes.

16,278. Do you know of any other man that Brown gave money to ?—No, I do not.

16,279. Were you offered any money by the other side ?—No.

16,280. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—No.

16,281. You got the 15*l.* from Mr. Brown to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl ?—Yes.

F. Godbolt.

FREDERICK GODBOLT sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,282. What are you ?—A cooper.

16,283. How much did you receive at the last election ?—15*l.*

16,284. Who gave you that ?—Charles Bunn.

16,285. Do you know a man named Shattock ?—Yes.

16,286. What did he give you ?—10*l.*

16,287. Which did you first take, the 15*l.* or the 10*l.* ?—The 15*l.*

16,288. That was to vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—For Lacon only. I promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden. Those were the two I promised. I never promised Mr. Goodson.

16,289. You got the 15*l.* to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon? —Yes.

16,290. And the 10*l.* to vote for Mr. Brogden ?—Yes.

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16,291. And you voted for Lacon and Goodson ?—No, Lacon and Brogden.

16,292. Was that all the money you had ?—Yes.

16,293. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

16,294. What did you get for it then ?—10*l.*

16,295. Who gave it you ?—Mr. James Bunn.

16,296. Did you receive any more than that in 1859? —No.

JAMES BLAND sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Bland.

16,297. What are you ?—I am a fishowner.

16,298. What did you have for your vote ?—Not anything.

16,299. Are you quite sure of that ?—Yes.

16,300. Did you not have 20*l.* ?—No ; I was offered 20*l.*

16,301. Who by ?—Mr. Neave.

16,302. Mr. Neave the tailor ?—Yes.

16,303. What did you say when he offered you 20*l.* ?—I told him I did not want it.

16,304. How came Mr. Neave to offer that to you ? —I do not know. He came to my house.

16,305. Had you ever taken money before ?—No.

16,306. You did not take any money in 1859 ?—No, I did not vote.

16,307. You voted for Sir Edmund Lacon, and Sir Henry Stracey, I see, in 1859. You said you did not vote at all ?—No more I did. I think not.

16,308. You lived in Elm Walk ?—Yes.

16,309. And you voted for Lacon and Stracey ?—I am very sure I did not take any money.

16,310. Do you know Mr. John Eagleton ?—No, I do not know him.

16,311. Do you mean to swear you did not have any money at the last election, or in 1859 ?—Yes.

16,312. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you at Wright's the day before the election ?—No ; I know Wright's very well.

16,313. (*Mr. Russell.*) If Neave had 20*l.* for you, you never had it ?—I never had it, nor yet a farthing.

16,314. Nor yet a ticket ?—No.

16,315. Were you offered any money by the Liberal side ?—No.

16,316. Or the Conservative side ?—I was offered by Neave, nobody else.

16,317. Why did you refuse the money ?—I do not know the reason of it particular. I told him I did not want him nor yet his money. I did not mean to vote for him.

16,318. Do you remember John Eagleton giving you money in 1859 ?—No, never in my life.

16,319. And when he found you had not voted the right way, coming and getting it back again ?—No, never.

16,320. Are you sure of that ?—Yes, I am quite sure of that. Mr. John Eagleton cannot say so, I know, before me.

16,321. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know a man of the name of Mainprice ?—Yes, right well.

16,322. Did he call on you ?—No.

16,323. Or ask you for your vote ?—No, nor ever mentioned it to me.

16,324. Did you see him about the election time ? —No.

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C. Satterthwaite.

16,325. Do you remember anything about this man, he is No. 144 ?—No, I do not know that I do. He would be one of Wright's.

16,326. He says he was not paid at all ?—I think he is on Wright's list. Perhaps this is the 20*l.* that Neave returned.

16,327. (*Mr. Slade.*) This man's number is 144 ? —Yes, 15*l.*

16,328. That will not tally, you see ?—No, it will not, but Neave returned me 20*l.*

16,329. And you gave him a receipt for 20*l.* ?—Yes, so that this cannot be the same party.

WILLIAM LODGE sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

W. Lodge.

16,330. What are you ?—A keeper of a beer-house, on the North Quay.

16,331. Did you receive any money for your vote ? —Yes ; I received 15*l.*

16,332. Who from ?—Mr. Buston.

16,333. Were you offered any money on the other side ?—No. They called on me, and I told them it was no use their coming.

16,334. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—No ; this was my first vote.

16,335. Had you taken money when the other side came to ask you ?—No. They never offered me anything. I told them not to trouble me.

16,336. When did you get the money from Buston ? —On the Sunday night.

16,337. And when were you asked for your vote on the other side ?—I can hardly tell you the day, but I think it was on the Friday or the Saturday, I cannot say.

16,338. Before you got the 15*l.* from Mr. Buston ? —Yes.

16,339. Would you have voted if you had not had the money ?—Certainly I should.

16,340. The same way ?—Yes.

16,341. Did you promise Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson when they first canvassed you ?—Yes. I told them I should not go the other way.

16,442. Were you ever a servant of Mr. Nightingale's ?—No. I have drawn beer for him.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

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CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

C. Satterthwaite.

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16,343. I believe you can give us some information with regard to John Jackson's case ?—That was the case referred to yesterday of Mr. Bland. They could not make out where the 15*l.* had gone which Mr. Neave returned. Mr. Bland came here, and said he had not any money from Mr. Neave yesterday. His was only 15*l.*, and we could not account for it, how it was that Mr. Neave returned 20*l.* Mr. Neave explains it in this way. He said he drew a D ticket, and a C ticket. That he drew the D ticket for Stanley, and the C ticket for Bland ; but it appears he only gave Stanley 15*l.* instead of 20*l.*, so that that would leave 20*l.* Taking the C taken by Bland, and the 5*l.* he had left out from Stanley's, the Court could not understand why he should have a C ticket, and Mr. Neave return 20*l.*

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16,344. (*Mr. Slade.*) They changed tickets did they ?—Yes.

16,345. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) And the man who had the 20*l.* ticket kept it ?—No. Neave drew two tickets, a C and a D from me, or the amounts rather, and instead of giving Stanley the money, the 20*l.*, he only gave him 15*l.* Neave presented tickets to me, and I paid him those amounts.

16,346. Stanley has not been called yet ?—I think not, but Bland has. I have got a lot of transfers here. I have 11 names of transfers, and I was thinking whether the Court would have the kindness to go through the rest of the witnesses before I hand them in. I might have some more. These are the parties names that have been transferred, and the money paid over to them instead of to the parties mentioned in the list.

16,347. (*Mr. Slade.*) You had better give the names in, and not read them out ?—I will. And I am also happy to inform the Court, that I have received an anonymous letter, containing 10*l.* for Mr. Brogden of conscience money. That makes a total of 50*l.* that I have received since I came.

16,348. We must try and guard against that gentleman coming here and swearing he received nothing at all for his vote ?—He does not send his name.

16,349. If you can possibly find out who it was, we should like to know, because we expect he will deny having received the bribe ?—We shall know who it is. 10*l.* is an amount that is not very common.

M. Watts.

MATTHEW WATTS sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,350. What are you ?—I keep a lodging-house.

16,351. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election ?—Yes, about 15*l.*

16,352. Who from ?—Thomas Downing.

16,353. Did he give you a ticket or the money ?—Money.

16,354. And an offer in money on the other side ?—No. I promised without being asked.

16,355. That was all you received ?—That was all I received.

16,356. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—I had, but I did not vote. I was not in Yarmouth.

16,357. Did you not sell a teapot about the time of the election ?—Just before. That was on account of the election.

16,358. Was that the 15*l.* ?—That was the 15*l.*

16,359. What was the price of the teapot at the election time ?—About 2*l.*

16,360. Did you understand that the extra 13*l.* was for your vote ?—I did.

16,361. Downing bought the teapot ?—Downing did.

F. Wright.

FRANCIS WRIGHT sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,362. What are you ?—A seaman, and captain of the Hull steamer.

16,363. What did you have for your vote at the last election ?—I can hardly answer the question, because I received it in the dark, and took it home as I received it. I did not see it for a day or two after that, and a man came for some commission, and I asked him if it was $2\frac{1}{2}$ or 5.

16,364. Where did you get it ?—I believe at the "Army and Navy." I engaged a man in my room to take the ship down, and I said, if there was anything to be disposed of, we would go shares in it.

16,365. Who took you down to Cattermole's ?—My mate.

16,366. Who is he ?—Ablett.

16,367. Do you mean that Ablett was to have a commission on what you got ?—No. The man whom I engaged to go down in my room in my ship. I engaged a qualified man to take my ship to Hull. I would run the risk, and if I got anything we were to go shares in it.

16,368. How much did you give him ?—I gave him 5*l.*

16,369. What was his name ?—Captain Elliott. His ship was laid up at the time at Lowestoft undergoing repairs.

16,370. I am told you had 17*l.* 10*s.* ?—So I had to the best of my knowledge.

16,371. You believe that is right ?—I am sure I did not count it ; and if they had been farthings I should have taken them the same, because I am a Liberal, and I should have voted if there had been nothing.

16,372. Did you have a vote in 1859 ?—Yes. I have had a vote ever since I have lived in Yarmouth.

16,373. Do you remember what you got for your vote ?—Nothing. I never was offered anything before.

16,374. Was this money paid over into your hands first, or into Ablett's ?—I took it from a gentleman in the dark, I do not know who he was, or what he was, from a table, made up the same as a parcel of copper, and I never opened it till I got home the following day. It was about the length of my finger I think it was.

J. Thirkettle.

JOHN THIRKETTLE sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,375. What are you ?—A fish merchant.

16,376. What did you have for your vote at the last election ?—I was away. I went away just before the election, and I was sent for. I was close by London. I did not think of coming home. I was sent for by the parties, and I came home, and Mr. Balls gave me 20*l.*

16,377. What day did you receive that ?—The day before the election.

16,378. Were you offered any money on the other side ?—They came down to my house, but I would not have anything to do with them.

16,379. Who came down ?—Mr. Edwards the tailor came down.

16,380. What did he offer you ?—He never offered anything, because I told him I should not go that way. I had an independent vote, and I went. I had a freight of herrings at the time that were all spoiled, and sold for manure.

J. Thrower.

JAMES THROWER sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,381. What are you ?—A shoemaker.

16,382. What did you have for your vote ?—Fifteen pounds.

16,383. Who from ?—I do not know the gentleman I had it from.

16,384. Where did you receive it ?—The "Army and Navy."

16,385. Did you have a ticket ?—Yes.

16,386. Who gave it you ?—Mr. Walsh, the hatter.

16,387. Do you remember what was on the ticket ?—No, I do not.

16,388. Was it a letter C ?—There was some letter, but what I cannot say.

16,389. Were you offered any money on the other side ?—There was some offered, but I did not take it.

16,390. Who offered it ?—I do not know who it was at all.

16,391. How much ?—I was offered 10*l.*

16,392. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—No.

JAMES THOMPSON sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

16,393. Do you keep a public-house opposite the "Angel"?—No; it is an eating-house, coffee and dining-rooms.

16,394. Was a room in your house engaged at the last election?—Yes.

16,395. On what day was it engaged?—From the Friday until the election, five days.

16,396. Was it used as a committee-room?—Yes.

16,397. Who engaged it?—Mr. John Clowes.

16,398. And what were you paid for it?—Two pounds is what I charged them.

16,399. Where was that room?—In the front of the house, a large dining-house; I think about 18 feet by 12.

16,400. What floor?—The second-floor.

16,401. Was that the only room engaged at your house during the election time?—The only one, except for a few hours.

16,402. Which was the one which was engaged for a few hours?—The bed-room, the side of the dining-room.

16,403. Was that a bed-room?—Yes, my own bed-room.

16,404. On what day was that engaged?—I think on the nomination day, the Tuesday; I think so. I cannot swear to the day, but I think it was the Tuesday, at least I am almost sure it was.

16,405. Who engaged that?—I do not know. No one engaged it, and the gentleman walked in. I knew who it was. I said, "If a gentleman comes, you can "let him go into the bed-room for a little while."

16,406. How did you know a gentleman was coming?—Because I was told so.

16,407. Who told you that?—Some of the committee; I cannot say now exactly. I was always along with them from the beginning to the last, and I heard Mr. Jones would be at my house to pay one or two, and I said, "That will be all right."

16,408. Were you told by more than one person?—No, I do not think I was. I rather think Mr. Jones told me so himself, I will not swear now, but I think it very likely.

16,409. Was that room engaged on the same day that the gentleman came?—Only by myself. I sleep in it myself. It is my own bed.

16,410. But did the gentleman come on the same day that he took the bed-room?—He merely went into it. I did not let the bed-room. I charged nothing for it.

16,411. Are you sure that Mr. Jones himself came, and said he should want the room?—I will not swear to that, but I think very likely, I being along with Jones several times before the election. He might say, "Mr. Thompson, I shall be at your house so "and so."

16,412. You said at first one of the committee told you?—There were so many of us together.

16,413. I wish you would try and tell us who it was?—I cannot tell you; I think very likely Mr. Jones himself, but I will not swear it. I could not swear to it, it is so long back.

16,414. What time of the day was it that Mr. Jones came?—I think just before 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

16,415. Were you at home at the time?—Not when he came, I was not.

16,416. When did you return?—I returned just after he had been in a few minutes. I cannot say how long he had been in. My wife told me a gentleman was upstairs.

16,417. Did you go into that bed-room?—No.

16,418. Did you see any voters come to your house at that time?—Yes.

16,419. Can you give us at all an idea how many?—There might be 20.

16,420. Did you show them into this bed-room?—Yes, after I came home I did.

16,421. After you came home you showed them in?—I showed them upstairs, and told them to knock at that door.

16,422. I suppose you have seen in the paper the names that Mr. Jones has mentioned, as having paid money to?—Yes, I have seen several names.

16,423. Can you give us any names that have not been mentioned in the paper?—Not one; I do not know any one of them. I had nothing to do with that part of the case. I was along with the candidates. I was employed to be with them, to show them where the voters lived.

16,424. Did you vote?—Yes.

16,425. Who for?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

16,426. Did you receive any money for your vote?—I never did in my life.

16,427. Is 2*l.* all you received for the use of your house for the election?—Yes, that is all I charged them.

16,428. Did you see any tickets?—No, I never saw one at all.

16,429. At any time?—I never saw one. Mr. Downing made a mistake when he said he thought I had some, but I was not there at the time. I was at Gorleston along with the candidates at the same time.

16,430. Did you canvass any voters yourself?—I think on the Tuesday morning I went to a man of the name of Ruthen.

16,431. We had him before us?—He mentioned my name. They said, "Thompson, go and see if you can "see Ruthen," and he said, "Mr. Thompson, I do not "want you." I said, "I do not mind giving you 15*l.* "for a piece of paper if you will vote for Brogden "and Vanderbyl," and he said, "No."

16,432. I think you are speaking of a man of the name of Butler?—Yes, Butler, of Howard Street.

16,433. Do you know the man?—I know him to speak to.

16,434. You know him by sight?—Yes.

16,435. Did you go to his shop before the election?—Yes, I went into his house.

16,436. What for?—To try and get his vote. We called on him when we canvassed. He would not answer, or give us a promise, and some one said, "Thompson, go down and see if you can do anything "with Butler."

16,437. Who said that?—I do not know, there were so many of us together. They talked, and one said, "Do so and so," and I went to Butler.

16,438. Do you recollect the conversation about the paper?—Yes.

16,439. That was true, was it?—Oh, yes; I do not deny it.

16,440. Do you recollect what day it was?—I think on the Tuesday morning, the day before the election.

16,441. Mr. Butler told us it was on the Thursday before the election?—On the Tuesday before the election, the nomination day.

16,442. Are you certain of that?—Yes.

16,443. It makes a great difference, because Butler says you told him Mr. Jones was coming?—I never knew anything of Mr. Jones coming until I saw him. I had no idea of any money going to be spent until the Tuesday morning.

16,444. Did you tell him the Tuesday morning Mr. Jones was coming?—I told him if he would take 15*l.* I would give him a piece of paper, and a gentleman would call upon him.

16,445. Did you mention the name of Mr. Jones?—Yes.

16,446. What did you mean by giving him a piece of paper?—With the number upon the register on the piece of paper, with 15 underneath it.

16,447. That is a ticket?—That was the piece of paper. I had no ticket.

16,448. But you meant a ticket?—Yes; I would make a ticket for him myself.

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16,449. What did you mean by saying you knew nothing about the tickets ?—I never knew anything about the tickets being at the "Angel."

16,450. You offered the ticket to Mr. Butler ?—Yes, afterwards, on the Tuesday.

16,451. You told me just now you knew nothing about the tickets ?—I had no tickets from the "Angel."

16,452. Had you any tickets yourself ?—Only that piece that I should make myself.

16,453. You had no right to make a ticket ?—I was told how to do it.

16,454. Who told you ?—Mr. Jones told me how to make them.

16,455. How many tickets had you authority to make ?—I made four.

16,456. Tell us whom you gave them to ?—I gave one to Robert Harboard, a cowkeeper.

16,457. Who else ?—John Bell, of South Market Road, 10*l.*

16,458. What letter was that ?—No letter at all. I put on the number on the register, and 10*l.* underneath it. That is how I did mine. I did not know anything about the letters ; I never heard about them, only I heard about it here.

16,459. Go on ?—Joseph Heath 10*l.*, and John Sharman, of 76, George Street.

16,460. How much to Sharman ?—15*l.*

16,461. Did you arrange with Mr. Jones that you would get these four men for those sums ?—No, I think Mr. Fowler sent me after them, and they were to meet at my house at such a time, and take the money.

16,462. Did Mr. Fowler give you authority to write these tickets ?—No, I think Mr. Jones did so, but I will not swear to that now.

16,463. Did Mr. Jones ask to see your handwriting ?—I forget now, it is so long back ; I hardly know how it was done, I did so little of it. It did not interfere with business. I had no idea of it till the nomination morning. We found people would not promise, and they said would I go and ask, I knowing the people.

16,464. Did you send any men to your house without giving them tickets ?—No, certainly not.

16,465. Did you give any list of names to Mr. Jones ?—No.

16,466. Do you know William Harman ?—Yes.

16,467. Did you have anything to do with him on the election ?—Nothing at all ; merely on the morning of the election I went and got him up to the poll. I had nothing to do with anything else.

16,468. You took him up to the poll ?—Yes.

16,469. Whom did you take up to the poll besides Harman ?—Everyone I could get hold of on our side.

16,470. Were they all men who had been paid for, do you know ?—I do not know. I did not know anything about any of them being paid.

16,471. How many men did you take up to the poll on that morning ?—I am sure I cannot say, about 20. It being divided into wards, some people came up to the Market Place that ought to poll in the North Ward. I was there to see, and if I saw any mistake I used to take them down to the North Ward polling place.

16,472. Did Mr. Fowler know you were going to offer these four men money ?—I do not know that he did ; perhaps not.

16,473. Do you think he did ?—I do not think he did. I do not think he knew anything about it.

16,474. What did he say to you ?—He said, "You "may go and see if those people who have not pro- "mised want anything," but he did not tell me to offer anything.

16,475. I ask you whether he had any idea they wanted money ?—Certainly, he had an idea of it, because we found they were hanging back, we knew that.

16,476. In fact, he told you to go and see if they wanted anything ?—Yes.

16,477. And you went and offered them 10*l.* and 15*l.* ?—Yes.

16,478. Did you tell Mr. Fowler you had done so ?—No, I do not think I saw Mr. Fowler any more that day. They might get the tickets one five minutes, and get the money the next. As soon as they got the tickets they came up to my house.

16,479. Where did Mr. Fowler send you after these men ? Where was he at the time ?—I think it was up in my room. There were several of them looking over the list, and we found some had promised and some were in that way. They all lived in the Market Road, where my house is situate.

16,480. Was not Mr. Fowler one of the most active men in the ward ?—No, I think not.

16,481. What made him send you ?—Knowing I knew so many people, and being on the canvass all the time.

16,482. What part did Mr. Fowler take ?—Sometimes he went canvassing, very seldom, but very often he took a little part in it.

16,483. Was he one of the committee ?—I do not know. I was not there much. I was there, perhaps, half-an-hour in the day.

16,484. What was Mr. Fowler ?—I do not know. I was not at home. I do not know who was on the committee, in fact, I do not know who was in my house. I went out with the candidates canvassing, and there were people in my house, but who they were, I do not know.

16,485. What is Mr. Fowler ?—A linendraper. I generally used to go out at 9 in the morning, and sometimes was not home till 10 o'clock at night.

16,486. Were there many people in the room when Mr. Fowler sent you after those four men ?—Perhaps five or six of us.

16,487. Did you hear Mr. Fowler direct anybody else to go and look after voters ?—No, I did not.

16,488. Do you know anybody else that was sent off on the same errand as yourself ?—No, I do not.

16,489. Was your house used as a committee room in the election before this, in the year 1859 ?—I did not live in it then. I believe it was used for a committee room then on the other side. A man of the name of James Olley lived there then.

16,490. What has become of Olley ?—He is now living down by the jetty. He keeps an eating house there now.

16,491. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

16,492. Were you engaged as a messenger in this election ?—Yes, as a kind of pilot they called me to show them where the voters lived that was my place I had my walking list of a night to show the candidates where the voters lived the next day, and after I had done one day, I had to go and get my list for the next, the same as Mr. Hunter was the other side.

16,493. You kept a canvass book ?—No, merely a walking list from door to door where the voters lived. I generally have done that the last 16 or 17 or 18 years, in municipal elections and borough elections.

16,494. Did you have this office in 1859 ?—Yes, and so I had when Sir Charles Napier and Mr. McCullagh were here.

16,495. Always the same office ?—Yes.

16,496. What did you get paid for that ?—10*s.* a day this election I was allowed by the auditor, and Mr. Clowes paid me.

16,497. I dare say you can give us some information about the election of 1859 if we call you ?—Just the same, I think, as this one.

16,498. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was your house used as a committee room in 1859 ?—I did not live there.

16,499. Where did you live ? — In King Street along with my brother-in-law, at a ham and bacon shop.

16,500. Was your house at King Street used ?—No.

16,501. Was 10*s.* a day all that you received ?—Yes, I did not know what I was to have at all, until Mr. Clowes told me and said, "That is what the auditor "allows, and we shall pay you what is allowed by the "auditor."

16,502. Were you paid nothing for bringing up the voters on the election day ?—Nothing at all. I never charged anything.

16,503. Or any commission for getting the four men ?—No, I never did at any election, and I have worked at many elections for nothing many times, my own side. I always was a Liberal and always shall be.

16,504. What day were you first engaged ?—I am sure I cannot tell you, the day after Mr. Brogden came down. Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman.

16,505. You said you were paid 10*s.* a day. How much did you receive altogether ?—I am sure I forget now. I cannot say. The bill was sent in to the auditor.

16,506. The whole was returned ?—Yes, every farthing I got. The bill was paid for by the auditor, and 2*l.* for the room. That was allowed, and Mr. Clowes told me some got 5*l.* and I said, "I shall not "charge Mr. Brogden more than 2*l.*" That is what I always got for municipal elections "10*s.* a day, and I "shall not charge any more."

CHARLES TEASDELL sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

C. Teasdell.

16,507. What are you ?—A greengrocer.

16,508. Did you receive anything for your vote ? 15*l.*

16,509. Who from ?—I suppose it would be Mr. Jones.

16,510. Where did you get it ?—At the "Army and Navy."

16,511. Did you have a ticket ?—If I had a ticket Mr. Holmes gave it me, but I am not positive that I had.

16,512. Where did Mr. Holmes live ?—In Howard Street, 70 Row, I think it is.

16,513. Is it William Holmes, Row No. 70 ?—It is in Howard Street. I do not know the number of the house. He is a fish merchant.

16,514. If Mr. Holmes did not give you a ticket, it was Mr. Holmes who sent you up ?—Yes.

16,515. Were you offered anything on the other side ?—Yes.

16,516. How much ?—15*l.*

16,517. When ?—The day before the election.

16,518. By whom ?—Mr. Cooper.

16,519. Was that after you had been paid, at the "Army and Navy" ?—No, before.

16,520. Did you refuse the 15*l.* ?—Yes.

16,521. Why ?—Because I did not wish to go on the other side at all.

16,522. You belonged to the blue party ?—Yes.

16,523. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—No.

ROBERT SEWELL sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

R. Sewell.

16,524. What are you ?—A greengrocer in Gaol Street.

16,525. What did you have for your vote at the last election ?—I had 10 sovereigns from the Liberal party, and voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl.

16,526. Who gave you the 10*l.* ?—I did not take it from anywhere, it was brought to my shop.

16,527. Who brought it ?—Mr. Frederick Palmer. I come here to speak the truth.

16,528. Is that Mr. Palmer the magistrate ?—I had nothing the other side. I made up my mind to vote for the Liberals, and I did not take money the other side.

16,529. But was that Mr. Palmer the magistrate ?—The solicitor in Regent Street. I did not go to any house at all. I did not leave that evening off my work. My wife told me.

16,530. You took nothing on the other side ?—No ; I took nothing on the other side. I thought it would be too bad to do so. I had made up my mind to vote.

16,531. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—No ; I was not on the register.

JAMES LARN SAUNDERS sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. L. Saunders.

16,532. What are you ?—A beach man.

16,533. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—15*l.*

16,534. Who from ?—I received it at the "Army and Navy" tavern.

16,535. Did you have a ticket ?—Yes.

16,536. Who gave it you ?—Mr. Newman.

16,537. Were you offered any money on the other side ?—Not any.

16,538. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—No.

ROBERT WEBB sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

R. Webb.

16,539. What are you ?—A fisherman.

16,540. What did you have for your vote ?—20*l.*

16,541. Who gave it you ?—I cannot say.

16,542. Where did you get it ?—In a room at the "Army and Navy" tavern.

16,543. And did you have a ticket ?—No.

16,544. Who sent you up to the "Army and Navy" ?—There was a message left at my house that I was to go there, and I could have 20*l.* if I went.

16,545. Who left the message ?—I cannot say. I was at work on the beach at the time.

16,546. Were you offered anything on the other side ?—Yes.

16,547. How much ?—15*l.*

16,548. Who by ?—Mr. Isaac Shuckford.

16,549. Did you refuse it, or take it ?—I took it, and then I returned it back again.

16,550. Why did you return it ?—My inclination was on the other side.

16,551. Did you return it after you got the 20*l.* on the other side ?—I returned it before.

16,552. After you had been offered the 20*l.* ?—Yes ; at least I did not know, until I went home at night, that I could have the 20*l.*

16,553. And then you returned the 15*l.* ?—Yes.

16,554. Did you take it back to Mr. Shuckford ?—Yes.

16,555. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—No.

JOHN SUMNER sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Sumner.

16,556. What are you ?—A tailor.

16,557. What did you have for your vote ?—15*l.*

16,558. Are you sure it was not 20*l.* ?—Yes.

16,559. Did you have a ticket ?—No.

16,560. Where were you paid ?—In my own house.

16,561. Who by ?—Samuel Seago.

16,562. Did Mr. Seago tell you where he had it from ?—No.

16,563. Do you know of any other man whom Mr. Seago gave money to ?—No ; not anybody.

16,564. Were you offered any money by the other side ?—No.

16,565. You are put down for 10*l.* ?—I did not get it. I got 15 sovereigns.

16,566. Somebody pocketed 5*l.* of your money ?—That may be, I did not get it. He brought me 15*l.* That was all the money he brought me, and it was in sovereigns, in gold.

16,567. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

16,568. What did you get for it then ?—I got 10*l.* then.

16,569. Who from ?—Mr. Eagleton.

16,570. Was that all you received in 1859 ?—That is all.

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T. Sims.

THOMAS SIMS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,571. What are you?—A carpenter.

16,572. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*, that is what I had.

16,573. Who from?—I do not know.

16,574. Where were you paid?—Down at Mr. Cattermole's by a man I will not swear to.

16,575. Did you have a ticket?—No; no ticket at all.

16,576. Who sent you to Mr. Cattermole's?—I went there of my own accord.

16,577. How did you know where to go?—I went down to get a pint of beer, and never thought of it until I went down.

16,578. Who sent you upstairs to get the money?—No one. I asked what they were paying, and they said there was money given away.

16,579. Who told you that?—I do not know now, that I take my oath to. I never gave a thought to it.

16,580. Are you in the habit of using the "Army and Navy"?—I sometimes go there, because my calling is in that way.

16,581. How came you to call there at that particular night?—Just for a saunter.

16,582. Do you mean to tell me you did not know there was money going there?—No, I am sure I did not until I went down, and I went up stairs twice before I took it.

16,583. I believe somebody told you to go to Cattermole's?—No; I went to it because I noticed it before, though I had not a vote at all.

16,584. Did you get anything the other side?—No, they never came near me, and never canvassed me, because I always was a Blue.

16,585. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No, but I always was a Blue all the days of my life.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

16,586. Do you recollect this man?—I think I have some recollection of him, but I cannot call him to mind.

16,587. He must have had a ticket, must he not?—He must have had a ticket, or I must have had his name upon a list.

T. Turrell.

THOMAS TURRELL sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,588. What are you?—A fisherman.

16,589. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—Twenty pounds.

16,590. Who paid you?—Mr. Edwards.

16,591. Who did you get it from?—Mr. Edwards the gas collector.

16,592. Did you receive it in money?—Yes.

16,593. Did he come to your house?—Yes. He brought it to my house.

16,594. Did he tell you where he had it from?—No.

16,595. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

16,596. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

16,597. What did you receive then?—Fifteen pounds.

16,598. Who gave you that?—Henry Swan.

16,599. Was that Henry King Swan?—Yes, Henry King Swan.

16,600. That was to vote for the Conservatives?—Yes.

16,601. And did you vote for them?—Yes.

16,602. How came you to vote for the Conservatives in 1859, and the Liberals at the last election?—I do not know. It was only a bit of fancy, that was all.

16,603. First come first served?—Yes.

Mr. F. D. Palmer.

Mr. FREDERICK DANBY PALMER sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

16,604. What are you?—An attorney.

16,605. Did you take any part in the last election?—In the borough election, none whatever.

16,606. Did you canvass any men for their votes?—No.

16,607. Do you know a man of the name of Robert Sewell, a greengrocer?—No; I never heard of him before.

16,608. Did you give money to anybody?—I had none. I never saw any money taken, or anything else.

16,609. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you any clerk in your office who would have used your name?—None.

16,610. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is your father's name Frederick Danby Palmer?—No.

16,611. Is your father's name Frederick Palmer?—Yes.

R. Sewell.

ROBERT SEWELL recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

16,612. Is that the gentleman who left the money at your house?—No.

16,613. What gentleman was it?—Mr. Frederick Danby Palmer. He was always called Frederick Palmer.

16,614. Do you know the Mr. Palmer who gave you the money?—No; only my wife told me that was the man who left it.

Mrs. H. Sewell.

Mrs. HARRIET SEWELL sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

16,615. Are you the wife of Robert Sewell?—Yes.

16,616. A greengrocer?—Yes.

16,617. Did you receive any money at the last election for his vote?—Yes.

16,618. How much?—Ten pounds.

16,619. Who from?—Mr. Frederick Palmer.

16,620. When did you receive it?—The day before the election.

16,621. Where?—In my own shop.

16,622. Did he say why he gave you the 10*l.*?—He did not say why, but I knew what it was for.

16,623. What did he say when he gave it you?—He said he hoped he would be early at the poll.

J. Turrell.

JAMES TURRELL sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,624. What are you?—A fisherman.

16,625. Are you a relation of the man we examined just now?—He is my brother.

16,626. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

16,627. How much?—Twenty pounds.

16,628. Who gave it you?—Mr. Jones, I think his name is.

16,629. Where did you receive it?—At the "Army and Navy."

16,630. Who sent you up there?—The blue party told me to go up there such-and-such a night, Tuesday night, I think it was.

16,631. Who was it?—I cannot say what his name was, I am sure.

16,632. A stranger?—A strange gentleman.

16,633. Were you offered any money by the other side?—They came to my house, Mr. Harvey and another gentleman, and offered me 15*l.* and 20*l.* if I liked. I said No, I should go the other side.

16,634. Who offered you that?—Mr. George Harvey.

16,635. Why did you not take it?—I had a mind to go the blue side.

16,636. Do you know that your brother had 20*l.*?—No.

16,637. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

16,638. Did you get anything for that?—Yes.

16,639. How much?—Fifteen pounds.

16,640. Who from?—Mr. Benjamin Powell.

16,641. Mr. Benjamin Powell the elder or the junior?—The elder.

16,642. Of King Street?—Yes.

16,643. Is it King Street or Chapel Street?—Chapel Street is King Street.

16,644. Were you offered money on the other side in 1859?—No.

16,645. Is Mr. Powell on the Liberal side?—The red side.

16,646. Was it Mr. Parker who sent you to the "Army and Navy"?—Mr. Parker and Mr. Downing told me to go up there.

16,647. You received the 20*l.* all at once?—Yes.

16,648. How came you to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey in 1859, and Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl at the last election?—I had a mind to go red at that time.

16,649. You seemed to have a mind to vote where you got your money, is that it?—I do not know I am sure about it.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

16,650. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you recollect this man?—This is the Turrell I had. I should not have had anything to do with the other man.

16,651. They both received 20*l.*, the numbers are 1257 and 1258?—I have them here, one is only 15*l.* and the other is 20*l.*

16,652. This man is No. 1257?—I have got him for 20*l.*

16,653. He acknowledges that, and the other man you have got as 15*l.*, he acknowledges 20*l.*?—I think Mr. Downing can explain one of these cases. I do not know anything about it.

THOMAS DOWNING recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

T. Downing.

16,654. Do you know anything about these cases?—Mr. Parker drew the money first of all and he could not find him, and the money I think was returned to me and I put 5*l.* to it and sent it down, and accounted to Mr. Jones again for it. I made it up 20*l.*, I remember the circumstance quite well.

16,655. You gave Mr. Jones the 5*l.* afterwards and Mr. Jones has forgotten it?—I gave it in our accounts. When we finished up the accounts tallied. I recollect the circumstance quite well, Mr. Parker had the money and I sent a party down for it. Whether he returned it to me I do not know, but we settled it in account. It was transferred to some other man. Mr. Parker will be able to tell you how he spent his money.

16,656. The money came through Edwards?—The money came through me.

16,657. And then to Mr. Parker?—Yes.

16,658. Is that Edwards the gas collector?—Yes; this man's money did not come through Mr. Edwards. I do not mean Thomas Turrell's money. It was this man's money I paid Mr. Parker for.

16,659. Then there is 20*l.* in Mr. Jones' account. He acknowledges receiving 20*l.*, and the other one Thomas Turrell had 20*l.* and 15*l.* was drawn for him?—That might be. I had nothing to do with Thomas Turrell, but I recollect this circumstance very well, because I recollect the Monday night he had not the money, and I sent him down for it.

EDWARD TRIPP sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

E. Tripp.

16,660. What are you?—A shoemaker.

16,661. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—Fifteen pounds.

16,662. Who paid you?—I do not know the gentleman.

16,663. Where did you receive it?—At the "Army and Navy."

16,664. Who sent you up to the "Army and Navy"?—I cannot say who it was, but it was talked about by two or three people, and I went up and received the money. Who it was I cannot say.

16,665. You do not know who sent you?—I do not know.

16,666. Cannot you remember?—No. I do not know who it was at all. It was talked about, and I went up in the evening and received the money.

16,667. Were you offered money on the other side?—No. They only came once to solicit my vote, and I told them I should not vote for them.

16,668. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

JAMES SMITH sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Smith.

16,669. What are you?—A painter.

16,670. Where do you live?—In Northumberland Place.

16,671. Are you on the register for Church Plain?—No.

16,672. What did you have for your vote?—Eighteen pounds.

16,673. Who paid you?—Mr. Wilshack.

16,674. Did he bring it to your house?—No; I went to his house for it.

16,675. Had he told you to come up there?—No; William Smith did, or William Smith took me there.

16,676. Is William Smith a relation of yours?—No, none at all.

16,677. Where does William Smith live?—Northumberland Place.

16,678. Did you see Wilshack pay William Smith?—No.

16,679. Did William Smith tell you he had been paid?—No.

16,680. How came you to take 18*l.* Did you not want 20*l.*?—No.

16,681. Did you only ask for 18*l.*?—I asked for 15*l.* the day before the election, and on the election morning we said the price was going up, so we had 3*l.* more.

16,682. You were paid the election morning?—The day before the election I received 15*l.*, and about a month or five weeks after I received three more.

16,683. It was at Wilshack's house you received the 15*l.*?—I received the whole of it there.

16,684. When did you receive the 3*l.*?—About a month or five weeks after, something like that; I cannot say exactly which it was.

16,685. How came Wilshack to give you the 3*l.*?—I suppose because he was afraid he should lose us. I do not know any other reason.

16,686. Did you ask him for it?—Yes, we asked him for it.

16,687. You say "we;" who is the other person?—William Smith.

16,688. Did you see him get any money then?—I did not see him take any money.

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16,689. You heard him ask?—I heard he had got it.

16,690. Was not the arrangement Mr. Wilshack made with you this, that you were to have 15*l.*, and if you voted all right, then he would give you the 3*l.* afterwards?—No. We asked for the 3*l.* the morning of the election, and he agreed to give it to us, but he did not say when we were to have it.

16,691. Were you offered any money on the other side?—None at all, not a farthing.

16,692. Do you know Mr. Skinner, the miller?—Yes, I know the man.

16,693. Did he offer you some money?—I did not see him at all the election morning. I neither spoke to him nor saw him.

16,694. Mr. Wilshack has sworn that he went up to your house on the morning of the election, and heard Mr. Skinner offer you and William Smith 25*l.*?—I did not see him at all. I was in William Smith's parlour, and Mr. Skinner came into the shop, so by that means I did not see him at all. I was not called into the shop, and never spoke to Mr. Skinner nor he to me.

16,695. Then it is not true that he offered you 25*l.*?—He did not offer it to me, but whether he offered it to William Smith I cannot say.

16,696. You do not know?—He did not offer it to me because I did not see him.

16,697. Whose shop is it, yours or William Smith's?—William Smith's, I have no shop.

16,698. Did you tell me William Smith is no relation of yours?—None at all.

16,699. What did you get on the other side?—Nothing at all.

16,700. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

16,701. By nobody?—No, not a farthing. I will take my oath to that. I did not receive a halfpenny only from Mr. Wilshack.

16,702. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who did you vote for?—Lacon and Goodson.

16,703. (*Mr. Russell.*) Your name has been given in as having received 20*l.* on the other side?—I saw it in the paper, but I can contradict it.

16,704. That you deny?—I deny that. I never received one halfpenny.

16,705. Did anyone ever tell you if you went up to Cattermole's or the "Angel" you would get 20*l.*"—No.

16,706. Never?—No.

16,707. Would you have taken money on the other side?—No.

16,708. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

16,709. Do you belong to the Red party?—Yes.

16,710. Did you promise Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson when they canvassed you?—I did not see them. They did not come to me at all.

16,711. It seems very much as if somebody had given in your name, and received the money?—So I understand, but it is a great mistake. Them that did it ought to be severely punished for it, for I never received one farthing only from Mr. Wilshack. That is all I took.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

16,712. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you remember this man?—No. I have him down on my list.

W. Parker.

WILLIAM PARKER sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

16,713. What are you?—A fish merchant.

16,714. Did you receive any money from Mr. Downing at the last election?—Yes, 180*l.*

16,715. What did Downing give you this money for?—To give to the people that wanted money to vote. He asked me if I knew of anybody among the voters. I told him "Yes," and named to him some of them.

16,716. Did you pay away that 180*l.* to voters?—I can account for a good deal of it. First of all, there is Edward Jex of South Quay, 20*l.*, and Henry Ames either 15*l.* or 20*l.* I do not know whether it is 20*l.* or 15*l.*, but he will tell you if you will call him. Then James Elmer, 30*l.*; 15*l.* for his own vote, and 15*l.* he took for another voter, as he said, but I think he voted the other way.

16,717. Did he give you the name of the voter?—No, he did not. And there is William Humphrey, Saint George's Road, is the next. He had 25*l.*; he was down at Newcastle, and he had 20*l.* for his vote, and 5*l.* for his expenses backwards and forwards; but that was given to the woman. He was not at home when I gave it, but I gave it to the woman, and she telegraphed to her husband. And I think the next is Sam Seago. He had 75*l.* altogether.

16,718. Did you give it to him?—Yes. And I think there is a man of the name of Wales that I sent up to the "Angel." He went up, and Mr. Jones gave the money.

16,719. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That did not come out of this?—No, Mr. Jones gave him that himself. Charles William Wales, a cattle dealer at the north end. And Mr. Secret, I think he went to the "Army and Navy" and took his.

16,720. You did not give Mr. Secret any money?—No. He went to the "Army and Navy" and took it.

16,721. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you keep the balance of the money?—I had no balance.

16,722. Take that at the highest it comes to 170*l.*?—It cost me five or six. I might have two or three left. I cannot have more. I had a pony and cart, running about for a day or two.

16,723. You kept the rest for yourself?—I had no money left. I certainly spent it all; but I see they have me down for 20*l.* for a vote, and I never took twenty pence.

16,724. Your name is down as having been paid 20*l.* by Mr. Jones?—I never took a penny.

16,725. You did not?—No. They have got Mr. Fisk down. I should like to exonerate him. He never took a penny, I know. I asked him if he had a mind to vote, and he said, no money would buy him, and I know he was not bribed.

16,726. We took his word and struck him out.—I know. I asked him for his vote, and he said he should not take any money for it.

16,727. What did you get for your vote?—I got nothing at all, and did not wish for anything, and never asked for anything. It is the first time I ever voted in my life, and I think it will be the last, what I can see of it, after all this trouble. That is all I know of the election business. I had no tickets. I took the money from Downing for the few names that I wanted it for.

16,728. William Humphrey, St. Georges's Road, he had 25*l.*?—He came from Newcastle. He had 20*l.* for his vote, and 5*l.* for his expenses.

16,729. Did you give Mr. Humphrey the 20*l.* yourself?—I gave it to his wife. He was at Newcastle.

16,730. Did he come up and vote?—Yes.

16,731. Is Mr. Humphrey in Yarmouth now?—No. I think he is at Shields or Newcastle. I gave it to his wife. If you choose to call her you can.

16,732. We must see her. Did you get any tickets?—No; I had no tickets. There were general memorandums I had upon a bit of card. That is all I know of it.

16,733. Do you know William Newman?—No; I do not know him.

16,734. William Newman, the tailor, said yesterday, "I gave money to Parker?"—No. I never received a penny from Newman. I only did from Downing.

There are two Parkers, William Parker, the miller, which corresponds with my name.

16,735. You always went in couples with Seago, did you not?—Yes. If Mr. Newman is in court perhaps he can say, if you ask him, whether it is me or not. I do not know such a man.

16,736. Are you certain all the money you received from Downing was 180*l.*?—180*l.*

16,737. You were going to tell us about Henry Fisk; did you not offer him any money?—I asked him if he would oblige me and vote for the Liberals, and he said he did not think he should. I said, "I "can give you 20*l.*" and he said, it would not buy him.

16,738. At the "Feathers"?—Yes.

16,739. Had you anything to do with the Turrells?—Not anything. I think I did go after one of the Turrells, but he said he had been and voted at the "Army and Navy." I think it was one of the Turrells, I will not be certain. It would be James, if it was anybody. I know little James, the last witness examined.

16,740. Did you receive the money for Turrell?—Not that I am aware of; I forget, if I did I gave an account for it; I do not think I did though.

16,741. Did you receive any money from anybody else except Downing?—No.

16,742. No money from Jones?—No.

16,743. Did you give an account to Downing of the money you had spent?—No; I never was asked for it, not to the best of my knowledge; I might though, I forget.

16,744. What part did you take in the election by your giving this money away?—No other part than what I now tell you; that is all.

16,745. Did you canvass?—No; I only assisted Downing, that is all. I went and voted myself, and then Downing asked me if I knew any voters, I told him I thought I did, and they were those I mentioned I gave the money to.

16,746. Had you found out beforehand what those men would take for their votes?—No. There were plenty of them asked, I was going to say, two 15*l.*'s. There were plenty of them voted the other way, who said I was too late, and all that; there were plenty of them like that. In fact, I think if Mr. Brogden had been ruled by Downing he would never have spent a penny.

16,747. Did all those people come to you for the money, or did you go to them?—They were waiting about in the market place, and I went to them, some of them.

16,748. Were they all waiting about?—Some were waiting about, and some I went to their houses.

16,749. There were only five of them, you know?—Yes.

16,750. How many did you go to the houses of?—I am sure I cannot recollect; I cannot tax my memory with it.

16,751. Do I understand you when you went in the market place they were waiting about?—The people were all standing about there, waiting for it, of course, some of them, a good many of them.

16,752. What day was it when this money was paid?—I am sure I do not know whether it was the Monday or the Tuesday; I am sure I could not say.

16,753. If they were waiting about I suppose it was the nomination day?—That I could not say. When was the election day? the Wednesday?

16,754. Yes.—It would be the Tuesday, I should think, but I am sure I could not be positive.

16,755. The William Humphrey you mean lives in St. George's Road?—Yes. He is a mariner.

16,756. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do I understand you received 180*l.* from Downing?—Yes.

16,757. Did he give it you all at once?—Yes, it was all in one lump.

16,758. And after that you received no more money?—No.

16,759. From him?—From him nor anybody else.

16,760. And he never gave you any money for any tickets?—No.

16,761. When he gave you that money you were at liberty to dispose of it as you chose?—Yes.

16,762. He did not give you any names with it?—No; I had no restrictions. I gave him a few names that I thought wanted money.

16,763. You gave him a few names; he gave you no names?—No.

16,764. (*Mr. Slade.*) When you paid this money to those people did you go in the company of Seago?—Some of them. I and him were at Edward Jex's, South Quay, and perhaps at two or three others.

16,765. There were only five?—We were together a good part of the time, I and Seago.

16,766. Were you with Seago when you went to James Elmer?—Yes.

16,767. Were you with Seago when you went to Mr. Ames?—No.

16,768. And were you with Mr. Seago when you went to Mrs. Humphrey?—No, I know I was not.

16,769. Did Mr. Downing know you were going to Edward Jex?—Yes, I should think he did. I put them upon a bit of card, but I have not got it now.

16,770. All the names?—Not all of them, some of them; but they had lots of them been and voted, and those were crossed out.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

16,771. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you any statement to make?—I was going to make this statement. The difficulty I am placed in, in a case like this, is, here is a man coming forward with a list of names that I have not got. Downing presents a certain number of tickets to me, I take the tickets, and ticked them off the register. It comes out afterwards that money drawn for those parties is given to some one else. I am not cognizant of it. It still remains as having been paid to the parties that have not had the money. Those tickets came to me, and I gave Downing the amount. The money has been spent, and it is put down as having been paid to these parties. Downing gave me a lot of tickets, and I gave him the money for them.

16,772. Take for instance Henry Ames?—I have not that at all.

16,773. Look at No. 19 on your list?—That is crossed out.

16,774. Henry Ames, you see, Parker gave him 20*l.*, and he would have stood in the same way as Jex probably?—He might or might not.

16,775. The next case of James Elmer is not upon your list at all?—No.

16,776. James Elmer, 429. You have no 429 in your list?—I have not. If they would have allowed me to carry out the suggestion for me to pay every voter myself, and they to have the tickets and not money, I should have been able to give an account of the money. But you see, as it is, they would not agree to that. They would have the paying of the money themselves. They came to me with a certain number of tickets; I calculated the amount that it would come to, and handed the money to them, and then I took those tickets; but in many instances, it turns out, they did not give the parties in whose names they drew the money the amount, but they gave it to some one else. Downing says the reason of it was this, when they went to the parties with the money they had voted for the other side.

16,777. Was the money brought back to you?—No, never.

16,778. (*Mr. Russell.*) The proper course would have been, in such a case, to have returned the ticket to you, and to receive in lieu of it a ticket for the other person?—The proper course would have been to have brought the money back to me, and said, "Number so and so has gone on the other side."

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They should have brought the money back to me, and if they gave me another name, and they brought that name to me, which they did not do, I should have given another ticket. But they kept the money. My system was to pay all the money myself to each voter, and not to pay them till after they had voted. That is what I wanted to do. Perhaps it will be as well to state, this morning I had two names given to me as having been bribed, and it turned out they were dead men, and I refused to take them.

16,779. If you can get hold of the man who took the money that will be sufficient?—The party could not tell me the names: I thought that it was a get off. I believe it will turn out this Elmer has received money twice over. I was instructed he was engaged, and was well paid for his services, as a runner or messenger. Besides that money he had, Mr. Livingston tells me he was employed the whole time of the election.

16,780. Was his name sent in in the return?—Yes, I believe so.

T. Downing.

THOMAS DOWNING recalled.

16,781. (*Mr. Slade.*) Will you give us the names of those persons that had the tickets transferred to them?—We keep finding out several names upon the list now, that were not upon the list before, who have been paid, therefore they are omitted; and if you balance one with the other, you will find they will come all right at last.

W. Parker.

WILLIAM PARKER recalled; examination resumed by Mr. SLADE.

16,782. Edward Jex is put down as being paid 20*l.* by you?—That is a name given in. That was given in along with the others.

16,783. We will take Henry Ames to have received that 20*l.*?—I think he lives somewhere by York Road. I will not be certain whether it was 15*l.* or 20*l.* Ames will tell you.

16,784. You gave in a list?—Yes.

16,785. Is James Elmer dead?—Yes, I think he is dead.

16,786. Did you give James Elmer the 15*l.* yourself?—Yes.

16,787. Into his own hands?—Yes.

16,788. Surely you found out who his friend was?—He told me at the time. Seago was along with me at the time.

16,789. Have you forgotten it?—I never made any memorandum of it.

16,790. I ask you if you recollect it?—No, I do not. I cannot tax my memory.

16,791. Did James Elmer vote?—Yes, all the people that I gave money to voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl.

16,792. Were you upon the register in 1859?—No, I never voted before.

16,793. Did you take any part in that election?—No.

16,794. Were you in Yarmouth then?—Yes.

R. Wright.

RICHARD WRIGHT sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,795. What are you?—A coal carter.

16,796. Did you receive anything for your vote at at the last election?—15*l.*

16,797. Who from?—From Mr. Jones.

16,798. Where at?—At the "Angel."

16,799. Did you have a ticket?—No.

16,800. Who sent you up to the "Angel"?—A man of the name of Botwright.

16,801. Were you offered any money by the other side?—Yes.

16,802. How much?—15*l.*

16,803. Who by?—By Dr. Stafford.

16,804. When did Dr. Stafford offer you 15*l.*?—Four or five days before the election.

16,805. Is Dr. Stafford treating you?—No.

16,806. Did he come to your house?—No.

16,807. Is he attending you in any way?—He called me into his surgery.

16,808. Were you outside in the street?—Yes, in my cart.

16,809. Tell me what Dr. Stafford said to you?—He said he would give me 15*l.* if I would vote for Lacon and Goodson.

16,810. What did you say?—I said, no, I should not go that way.

16,811. Was that before you received the 15*l.* at the "Angel."?—Yes.

16,812. Did anybody else offer you money?—No.

16,813. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No. I have not had a vote since Lennox and Coope put up.

16,814. Did Dr. Stafford mention your name?—He knew me, and I knew him.

16,815. I mean in his evidence?—Not that I know of.

16,816. You did not hear of it?—No.

16,817. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you ever been a patient of Dr. Stafford's?—He is doctor to my house.

16,818. You are quite satisfied that Dr. Stafford offered you the 15*l.*?—He said, if I liked to vote for them, he would give me 15*l.*

16,819. Did he say where he could get it?—No. I did not hear him say that.

C. W. Wales.

CHARLES WILLIAM WALES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,820. What are you?—A cow-keeper.

16,821. Did you receive any inducement to vote at the last election?—Yes.

16,822. What did you get?—20*l.*

16,823. Who paid you?—Mr. Jones.

16,824. Where at?—At the "Angel."

16,825. Did you have a ticket?—No.

16,826. Who sent you up to the "Angel?"—I went up to the "Angel" twice. First, I went up with Mr. Waters.

16,827. Azariah Waters?—Mr. Waters, living in the Market Row, I do not know his other name. He is a linendraper.

16,828. What did you get the first time?—Nothing.

16,829. How was that?—Because I would not promise to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl.

16,830. How came you to go back again?—Mr. Parker met me in the market. He said, "Have "you voted?" I said, "No." He said "What do you "want?" I told him 20*l.* Then he went up with me, and they gave me the 20*l.* I told Mr. Jones before that, I should only vote one and one.

16,831. Mr. Parker went up with you?—Yes.

16,832. Then you went into Mr. Jones' room, and got the 20*l.*—No. Jones came to the door, and gave me the 20*l.*

16,833. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

16,834. How did you vote?—Brogden and Lacon.

16,835. (*Mr. Slade.*) That was because of the grains?—I voted for them because my living laid that way. I told them at first, when they first saw me, that I should vote one and one.

16,836. (*Mr. Russell.*) You received the 20*l.* to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—I told them that I should vote one and one.

16,837. Which party do you belong to?—The Liberal.

16,838. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No, only for the county.

16,839. Did you vote Liberal for the county?—Yes. I might have had money from the Tories to vote for them, but I voted for the Liberals for nothing.

16,840. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you count the money?—Yes, after I got away.

16,841. Are you sure it was 20*l.* and not 15*l.*?—Yes.

16,842. They say they gave you 15*l.*?—I think I can account for that. When Mr. Waters took me up, Mr. Jones spoke to me; I think it was Mr. Jones, a man with a pair of spectacles on. He spoke to me in a bedroom, and said, "Which way are you going "to vote?" I said, "Lacon and Brogden." He said, "That is one and one." I said, "I shall not vote any "other way?" and then he says, "You can go." I went downstairs again. After I had been in the market some little time, Mr. Parker came up to me, and said, "Have you voted?" I said, "No." He said, "What do you want?" I said, "20*l.*" He said, "Come along with me." I went down with him to the "Angel." Mr. Parker went in, and spoke to Mr. Jones, and he came out and said, "Your name is "down for 15*l.*" I said, "I have not taken a penny." I had not received a farthing then. And Mr. Jones, that is the gentleman (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*), says, "You have had 15*l.* already." I said, I had not had one farthing, and then he gave me 20*l.*

16,843. (*Mr. Russell.*) You were not paid by the man in spectacles?—No. That is the man who gave me the money. I will swear to him.

16,844. And he gave you 20*l.*—Yes.

16,845. You had refused to take 15*l.*?—I had. I think that will account for 20*l.* Mr. Parker named me when he came up here. What Mr. Waters stated about me is quite false.

16,846. What did he say?—He said that I met him in the market, and I asked him for 15*l.*, and he said my wife said that she would spend half of it in his shop if she got it.

16,847. Azariah Waters' evidence is gradually dwindling away?—I assure you that is quite false what he stated about me. In fact, I could face him upon that.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

C. Satterthwaite.

16,848. Do you recollect this man?—I think on the morning of the election I saw him.

16,849. He says you gave him 20*l.* on the morning of the election, and you said first his name was down for 15*l.*?—Yes.

16,850. And he said he had not had a farthing, and then you gave him 20*l.*?—I remember seeing his face; but I cannot remember the circumstances. I do not see why I should not have the 20*l.* down as well.

16,851. You see he is down on your list for 15*l.* and he says he received 20*l.*?—Will the Court have the kindness to look at Mr. Edwards's account.

16,852. (*Mr. Russell.*) There is 15*l.* in Edwards's list?—That is C.

16,853. You ought to have 20*l.* on your list, and you have omitted to put it there?—Yes; you will remember I am 10*l.* over.

JOSEPH DRAPER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Draper.

16,854. What are you?—A butcher.

16,855. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

16,856. How much?—15*l.*

16,857. Who gave it you?—Mr. Stannard.

16,858. Did he tell you where he had it from?—No.

16,859. He did not mention Mr. Bunn's name?—No.

16,860. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

16,861. You voted for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

16,862. How did you vote in 1859?—I voted Liberal then.

16,863. You voted for Watkin and Young?—Yes.

16,864. How come you to change?—To turn to the other side, do you mean?

16,865. Yes.—Because I was offered money.

16,866. Did you not get any money in 1859?—No.

16,867. You did not?—No.

16,868. If you had had no money at all would you have voted on the Liberal side this time?—I think I should.

16,869. You belong to that party?—Yes.

16,870. You voted against your party for 15*l.*?—Yes.

JOSEPH SECRET sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Secret.

16,871. What are you?—A greengrocer.

16,872. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

16,873. How much?—20*l.*

16,874. Who from?—Well, I am sure I do not know.

16,875. Where did you receive it?—At Cattermole's.

16,876. Had you a ticket?—Yes.

16,877. Who gave you the ticket?—That I do not know, I had it at the "Angel"; but I do not know who gave it to me.

16,878. Was it a stranger who gave it to you?—Yes.

16,879. A gentleman in spectacles?—That I do not know, I am sure; I cannot say.

16,880. Who sent you up to the "Angel"?—Mr. Parker, I think.

16,881. Were you paid any money by the other side?—No, I was not paid any money by the other side.

16,882. Had you a vote in 1859?—No, I had not.

SAMUEL RUDD sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

S. Rudd.

16,883. What are you?—A fisherman.

16,884. Did you have any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

16,885. How much?—15*l.*

16,886. Who paid it you?—I was paid at the "Army and Navy" tavern. I cannot say who paid it me.

16,887. Did you have a ticket?—No.

16,888. Who sent you up to the "Army and Navy" tavern?—Not any one.

16,889. How came you to go?—Well, it was talked about in the Tavern Road on the day before the election, and I, with some others, went that night to the "Army and Navy" tavern and there I got paid.

16,890. Who went with you?—I do not know, I am sure; not anyone that I know, not personally.

16,891. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

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JAMES FULCHER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,892. What are you?—A superannuated Trinity pilot.

16,893. Did you receive any money at the last election for your vote?—Yes.

16,894. How much?—5*l.*

16,895. Who gave it you?—A gentleman of the name of Whiting, in Southtown.

16,896. Is that all you received?—Yes.

16,897. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

16,898. You voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden?—Yes.

16,899. How came it you voted half and half?—I do not know; I made no promise particularly.

16,900. Which side was Mr. Whiting?—Liberal, I believe. Yes, he is Liberal.

16,901. What did you get for voting for Sir Edmund Lacon?—Nothing; it was given to me by Mr. Whiting, 5*l.*, and I never received any more.

16,902. You did not go up to the "Angel"?—No, I have not been there for many years.

16,903. Did you not go up to Cattermole's?—No.

16,904. You did not get any money from a strange gentleman?—No.

16,905. How came you to take so little as 5*l.*?—That is all I received.

16,906. Did you not hear that more money was being given?—No, I did not hear about that; 5*l.* was given to me, that is all.

16,907. Do you know a man named John Garrod?—No, his name is familiar, but I do not know the person.

16,908. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

16,909. Did you receive anything for it then?—No, I went to sea two days before the election.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

16,910. Look at 492?—12*l.* 10*s.*

16,911. Do you remember this man?—No. In this case perhaps the person who gave him the money can explain the 7*l.* 10*s.* balance. He gets it through a second party.

16,912. (*Mr. Slade.*) He got 5*l.* from Mr. Whiting?—Yes.

16,913. (*Mr. Russell.*) How do you account for this 12*l.* 10*s.*?—I cannot say.

16,914. You divide the 25*l.*?—They must have presented tickets to me for this amount 12*l.* 10*s.* I cannot say how they have distributed it. I have paid the money over to some one. All I want is for my own satisfaction, all this should be cleared up; how this money has gone.

16,915. I mention Mr. Garrod's name, because he is the other man who received 12*l.* 10*s.*?—They must have got 25*l.* from me and given me tickets.

W. Riches.

WILLIAM RICHES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,916. What are you?—A grocer.

16,917. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—I did.

16,918. How much?—20*l.*

16,919. Who from?—Mr. Jones, I believe, that gentleman sitting here.

16,920. Where were you paid?—At Wright's on the Church Plain.

16,921. Did you have a ticket?—No.

16,922. Who sent you up to Wright's?—Mr. Neave I think told me, and Tom Edwards I believe.

16,923. Were you offered any money on the other side?—I was, 15*l.*, but I was always Liberal.

16,924. Who offered you the 15*l.*?—Mr. Blyth the painter. I told him I never did vote that side.

16,925. And you refused it?—I did so.

16,926. You had not a vote for 1859, had you?—Yes, I had.

16,927. What did you receive for it then?—5*l.* Mr. Edwards sitting there gave it to me.

16,928. You voted Liberal then?—I did.

C. Towner.

CHARLES TOWNER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,929. What are you?—A carpenter and joiner.

16,930. Did you receive any money at the last election for your vote?—Yes.

16,931. How much?—15*l.*

16,932. Who from?—From a stranger.

16,933. Where at?—Close by the "Army and Navy" tavern.

16,934. Not inside it?—Not inside it.

16,935. In the street?—No.

16,936. Where at?—At Thompson's.

16,937. Who sent you there?—I was promiscuously there.

16,938. Who told you to go upstairs to be paid?—I was not upstairs.

16,939. Who told you to get your money?—Nobody told me to get it, there were other parties there and therefore I took it as well.

16,940. How did you know there was a stranger paying money at Thompson's?—I saw him.

16,941. Had you seen him before?—No.

16,942. Did you see him paying money?—No, I did not see him pay money, only to me.

16,943. How did you know he was paying money?—I heard that he was paying money.

16,944. Were you offered money by the other side?—No, not any.

16,945. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No, I was not on the register then.

T. Wooden.

THOMAS WOODEN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

16,946. What are you?—A mast maker.

16,947. Did you receive money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

16,948. How much?—15*l.*

16,949. Who from?—Mr. Downing.

16,950. Did he give you a ticket or money?—No. Money.

16,951. Where did he pay you?—In the "Army and Navy" tavern, Cattermole's.

16,952. Did he tell you where he got the money from?—No.

16,953. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

16,954. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

16,955. What did you get for it then?—Nothing at all.

16,956. You voted at the last election for Lacon and Brogden?—Yes.

16,957. How came you to split your vote?—I do not know; it took my fancy just at that time.

16,958. How came you to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—Because I had voted for him before.

16,959. You had taken money to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—No.

16,960. You got the 15*l.* to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—No; you will not find that written down in the list, Brogden and Vanderbyl.

16,961. No. What were you paid the money for?—I got all the money I received from this gentleman sitting there (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*).

16,962. What did you get it for?—I do not know; they offered it me and I took it, and I wish it had been as much more, I should have taken it.

16,963. Do you think you got it to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—Well, I know this gentleman very

well, I knew the money would do me good and I took it.

16,964. I see you split your vote in 1859 ?—I daresay I did ; I am sure I forget, it is so long since.

16,965. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You vote as you please and take money when you can get it ?—I should like to have some one to come and give me some money now, I should be glad enough to take it.

FREDERICK PALMER sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

F. Palmer.

16,966. What are you ?—A surgeon.

16,967. Did you give Harriet Sewell 10*l.* at the last election ?—I am not aware of it ; I gave her a parcel.

16,968. What kind of a parcel was it ?—A small paper parcel.

16,969. Brown paper ?—Yes.

16,970. Who gave you that parcel ?—I am not quite clear on that point, but, I think Mr. Fill ; I would not swear that Mr. Fill gave it me, but that is my impression.

16,971. Was it a sized parcel that might contain 10 sovereigns ?—I should say something of that kind.

16,972. When you gave it her did you say anything to her about her husband's vote ?—Not a word.

16,973. What passed between you and Mrs. Sewell when you gave her that parcel ?—Nothing at all.

16,974. Did you go into her shop ?—I perhaps could better explain to you exactly how it happened ; I was asked if I was going past Sewell's shop in Gaol Street ; I said Yes. If Mr. Fill gave me the money, and I think he did, I will not be positive on that point, he said, Will you leave this parcel there. I saw her in the shop and I gave it to her. Of course, I believe it was money, but as to what it was, whether it was 10*l.* or 5*l.* or 20*l.* I had not the slightest idea.

16,975. What did Mrs. Sewell say when you gave her this parcel ?—Nothing at all ; she made no remark whatever.

16,976. Did you make no remark at all to Mrs. Sewell ? — I think I could say positively not ; I merely gave it to her. I was asked to take this parcel into the shop, and seeing her in the shop I gave it to her and made no remark at all.

16,977. Mrs. Sewell has told us you said to her words to this effect, take care that your husband is early at the poll to-morrow morning ?—I should say I said nothing of the kind.

16,978. Are you sure you did not ?—I am nearly certain I said nothing of the kind.

16,979. Did you ask Mr. Fill why he asked you to give this parcel to Mrs. Sewell ?—I asked him no questions because I supposed what it was for ; I asked no questions about it. I merely considered myself in that case to be a sort of messenger. He said, Are you going past a certain place, if you are will you deliver this.

16,980. You have no doubt it was money ?—I have no doubt it was money.

16,981. To be given to her for her husband's vote ?—I should say I cannot have any doubt about that.

16,982. Did you give anybody else any money at the last election ?—No.

16,983. No one else ?—No.

16,984. Had Mr. Fill many of these parcels, when you saw him, in his hands, or how was it ?—I saw nothing else but that.

16,985. You knew what it was ?—I supposed it was money. I knew the man to be a voter. I knew the person living in that house was a voter. I supposed it was money ; perhaps if I had thought of it I should not have carried it. It was done in the haste of the moment ; he said, Are you going past so and so, and I said, Yes, and he said, Just deliver that parcel."

16,986. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is Mr. Sewell a patient of yours ?—No.

16,987. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you taken any part in election matters before this ?—Yes.

16,988. Were you on a committee anywhere ; upon any committee ?—I do not know if you can call me on a committee at all ; I was acting, but I took a very inactive part in it.

16,989. Were you on a committee in any particular ward ?—I think from what I have seen in the papers I was put on in the St. George's Ward, but I have no recollection of it.

16,990. Did you canvass at all ? — I would not positively say that I did or did not. I think I might have gone out on one occasion.

16,991. Do you mean with the canvassers ?—With the canvassers.

16,992. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What acquaintance had you with Mr. Fill before this ? — I have known Mr. Fill for the last 20 years.

16,993. Were you attending him then ?—No, I have known him merely as an inhabitant of the town and a man I have met on many occasions.

16,994. How did you happen to be in his shop on this occasion ?—I was not in his shop, I think it was in the street.

16,995. Being at the election time you could not doubt what it was ?—I am bound to tell the truth, I had no doubt it was money.

16,996. At the time he gave it you ?—I have no doubt of it.

16,997. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you not consider it rather a reversal of position for Mr. Fill to make a messenger of you ?—I suppose he had more money than I had to do with at the election. I had nothing whatever to do with money except this individual case, and if I had considered I certainly should not have taken it ; it was given to me at the moment by simply asking me, Are you going past, and I said, I am, and then he said, Will you deliver this. That is all I have done in the matter.

16,998. Have you any particular influence with Mrs. Sewell ?—None whatever.

16,999. You are not aware of any reason why Mr. Fill should have selected you as the emissary ?—Not the slightest.

17,000. Was it a casual meeting in the street between you and Mr. Fill ?—Yes ; I had seen Mr. Fill at different places, at the "Angel" and other places at the time of the canvass. Do not understand it was the first time of my meeting Mr. Fill during the election.

17,001. Was Mr. Fill on his way to Mrs. Sewell, do you think ?—No, Mr. Fill was coming the other way.

17,002. Was it near Mr. Sewell's house you met him ? — No ; I should say it is somewhere near where we are now.

17,003. How far did you have to go ?—About 100 yards, I think.

JACOB SHIMMON sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Shimmon.

17,004. What are you ?—A carpenter.

17,005. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election ?—I did.

17,006. How much ?—15*l.*

17,007. Where were you paid it ?—At the "Army and Navy" tavern.

17,008. Did you receive a ticket ?—Yes.

17,009. Who gave you the ticket ? — Newman, William Newman, I think his name is ; he came to my house on Tuesday morning.

17,010. Were you offered any money by the other side ?—I was.

17,011. How much ?—20*l.*

17,012. Who by ?—E. O. Johnson, my master that I then worked for, a builder.

17,013. Was that after you had received the 15*l.* at

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the "Army and Navy" tavern? Were you offered the 20*l.* by Mr. E. O. Johnson after you received the 15*l.*?—No; at the shop where I was working, previous to that, some time.

17,014. Did you refuse that?—Yes.

17,015. Why?—I told him I was Liberal in principle, and had always voted on the Liberal side and never took a shilling for my vote in my life.

17,016. Then you did not take anything for your vote in 1859?—No.

17,017. Were you offered any?—Yes, I was offered some.

17,018. Who by?—By young Fayerman, I think it was.

17,019. How much were you offered?—I was offered 5*l.* but I did not take it.

17,020. Who is Mr. Fayerman?—He was a grocer's foreman, in a grocer's shop, or something of that sort.

17,021. And you refused it?—And I refused it.

J. Crow.

JOHN CROW sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

17,022. What are you?—A carpenter.

17,023. Did you receive any money at the last election for your vote?—Yes.

17,024. How much?—It was 12*l.*

17,025. Who paid it to you?—It was paid to me at the "Army and Navy" tavern.

17,026. Did you have a ticket?—Yes.

17,027. Who gave you the ticket?—I do not know the person by name; he was a stranger to me.

17,028. Was it a gentleman with spectacles?—No, he was pitted with the small-pox. I do not know his name at all.

17,029. Do you remember what was on the ticket?—There was a B and a dash to it, I think.

17,030. Do you remember how you were paid?—Yes.

17,031. Twelve sovereigns?—12 sovereigns.

17,032. How did the gentleman give them to you, in paper?—No, he took them out of his pocket and counted out 12 sovereigns and gave them to me.

17,033. Is that the gentleman (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*)?—That I could not say; it was the gentleman who went by the name of Jones, that is all I can say.

17,034. Were you offered any money by the other side?—Yes.

17,035. How much, 15*l.*?—No, 10*l.*

17,036. Who by?—Mr. Cooper.

17,037. Did you refuse it?—Yes.

17,038. Why?—I told him I should vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl.

17,039. Were you offered the 10*l.* by Mr. Cooper before you got the 12*l.*?—Yes, several days.

17,040. Can you remember when you were offered it?—I think it was about the Saturday week previous to the election, if I am right.

17,041. Are you sure it was as long before the election as that?—Yes.

17,042. Had you a vote in 1859?—No, I was not in Yarmouth.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

17,043. This man received 12*l.* and he is down for 10*l.*; he says he got a B ticket with a dash after it?—Mr. Downing has been telling me he made that ticket out, and he put two dashes. I should not understand the dashes; there were no instructions about those dashes, I know. It will bring me a little nearer in my account.

J. Westoby.

JOHN WESTOBY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

17,044. What are you?—A shoemaker.

17,045. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

17,046. How much?—15*l.*

17,047. Who from?—William Utting, fishowner.

17,048. Where did William Utting give it you?—St. George's Tavern, St. George's Road.

17,049. Did he tell you where he had it from?—No.

17,050. What did he say?—He asked me on the morning which way I was going to vote; I told him I should vote Liberal, and he gave me that money.

17,051. Were you offered any money on the other side?—I was offered 10*l.* by a man named Carter, a tobacconist; whatever the Liberals gave he said he would give.

17,052. Where does Carter live?—No. 1, York Terrace.

17,053. What is his Christian name?—I cannot say; Thomas, I think.

17,054. Do you know if he is a voter?—Yes; it is just by St. John's Church.

17,055. Is it James Carter?—Yes.

17,056. Did you refuse it?—Yes.

17,057. Why?—Because I wished to go on the other side.

17,058. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

W. Trorey.

WILLIAM TROREY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

17,059. What are you?—A greengrocer.

17,060. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

17,061. How much was it?—15*l.*

17,062. Who from?—A stranger. I do not know who.

17,063. Where were you paid?—At the "Angel."

17,064. Did you receive a ticket?—No, only the money.

17,065. Who told you to go up to the "Angel"?—Some person told me to go up there. I do not know who it was.

17,066. Were you paid by a gentleman in spectacles?—I think he had them on.

17,067. Were you offered any money by the other side?—Yes.

17,068. Who by?—Mr. Ellis.

17,069. J. G. Ellis?—I do not know what is his christian name.

17,070. Where does he live?—In the Broad Row.

17,071. Robert B. Ellis of Broad Row?—Ellis of Broad Row.

17,072. How much did he offer you?—Well, he would have given me 16*l.*

17,073. Where did he offer it to you?—It was in my own shop.

17,074. Was that before you had received the 15*l.* at the "Angel"?—Yes.

17,075. Did you refuse to take the 16*l.*?—I did.

17,076. Why?—It is not my way. I was not a Conservative.

17,077. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No; I was in the same place, but I was not on the register.

17,078. (*Mr. Slade.*) Let us have exactly what Mr. Ellis said to you?—Well, if I recollect right, the first time I met him was on the quay. He said, "Trorey, I should like to turn you into a Conservative." I said, "Would you, sir?" He said, "Yes." He says, "What do you say?" I said I was not that way inclined. Afterwards he came into my shop. He said, "What do you say; will you go our side?" I said, "No; I have no wish to do that." He said, "Why not?" I said, "I wish to be on the other "side." He says, "Will you take something?" I said, "What is it?" He said, "15*l.* is what they are "giving." He said, "I have had nothing to do with "it before. I should like to have you come over. "If you like to go I will give you 1*l.* out of my own "pocket;" and I said, No, I should not.

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R. Bacon.

E. C. Aldred.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

17,079. Do you remember this man?—I think I have a recollection of him. I will not be positive. I have him on my list 15*l.*

ROBERT BACON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

17,080. What are you?—A hatter.

17,081. Did you receive any money at the last election for your vote?—Yes.

17,082. How much?—15*l.*

17,083. Who from?—From Mr. Jones.

17,084. Where were you paid?—The "Army and Navy" tavern.

17,085. Did you have a ticket?—Yes.

17,086. Who gave you the ticket?—A man by the name of Newman.

17,087. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

17,088. Had you a vote in 1859?—No, I was off the register.

EDWARD COOPER ALDRED sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

17,089. What are you?—A junior partner in a woollen draper's in London.

17,090. Where do you live?—12, High Holborn.

17,091. Did you ever reside in Yarmouth?—15 years back I was an apprentice here.

17,092. For how many years were you apprenticed here?—Seven years.

17,093. During those 15 years have you ever paid visits to Yarmouth?—The last six years I have; for six or seven years I have.

17,094. During the last six or seven years?—Yes.

17,095. And during the last six or seven years how often have you visited Yarmouth?—Two or three times a year, as my business brought me down here.

17,096. Were you a traveller for this house?—I travelled occasionally.

17,097. When you say your business brought you down two or three times a year, was that travelling for your house?—Yes.

17,098. How long did you stay when you came down here?—Two or three days, as my business kept me.

17,099. What is the greatest number of days that you stayed at one time?—I really cannot tell you. It entirely depends on my business whether I am detained here three or four days.

17,100. I want to know what is the greatest number of days you stayed here at one time?—I cannot recollect. I have taken no notice of it.

17,101. Give us an idea; I will not tie you for a day?—I may have been down here for four or five days, but I really cannot tax my memory as regards that. I am down here occasionally for a holiday, that I do not reckon.

17,102. When you come down for a holiday how long do you stop?—That entirely depends. Sometimes I have been here as long as a week.

17,103. Would a week be a long holiday for you?—It entirely depends. Sometimes I take a week now and a week then. I do not take a holiday at a regular time. As my business is, so I go away for a week or a fortnight.

17,104. How many times have you been down for a holiday during the last six years?—I may have been down three times in the six years.

17,105. Not more?—I should think not.

17,106. When was the last time you came down here for a holiday before the election?—I think I was down here for a week some time last year. I think it was in the beginning of June.

17,107. Can you tell me how long you stayed at that time?—I stayed a week.

17,108. When you are down here on your business I presume you move about the town for orders?—I do.

17,109. In fact I suppose you are continually moving about the whole time you are here?—I am.

17,110. And coming here two or three times a year on business, and coming down for your holiday, I presume you are tolerably well known in Yarmouth?—No, I should think not. I only call on my customers, and that is all. I do not call on tradespeople individually. I call on a certain class of customers, and there my business ends.

17,111. Do not you make it your business to know people?—No, certainly not. I have enough to attend to my own.

17,112. Are you rightly described to us as being a perfect stranger to Yarmouth?—I do not exactly understand that. I am a stranger because I have left here now 15 years, and not being down for six or seven years, I should consider that I was a stranger to the town.

17,113. You have been down here in the last six years three times a year on your business?—I do not say three times a year; I say two or three times, as my business brings me.

17,114. And you come down occasionally for your holiday?—Yes, when I am down here for a holiday you understand I do not spend all my time in the town.

17,115. Where do you spend it?—I go up the water three or four days fishing. I am not in the town.

17,116. You are in the town sometimes for a week, and walk and sail sometimes?—Yes, but I may stop out three or four days.

17,117. You may stop out three or four days sailing?—Yes.

17,118. Have you ever done so?—I have.

17,119. When you come down for a holiday whom do you stay with?—My father.

17,120. Who is your father?—A silversmith.

17,121. What relation are you to the mayor?—Nephew.

17,122. When you come down here, do you frequently see your uncle the mayor?—I call in perhaps once or twice, or two or three times, as I am passing.

17,123. You are on very familiar terms with him?—I am.

17,124. Are you aware that your uncle the mayor is a strong Conservative?—No.

17,125. Have you ever met with gentlemen of that party at his house?—When I called in, I think, the Saturday before the election.

17,126. I ask you, have you ever at your uncle's house met with gentlemen of the Conservative party?—Certainly not.

17,127. Do you know any of the Conservative party of this borough?—Very few.

17,128. Do you know any?—Very few indeed.

17,129. Whom do you know?—Mr. Charles Diver, Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Fyson, and two or three more.

17,130. I want to ask you a question, and be careful how you answer it. Do you remember Mr. Cooper?—I did not know him prior to the election.

17,131. Never saw him?—That I will not swear to.

17,132. Never spoke to him?—Never spoke to him.

17,133. Did not know him by sight?—I might have known him by sight.

17,134. Did you?—I might have known him by sight, but I did not know it was Mr. Cooper. I will be on my oath I never spoke to Mr. Cooper or knew him prior to the time of the election.

17,135. I do not say know him, but did you know him by sight?—I think I can hardly go so far as that. Of course it is a thing gone by with me.

17,136. The thing is all over, and we have found out the whole of this, but I want to know whether

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you knew Mr. Cooper before the election?—No, I did not.

17,137. Had you ever heard of Mr. Cooper?—No.

17,138. Did you ever hear politics discussed in Yarmouth?—No.

17,139. Never?—Not since I left, 15 years back.

17,140. You heard them discussed then?—Yes.

17,141. Does your recollection carry you back 15 years?—No.

17,142. Why do you say you recollect politics being discussed then?—Because I was bound apprentice for seven years, to take up my freedom.

17,143. That had nothing to do with your politics. I ask if you heard politics discussed?—Yes, at that time I did.

17,144. Was it a frequent matter of discussion with you?—No, not myself.

17,145. Did you take an interest in politics 15 years ago?—Yes, I did, because I had an idea when my time was up I should have a vote for the borough, and the freemen have been disfranchised since.

17,146. Coming down to Yarmouth so often as you do, have you ever taken an interest in the Yarmouth politics since?—No, I have not.

17,147. Did you ever hear of a contest in Yarmouth?—I have read it in the paper.

17,108. Never heard anyone mention it?—I never heard anyone mention it from Yarmouth.

17,149. You never heard of bribery I suppose until you came down here?—No, of course; excuse me, the freemen were disfranchised for bribing.

17,150. You heard of that?—Yes.

17,151. But you never heard of bribery going on since the freemen were disfranchised?—I have not.

17,152. You never heard of Sir Edmund Lacon canvassing the place?—No.

17,153. And you never heard of rich people coming down here to spend money?—No; it did not concern me.

17,154. And you never heard of Mr. Cooper?—No.

17,155. And you never heard of Mr. Nightingale?—Yes, Mr. Nightingale I have.

17,156. You knew him?—Yes.

17,157. Did Mr. Nightingale give you this money?—Mr. Nightingale told me there was a parcel, which I took to Mr. Cooper. He did not say anything about money.

17,158. Where did you meet Mr. Nightingale?—At my uncle's house.

17,159. On what day?—The Saturday evening.

17,160. What time?—I really cannot tell what time, some time in the evening, after tea.

17,161. Who sent for you?—No one.

17,162. What did you go there for?—Merely in a casual way, to call and see my uncle.

17,163. Who was there besides Mr. Nightingale?—No one.

17,164. And was your uncle present?—I went into my uncle's private room, and Mr. Nightingale and my uncle were in the breakfast room.

17,165. Is that the same room?—It is in connexion with the room. There is a door from the private room to the breakfast room.

17,166. Was your uncle present when Mr. Nightingale gave you the parcel?—Yes, I think he was.

17,167. When he gave you the parcel, what did he say to you?—He asked me if I knew Mr. Cooper. I said no, and he then directed me to Mr. Cooper's shop.

17,168. How did he describe it?—Opposite the police station. I had to inquire my way after I left there. I was not quite sure. I inquired my way to Mr. Cooper's shop.

17,169. Did you know what was in the parcel?—I did not.

17,170. Do you mean to say you did not know where Mr. Cooper's shop was?—I did not.

17,171. Did Mr. Nightingale say you were to give it to Mr. Cooper himself?—To Mr. Cooper himself.

17,172. Well, go on?—That is all. I was to give it to Mr. Cooper myself.

17,173. You did not know Mr. Cooper?—I inquired, and was directed to the shop. I inquired for Mr. Cooper. Mr. Cooper came forward, and I gave it him, and said, "There is a parcel for you."

17,174. Did Mr. Nightingale describe Mr. Cooper to you?—I really cannot say. I did not take so much notice as to be able to go into that sort of thing. The time has gone by so long. I cannot tax my memory.

17,175. You knew the parcel contained money, I presume?—I did not.

17,176. It was, I take it, a brown paper parcel of small size, and very heavy?—Yes, very heavy.

17,177. What did you think it contained?—I formed my own opinion that it was money of some kind, but I did not know whether it was either gold, silver, or copper. I did not know, and did not wish to know.

17,178. And so you took it to Mr. Cooper?—I did.

17,179. And when you got into the shop you asked for Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Cooper came forward?—He did.

17,180. What did Mr. Cooper say?—He said, "Put the parcel down." And I put the parcel down.

17,181. Did he say anything about some more being wanted?—I think I asked him, "Do you want any more parcels of this kind," or something of that sort, something to that effect; but I really cannot tell you, to speak truthfully.

17,182. What did he say to that?—I think he would be in on the Sunday afternoon, if there was any more required, but that I would not be positive about. I mean to say that I really cannot give the verbal conversation.

17,183. I will not ask you word for word, but was not there an arrangement made for the next day?—I think there was.

17,184. That you were to bring some more money?—I was to bring another parcel. I will not say there was money mentioned, because I did not know there was money in the parcel.

17,185. Did you go and tell Mr. Nightingale you had given him this money?—No.

17,186. When did you see Mr. Nightingale again?—I called in at my uncle's as I was passing the Sunday afternoon, and Mr. Nightingale was there.

17,187. Was that after church?—It was before church; it was in the afternoon.

17,188. But was it after morning service?—It was after morning service.

17,189. Did you tell Mr. Nightingale that Mr. Cooper wanted another parcel?—No, certainly not.

17,190. Did Mr. Nightingale give you another parcel?—Mr. Nightingale gave me another parcel to take down to Mr. Cooper.

17,191. What did Mr. Cooper say to that?—"Here "you are again," or something of that sort. I really cannot tell you what he said.

17,192. Did he say he wanted another, or did you ask him if he wanted any more of those parcels?—I cannot say; I really cannot.

17,193. You took him another parcel on the Monday?—On Monday evening I think I did.

17,194. Where did you get it from?—From the same source.

17,195. At your uncle's house?—At my uncle's house.

17,196. From Mr. Nightingale?—From Mr. Nightingale.

17,197. Was anybody present when you got the parcel?—No.

17,198. Did you see Mr. Nightingale in the same room?—I cannot tax my memory about the Monday's parcel. I took it, I am aware, but I cannot say. I think the parcel was left for me. I do not think anyone was there, but I think the parcel was left for me.

17,199. Do you mean left for you with the servant?—No.

17,200. Where ?—Left in my uncle's private room.

17,201. Addressed to anybody ?—No.

17,202. But a similar parcel to what you had taken on the Sunday ?—A similar parcel to what I had taken.

17,203. You knew what it was for ?—I supposed what it was for. I was not told what it was for.

17,204. Had Mr. Nightingale on the Sunday given you to suppose there would be a parcel for you the next day, Monday ?—If there was a parcel required, I should find it at a certain place in my uncle's room.

17,205. He said that ?—As near as I can recollect; something to that effect.

17,206. Were you to ascertain from Mr. Cooper whether another parcel was required or not ?—No.

17,207. How would you know whether another parcel was required ?—I went to the drawer specified, and I found it, and took it down.

17,208. How did you know it was required ?—Because the parcel was there.

17,209. Being there you knew it was required ?—I knew it was required.

17,210. When you took the last parcel to Mr. Cooper, was anything said ?—I do not think there was.

17,211. Did you understand from Mr. Cooper, when the last parcel came, that that was enough ?—No. I left Yarmouth the next day.

17,212. I want to know whether Mr. Cooper gave you to understand he would not want any more parcels ?—He did not. I left Yarmouth the next day.

17,213. When did you take the parcel to Mr. Shuckford ?—The Saturday evening.

17,214. Before or after Mr. Cooper's parcel ?—After Mr. Cooper's parcel.

17,215. Had you got Mr. Shuckford's parcel in your pocket when you took the parcel to Mr. Cooper ?—No.

17,216. Then you went back to Mr. Nightingale ?—Then I went back to Mr. Nightingale.

17,217. To your uncle's house ?—Yes.

17,218. What did you say to Mr. Nightingale ?—That I had delivered the parcel.

17,219. Did you tell Mr. Nightingale more would be required ?—I told him I had made an appointment with Mr. Cooper for the Sunday afternoon.

17,220. And what happened then about the parcel for Mr. Shuckford ?—He gave it to me, and asked me if I knew where Mr. Shuckford lived; I said I did not. He directed, and I took it.

17,221. Did you know Mr. Shuckford by sight ?—I knew him by sight.

17,222. Had you ever spoken to him ?—I may have spoken to him when I was at my uncle's on business, and nothing more. I never passed any words with him until I delivered that parcel to him, to the best of my recollection.

17,223. Mr. Shuckford was not a stranger to you ?—He was not a thorough stranger to me.

17,224. You knew him ?—I should not have known him if I had met him in the streets.

17,225. Not by sight ?—No.

17,226. You say you had spoken to him ?—When you come to recollect and put 15 or 16 years on to a man's life, there is a great alteration in a man's features. I should not at that time have sworn it was Mr. Shuckford. If he had been put with 20 or 30 men I should not have been able to pick Mr. Shuckford out.

17,227. Had you kept up your acquaintance with Mr. Nightingale, or was he a stranger to you ?—I have seen him occasionally at my uncle's when I have called in.

17,228. You knew Mr. Nightingale very well ?—Yes, as a friend of my uncle's.

17,229. Do you know most of your uncle's friends ?—No. Mr. Nightingale was a particular friend of my uncle's. I have seen them together several times. I have not seen him there in particular, but I have seen them walking together.

17,230. Is Mr. Shuckford a friend of your uncle's ?—Not that I am aware of.

17,231. What did Mr. Shuckford say when you brought him this parcel ?—To put it down in one of the holes at the back where he was sitting. Little pigeon holes in the back of his office.

17,232. Did he make any remark ?—No.

17,233. Did he ask what it was ?—No.

17,234. Did he seem to you to expect it ?—No. He was sitting quietly at the desk. I went in and asked him if it was Mr. Shuckford. He said "Yes." I said "I have a parcel." He said "Put it down." And I walked out, and he seemed satisfied.

17,235. He did not express the slightest astonishment ?—I think not. I really cannot tax my memory as to astonishment; but he treated it in an off-hand way. All he told me was to put it down. I did not stop to see his astonishment; I delivered it and went out.

17,236. You took it as a matter of course ?—Not as a matter of course. I was ordered to deliver the parcel; I delivered it, and went away. I did not wish to know what the parcel contained.

17,237. You did not tell Mr. Shuckford who it came from ?—I did not.

17,238. And he asked no question ?—He did not ask any questions.

17,239. I suppose you were sufficiently a stranger for the purpose of the election. These gentlemen might say they did not know you, though you were always about the town ?—I do not exactly understand. Who do you mean by "these gentlemen ?"

17,240. I mean Mr. Cooper and Mr. Shuckford ?—Certainly not. They did not know me.

17,241. And had not the slightest notion who you were ?—Certainly not, to the best of my knowledge; and I did not know them.

17,242. Or where the money came from ?—I did not know that it was money; nothing was said to me about money.

17,243. You did not think it was anything else but money, did you ?—That was a conclusion of my own.

17,244. You knew it was money ?—I did not know it was money when the parcel was given to me.

17,245. Directly you had it in your hand you knew it was money ?—I supposed so. What it was I could not tell.

17,246. You knew it was coin of the realm ?—I supposed it was money.

17,247. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did Mr. Nightingale tell you to be very careful of the parcel ?—No.

17,248. Did he tell you to take care you did not deliver it into any hands but Mr. Cooper's ?—No.

17,249. When you saw Mr. Cooper in his shop, did you recognize him as a man you knew by sight ?—No; I asked if it was Mr. Cooper, when I went into the shop.

17,250. Were you nervous at that time ?—Not particularly so; not that I am aware of. I might have been a little nervous.

17,251. Mr. Cooper says you were nervous ?—I might have been so.

17,252. Do you think you were sufficiently nervous not to recognize a man you knew by sight ?—Certainly not.

17,253. Were you in Yarmouth before the election of 1859 ?—No.

17,254. Had you ever taken a parcel in this sort of way before ?—Never.

17,255. Did you know Mr. Green ?—Do you mean a man called Teapot Green ?

17,256. He is dead now, and I was not sufficiently intimate with him to know his nickname ?—I do not know him.

17,257. He was the gentleman who managed for the Conservatives before Mr. Cooper, in the same manner ?—I was not aware of it.

17,258. You never gave him a parcel ?—Never.

17,259. You are not aware of ever having a transaction of this sort before ?—Never

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

R. Rushmer.

8 Sept. 1866.

ROBERT RUSHMER sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

17,260. What are you?—A carpenter and joiner.

17,261. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

17,262. How much?—10*l.*

17,263. Who from?—I do not know from what hand I took it.

17,264. Where were you paid?—At the "Army and Navy."

17,265. Are you sure it was not 15*l.*?—Yes, I am sure it was not 15*l.* I see it is 15*l.* on the sheet, but 10*l.* I received.

17,266. Did you get a ticket?—No.

17,267. Who sent you up to the "Army and Navy"?—There was a message came down to mine in the evening, about 8 or 9 o'clock, previous to the election, that I was to go down to the "Army and Navy" tavern.

17,268. Who was the message from?—I do not know ; I cannot say.

17,269. Had you bargained before for 10*l.* for your vote?—No, I made no bargain with anyone or communicated with anyone, neither party.

17,270. Who canvassed you for your vote?—Both parties.

17,271. Did you promise neither side?—No, neither.

17,272. Did nobody tell you you would get 10*l.* if you went up there?—No ; I was not made any promise at all, nor did not expect it.

17,273. Were you offered any money on the other side?—Yes.

17,274. How much?—15*l.* brought into my house.

17,275. Who by?—I do not know ; it was brought in two or three times.

17,276. By a stranger?—Yes.

17,277. Did the stranger say where he could get the 15*l.* from?—No. He said I was to blame that I did not take it.

17,278. Did you count your money when you got it?—Yes ; 10 sovereigns was the sum, neither more nor less.

17,279. Did you ask the gentleman for that?—No, I never asked, or was never asked the question at all. Mr. Cattermole was the man that called me upstairs. I went up on the stairs, and some gentleman was sitting at the table, and he handed 10 sovereigns to me, and said, "Here is a present for you, my old friend," and who the man was I do not know from Adam.

17,280. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Would you know him if you saw him again?—No, I did not see the man's face, only a sort of a side face.

17,281. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

17,282. What did you get for it then?—Four sovereigns.

17,283. Who gave you that?—From my son. He persuaded me to take it.

17,284. Where did your son get it from?—I do not know. He brought it to my house, and persuaded me to take it ; I said I would not, but he persuaded me to take it, and I did take it. He told me he got 5*l.* and kept one for himself.

17,285. Your son got 5*l.*?—No, my son was not a voter.

17,286. What is your son's name?—Charles Aldous Rushmer. He is not to be come at now ; he is dead.

17,287. Did you get that 4*l.* to vote for Watkin and Young?—Yes.

17,288. Were you offered any money then by the other side?—Not any.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

17,289. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember this man?—I do not remember him, but I have him down on my list for 15*l.*

S. Seago.

SAMUEL SEAGO sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

17,290. What are you?—A fish curer.

17,291. Did you receive any money at the last election?—75*l.* ; I think it was 75*l.*

17,292. Who from?—William Parker.

17,293. What did you do with it?—I had four names. There was Samuel Drake, Mr. John Horth, Simon Woods, and John Wisker.

17,294. The only Horth on the register is James Horth?—I think his name is James Horth ; he lives in the Quay Row. Wisker is a publican.

17,295. He lives in Southtown?—Yes, he voted for Southtown.

17,296. The Ferry Farm, Southtown?—That is right.

17,297. What did you give these men?—I got the money for Mr. Horth, but I did not see him after that.

17,298. How much did you get for Mr. Horth?—I got 20*l.* for him, but I was sent to Mr. Sumner, of the Jetty Road, by Mr. Edwards, to give it to him, as I never saw Horth.

17,299. What is Sumner's name?—I do not know what his name is.

17,300. There is a Sumner in St. Peter's Road and a Sumner in the Albion Road?—It is in the St. Peter's Road. That money I gave to him instead of Horth, as I did not see him. I was sent to him by Mr. Edwards.

17,301. Then you gave Mr. Horth's 20*l.* to Sumner?—It was 15*l.* or 20*l.*, I forget which. The next one, Samuel Drake, the carter. I had not the money when I went to him first in the morning, but I found he was inclined to have something for his vote ; I asked him what he would have, and he said 10*l.* if he voted, and I left him a little while, and I went to him again ; I had got the money then, and he said, "Now I will have 15*l.*" I said, "You should have "told me so before, and that would have saved me "some trouble." I had got 15*l.* for him, and then he wanted 20*l.*, so I said, "You are a rum sort of "old customer," and he said, "Look here, Mr. Rey-"nolds has been here;" and after he mentioned Mr. Reynolds to me of course I never showed him the money, or offered it to him, as I thought if anything happened afterwards I might be called on, so I left him, and he got nothing from me. The next was Simon Woods 20*l.*, and he cost me 2*l.* or 3*l.*, as he was a little forward in drinking.

17,302. Did you give him 20*l.*?—Yes.

17,303. And when did he have the 2*l.* or 3*l.*?—That was his expenses in drinking. I had to get him up in a cab, and two or three of them. Then John Wisker, he is 20*l.*

17,304. What did you do with the money you had for Drake?—I did not expend that in any way, only what I have laid out during the election.

17,305. You kept that?—Yes, I kept the remainder ; it might be 12*l.* or 13*l.* I had left. He might have taken it ; I do not know that he would not have taken the 20*l.* However, I found what he was upon ; of course I did not show him the money. I told him I had it.

17,306. What did you get for your vote?—Not anything, not a penny ; I never asked for it.

17,307. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You took the 12*l.* or 13*l.*, you had that?—So I understand ; some of them had 100*l.*, but I did not take it for my vote. I tried to lay it out, but I was not going to give it to a man twice over.

17,308. (*Mr. Slade.*) You are put down in Mr. Jones's list as having received 20*l.*?—I never received a penny, nor yet anything of the kind did I ever ask for.

17,309. You saw Edward Jex with Parker?—Yes; Jex upon the quay.

17,310. Did you see Parker give him 20*l.*?—Yes; I was along with him when he gave the 20*l.*

17,311. Did you know a man named James Elmer?—Yes.

17,312. He is dead?—He is dead.

17,313. Did you see him in the company of Parker?—Yes.

17,314. Did you see Parker give him any money?—Yes. I think it was 30*l.* or 35*l.*; 30*l.* I think it was.

17,315. Do you know whether it was for himself and another man?—He said it was for another one besides himself.

17,316. Do you know who the other man was?—No, I do not.

17,317. Did he mention his name?—He did mention his name, but I forget now; I do not remember it.

17,318. Have you ever met with the name before?—I do not know that I have. I know Elmer, because he used to do the chief of my writing for me; that is how I came to know him.

17,319. You know he got 30*l.*?—I know he got 30*l.*

17,320. Did you get any more money besides this at the election time?—Not a penny.

17,321. Did you offer anybody any money besides these people?—No. I sounded one, that was Christmas Frosdick, to know, but I found he was hard on the other side, and I never offered it because I had it not.

17,322. When you did not see James Horth you gave Sumner the money?—Yes.

17,323. Was that for himself?—That was for himself.

17,324. For his own vote?—Yes.

17,325. Not for him to give Horth?—I never saw Horth after that; and Edwards knew by some means or other I had some money, and so he told me to go and carry it to Sumner.

17,326. And Sumner kept it?—And Sumner kept it.

17,327. How much did you give him?—It was either 25*l.* or 20*l.*, I do not know which. It could be only 15*l.*, because I had 12*l.* or 13*l.* afterwards.

17,328. It would be only 15*l.*?—I think it was only 15*l.*

17,329. That would make the 20*l.* over, which you kept, which went for your vote?—No, that it did not, because I spent some of it during the election, so it could not be for my vote. I kept it, and I might have had 20*l.*, 30*l.*, or 60*l.* if I liked. In fact, I might have kept what I did get. I tried to lay it out, as I told you before. Old Drake, I might have given him 20*l.*, but after I found the other party had been there, I took myself off out of the yard.

17,330. Did you offer the 20*l.* to Mr. Parker?—No; I had not 20*l.* to offer.

17,331. Yes you had?—There was 20*l.*; but there was 3*l.* or 4*l.* short of it.

17,332. Well there were 17*l.*?—No; I never offered it him.

17,333. Did you ever offer it to anybody?—No.

17,334. You did not offer to return it?—No.

17,335. Do you know Mr. Jones?—No.

17,336. Did you hear of him?—I heard talk of him.

17,337. Did you hear of him at the time of the election?—I knew nothing of him.

17,338. Did you know where Mr. Parker got the money from?—He got it from Mr. Downing, I think.

17,339. Did you ever offer the 17*l.* to Mr. Downing?—No.

17,340. You used to see Downing very frequently?—I have seen Downing very frequently.

17,341. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know who Downing had the money from?—No, I do not.

17,342. If Drake had taken it, it would have been a bribe?—Yes; of course it would.

17,343. But you taking it, it was not?—It was given to me to lay out; and I tried as hard as I could to lay it out without giving it twice over. I have no doubt he would have taken it if I had given it him, but I fancied he had got it when I called.

17,344. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you at the "Angel," or at Cattermole's?—No, I was not at Cattermole's. I went to the "Angel" once or twice, but was never at Cattermole's at all.

17,345. Did you see people at the "Angel" who were receiving money, to your knowledge?—I never saw anyone take anything at the "Angel."

17,346. Did you see them after they had taken it?—No, I do not recollect that I saw anyone. I remember one or two being there. I think Holmes was there, but I do not know whether he got money.

17,347. You knew money was being given away there?—I fancy so, because Mr. Parker had it there.

17,348. Were you in Yarmouth at the election in 1859?—Yes.

17,349. Did you do anything of this sort then?—No. It is the first time of my having anything to do with it.

17,350. Did you vote?—Yes.

17,351. Did you receive anything for your vote?—No.

17,352. Did you receive any money at all?—No.

17,353. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Whom did you vote for in 1859?—I think it was Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh.

17,354. (*Mr. Russell.*) Watkin and Young?—Yes. Watkin and Young I think it was.

17,355. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You lived in King Street in 1859?—No.

17,356. "Samuel Seago, of King Street?"—North Quay, was it not?

17,357. (*Mr. Russell.*) Then, you voted for Lacon and Stracey?—I am sure I forget. It might be Lacon and Stracey.

17,358. You have changed your politics since?—I am sure I do not know about that. I thought it was Watkin and Young, and I do not know but what it was now.

17,359. What did you get for your vote in 1859?—I do not recollect getting anything for it.

17,360. Did you see Mr. Cooper in 1859?—No; I never had any money from him in my life—not a penny.

17,361. Did you know Green?—I knew Mr. Green very well.

17,362. How much did Mr. Green give you in 1859?—Not a halfpenny. I never had a halfpenny in my life.

17,363. What made you vote for Lacon and Stracey then, and Brogden and Vanderbyl this time?—I do not know. Mr. Fill behaved a little unpleasant to me, and for that reason I did not vote that side.

17,364. Do you call yourself a Liberal, or a Conservative?—I always fancied the Liberal the best.

17,365. And you vote for the Conservatives and the Liberals turn and turn alike?—I often turn about, but I tell you, Mr. Fill once did behave very bad to me. He helped to break me up, and that like, and that is the reason I did not vote that way. He was the principal cause of it, and that is the reason I did not vote that side.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

17,366. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know anything of this witness?—He is one who was dealt with through intermediate parties. I should not know much of him. He is one of Downing's.

17,367. I mean, did you pay this man?—The money would be drawn from me in another manner entirely.

17,368. Not personally?—No; the same as that other man that was paid by Parker.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

R. B. Ellis.

8 Sept. 1866.

ROBERT BEANE ELLIS sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

17,369. We hear that you offered William Trorey 16*l.*—That is quite correct.

17,370. What did you offer it him for?—For his vote.

17,371. Did he take the money?—No, I did not show him the money either, it was not enough for him.

17,372. Had you 16*l.* to give him?—Not of any other money, but my own money.

17,373. Did you know where you could get that money repaid you?—Yes. I could have got the money from Mr. Cooper if I had given it him. I had no money of Mr. Cooper's when I offered it him.

17,374. Had you any authority from Mr. Cooper to offer him this money?—Yes, in this way. This man Trorey I have befriended, and been a great friend to his son-in-law. I saw him go to a tobacconist's shop opposite mine, previous to the election. I called him in, and asked him if he would oblige me by voting for the Conservatives. He said no, his circumstances were poor, and a little money would do him some good. It came out that way. I am one of the overseers of the parish, and being connected with Mr. Cooper, so far as he is the printer for the overseers, and being about the time of the registration preparing in the month of July. I told him, when I was speaking of the election matters, I said, "I "think I can get a vote, only he wants some money." He said, "If you can manage him for 15*l.*, you can "go so far as that." I offered Trorey 15*l.* at first, and he said it was not enough. I said, "I shall give "you 16*l.*," for which I should have given a sovereign out of my own pocket; and so I left him.

17,375. How long before the election had you this conversation with Mr. Cooper?—On the Sunday.

17,376. Was this the only vote you told Mr. Cooper you could get?—The only person I ever asked. I should not have asked him, but I thought in gratitude he had a right to oblige me, as I had befriended his son-in-law.

17,377. Were you in Yarmouth in the year 1859?—Yes, all my life.

17,378. Did you do anything at the election of 1859?—Nothing.

17,379. Did you canvass at all?—No.

17,380. Take no part?—No part whatever.

17,381. Did I understand you are a tobacconist?—No, I am a brushmaker. I say Trorey kept a small shop, and I saw him go to a tobacconist's opposite my house.

Adjourned till Monday at 11 o'clock.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

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Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 10th September 1866.

Mrs. E. Humphrey.

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Mrs. ELIZABETH HUMPHREY sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

17,382. Are you wife of William Humphrey?—Yes.

17,383. Where is your husband?—I do not know where he is, but at sea, on his passage up from the North.

17,384. Did you receive any money for his vote at the last election?—I did.

17,385. How much?—25*l.*

17,386. Who from?—Mr. Parker.

17,387. Was that divided into two, 20*l.* for his vote and 5*l.* for his expenses?—Just so.

17,388. For whom did your husband vote?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

17,389. Did you tell your husband you had received 25*l.* for his vote?—No, only 5*l.* for his expenses.

17,390. And said nothing about the 20*l.*?—No.

17,391. Does he know now that you had 20*l.* for his vote?—Yes, he was told of it in the market a fortnight since.

17,392. Have you told him yourself?—No.

17,393. Did he tell you he heard of it?—Yes, he did. Of course I was obliged to acknowledge it then.

17,394. Did you ask him to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—Yes.

17,395. And did he vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl because he had 5*l.* for his expenses?—Yes.

17,396. Had your husband a vote in the election before the last?—No, he had not.

M. Gurney.

MATTHEW GURNEY sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

17,397. What are you?—A fish curer.

17,398. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

17,399. Who from?—A man called Jones, I think.

17,400. At Cattermole's?—No, at Wright's on the Plain.

17,401. Had you a ticket?—No, I never heard of one until this inquiry was on.

17,402. Who sent you to Mr. Jones?—Mr. Neave called at my house, and told my wife to tell me to go there.

17,403. Which Mr. Neave was that?—I asked my wife, and she told me Mr. James Neave had called.

17,404. For whom did you vote?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

17,405. Did you receive any money on the other side?—No.

17,406. Had you any offer on the other side?—Yes.

17,407. Who was it by?—Mr. William Blyth.

17,408. What did he offer you?—He offered me 7*l.*, then he offered me 10*l.*, then he offered me 12*l.*, to vote for Mr. Goodson, for one vote he said.

17,409. Did he know you were going to vote the other side?—No, not that I know of.

17,410. What did you mean by saying "for one vote?"—It was on Monday night after I had been to Mr. Wright's; still I did not tell him I had been there, and he said Sir Edmund Lacon was safe, and Mr. Goodson they were afraid of, and he said he would give me 12*l.* if I would vote for Mr. Goodson.

17,411. Why did you not take the money to vote for Mr. Goodson?—Because I told him a grievance I had before when I had to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon, and I should not vote for him this time.

17,412. What was the grievance?—I used to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and all the parties free of the other party, and Sir Edmund Lacon gave a dinner at the theatre to invite his friends to, it was said in the bill, but I think they were his enemies instead of his friends, for I was not allowed to go in or look in, although Mr. Buston asked one to look in. He asked me to go the night before the dinner; he said, "Will you come and look at it, it is worth looking "at." And when I went in the evening, I took two men with me who voted for the council and the county,

and when we got there Mr. Buston said, "You are "just in time, come in and look in," and the door-keeper said, "They must not come here." He said, "You must go round by the side door." When I went to the side door, the man said, "You must not come "in here."

17,413. Is that your grievance?—I said, "Mr. "Buston sent me here;" he said, "You are not "allowed in;" and when I came back to the front door I told Mr. Buston of it, and he burst out laughing, and I thought it was very unfair of Mr. Buston, as I voted for the parties free all the time, that he should make such a laugh of me, so I intended not to vote for the party for the borough. The next day I went round, the day of the dinner, with a man of the name of Richards, who keeps the "King's Arms;" he is dead now, and they would not allow me in then, and a few days after the dinner I found people were there who voted one and one.

17,414. Still you did not vote for the other side without being paid for it?—I did for the municipal elections, not for the borough, because there was not one until then.

17,415. You voted for Sir Edmund Lacon in the year 1859?—Yes, and 1857 too.

17,416. Did you receive any money for your vote in 1859?—No, I always promised Sir Edmund Lacon when I saw him, and this time I did not see him at all; this last election he never asked me.

George Cornelius Carter sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald. *G. C. Carter.*

17,417. What are you?—A licensed victualler.

17,418. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

17,419. Who from?—I cannot tell the man's name.

17,420. Where at?—It was at the "Army and Navy;" I did not know the man.

17,421. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No, I never voted that way at all, never in my life since I had a vote.

17,422. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

17,423. Did you get anything for it then?—Nothing.

Edward Burman sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald. *E. Burman.*

17,424. What are you?—A butcher.

17,425. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

17,426. Where at?—The "Army and Navy" tavern.

17,427. Were you offered anything by the other side?—Not a farthing.

17,428. In 1859 did you get anything?—No, I had no vote.

17,429. Who sent you to the "Army and Navy?"—I heard they were giving away money there.

17,430. Who from?—I do not know who from.

17,431. Had you a ticket?—No, no ticket.

17,432. When did you hear they were giving away money?—About 7 o'clock in the evening, something about that.

17,433. Monday or Tuesday?—I cannot say which, the evening before the election.

17,434. You cannot tell who sent you there?—I heard it talked about, and I went down.

17,435. Have you always been a Liberal?—Yes.

Henry Amis sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald. *H. Amis.*

17,436. Where do you live?—At my place.

17,437. Do you live in the York Road?—Yes.

17,438. What are you?—A fish merchant.

17,439. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

17,440. Where?—Mr. Parker gave it to me.

17,441. When did he give it you?—The day before the election.

17,442. Are you sure you got only 15*l.*—Quite sure of it.

17,443. Mr. Parker said he gave you 20*l.*?—No.

17,444. Did he give it you in sovereigns?—Yes.

17,445. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

17,446. Did you get anything in 1859?—Yes.

17,447. How much?—15*l.*

17,448. Who from?—Mr. Shuckford.

17,449. And you voted on the other side I see?—Yes.

17,450. Are you sure you were not offered money on the Conservative side?—I am quite sure of that.

Charles Howard sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald. *C. Howard.*

17,451. What are you?—A ship caulker.

17,452. What did you get for your vote?—20*l.*

17,453. Who from?—At Mr. Wright's, the shoemaker's shop. He was a stranger to me.

17,454. But at Mr. Wright's?—Yes, on Church Plain.

17,455. Who sent you to Mr. Wright's?—Robert Miles called for me.

17,456. Had you a ticket?—No.

17,457. Who is Robert Miles?—He is a ginger-beer manufacturer.

17,458. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

17,459. Were you not canvassed by the other side?—Oh yes, the parties called, but I was not seen by any one.

17,460. Did you get anything in 1859?—No.

17,461. Had you a vote?—No; this is the first vote I had.

William Porter Carrier sworn; examined by Mr. Slade. *W. P. Carrier.*

17,462. What are you?—A baker.

17,463. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

17,464. Who for?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

17,465. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*

17,466. Where?—At Mr. Cattermole's.

17,467. Who sent you to Cattermole's?—Mr. Houghton, the baker, told me money was to be paid there, and Mr. Morl, the shoemaker, in Gaol Street. It was generally talked about from one to the other, if we went to Cattermole's we could get the money.

17,468. Is that Mr. Houghton, in Gaol Street?—Yes; he told me money was to be paid there, and Mr. Morl, the shoemaker, who now lives in London.

17,469. Mr. Morl, of Charlotte Street?—Yes.

17,470. Do you know who it was who paid you at Cattermole's?—No; I was about three parts tipsy when I went, and the room was in a shade. Money was laid on the table and I took it up, and I tell you, upon my oath, I do not know the man. I should not know him at all; upon my solemn oath I should not know the man.

17,471. Can you say whether he had spectacles on or not?—No; I was three sheets in the wind when I went, as the saying is. That is telling you the truth. I am on my oath.

17,472. In 1859 did you vote?—Yes.

17,473. Who for?—Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin. That was my maiden vote.

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W. P. Carrier.

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17,474. Watkin and Young? — McCullagh and Watkin was my maiden vote.

17,475. But Mr. McCullagh was not a candidate?—Mr. McCullagh was, and I voted for Mr. McCullagh.

17,476. Not in 1859?—With Young and Mellor there was no vote, because the Tories had not a chance then.

17,477. The election before the last did you vote?—I voted every election. My first maiden vote was McCullagh and Watkin. That is all about it.

17,478. You voted at the last election for Watkin and Young. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

17,479. How much?—10*l.*

17,480. Who gave it you?—A man of the name of Royal, a tailor.

17,481. Royal is dead, is he not?—No, not that I know of; not Royal, the tailor. I am talking about McCullagh and Watkin. I am talking the truth.

17,482. Royal gave you 10*l.* Was that the election of 1857 or 1859?—That I cannot tell you. It must be 1859, the first vote I ever had.

17,483. The election after that did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

17,484. What did you get?—10*l.*

17,485. Who gave you that?—Mr. Clements.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

17,486. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you recollect this man?—No; but there is no doubt I should pay him, as I do not think Mr. Edwards did pay any money there.

17,487. He is not in your list; he is No. 254?—No; I have 255, but not 254; I have got 253 and 255. It is possible I may have put it down opposite the wrong name in this case. I do not know. If it is so it will make some one come up and say they have not been paid.

C. Dye.

CHARLES DYE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,488. What are you?—A shopkeeper.

17,489. What shop?—In the Caister Road.

17,490. What sort of a shop?—A general shop.

17,491. Are you a grocer?—A grocer and general dealer.

17,492. And what did you get for your vote?—20*l.*

17,493. Where at?—Mr. Wright's in the Church Plain.

17,494. Who took you there?—Mr. Edwards and Mr. Neave.

17,495. Is that George B. Edwards?—I cannot say his christian name.

17,496. The tailor?—Yes.

17,497. Were you offered anything on the other side?—Nothing.

17,498. Did you vote in 1859?—Yes.

17,499. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

17,500. Who from?—Mr. Clements.

J. Gowing.

JOHN GOWING sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,501. What are you?—A fish curer.

17,502. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

17,503. Where at?—The "Angel."

17,504. What did you get in 1859?—I had not a vote.

17,505. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is that all you got?—Yes; that is all I got.

17,506. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who took you to the "Angel"?—I was told to go there by Mr. Edwards, the tailor.

17,507. Did not Mr. Edwards give you 20*l.*?—No; it was some other gentleman. I do not know who it was.

17,508. Did Downing give it you?—No; it was not Downing, I knew him well. It was some strange man. It was not a Yarmouth man.

17,509. Had he a straw hat on at the time?—No; he had no hat on at all when I saw him.

17,510. Is that the gentleman who paid you (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*).—No; that is not the gentleman.

17,511. Had he spectacles on?—No; no spectacles on.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

17,512. (*Mr. Slade.*) How were you dressed?—At that time I wore a moustache, and I had my whiskers all over my face growing. I had not shaved for a year or two.

17,513. Not a sham beard?—No.

17,514. Your own hair?—Yes. I think the moustache was sham.

17,515. Had you a straw hat on?—Invariably. I had two or three hats, but I fancy at the "Angel" I wore a straw hat.

17,516. Did you wear the same dress at the "Angel" as you did at Wright's?—Not always. I had two or three suits of clothes with me. I did not change my clothes not to be detected.

17,517. Do you mean you brought three or four different hats to Yarmouth?—Yes; I had a Scotch cap and a straw hat, the same as I have now. In fact, I have two or three now.

17,518. Not for the purpose of disguise so much?—No; just for a change.

17,519. Did you give away any money without a beard and moustache on?—Yes; I should do it, certainly.

17,520. Can you recollect where it was?—No; I cannot say where that was.

17,521. I see this man is down in Edwards's list as well as yours?—Will you give me the number.

17,522. It is 541?—Yes; for 20*l.*

17,523. You gave it him?—I must have given it him.

17,524. He says he was not paid twice over, so we must take his word for it; but there seems a confusion about it?—There is sure to be a confusion where there are two payers. But I must have paid him, I think. In fact, I should not have had him on my register if I had not.

W. Carr.

WILLIAM CARR sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,525. What are you?—A fish curer.

17,526. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—30*l.*

17,527. Who from?—Two gentlemen; one of them I do not know. I got 15*l.* from Mr. Hudson and 15*l.* from a gentleman in the "Army and Navy."

17,528. Who sent you to the "Army and Navy?"—Mr. Downing.

17,529. Had you been paid by Mr. Hudson before you went to the "Army and Navy?"—No.

17,530. What day did you get it from Mr. Hudson?—The Sunday morning.

17,531. What day did you get it at the "Army and Navy?"—I think the Tuesday night.

17,532. Which way did you vote?—Lacon and Brogden.

17,533. Did you get any money in 1859?—No, I had not a vote.

MICHAEL FIELD sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,534. What are you?—A glass dealer.

17,535. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

17,536. Whom did you get the 15*l.* from?—I do not know.

17,537. Where did you get it?—At the "Army and Navy."

17,538. Who sent you there?—A gentleman by the name of Downing.

17,539. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

17,540. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

17,541. What did you get then?—10*l.*

17,542. Who from?—Mr. Steward; he was a pawnbroker living in the street.

17,543. Have you a father living?—Yes.

17,544. You are Michael Field, junior?—Yes.

J. E. Chestney.

JOHN EVERSON CHESTNEY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,545. What are you?—A baker.

17,546. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

17,547. Where did you get it?—At the "Angel."

17,548. Had you a ticket?—I had a ticket from Mr. Edwards.

17,549. Did you look at it?—No, I cannot recollect anything about it.

17,550. What was on the ticket?—I do not know.

17,551. Were there any letters on it?—I do not know. I never looked at it. I really do not know whether I made use of it at all. I was sent there to go up to the "Angel;" that is all I know.

17,552. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No, I was not canvassed by them at all."

17,553. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

17,554. What did you get then?—10*l.*

17,555. Who from?—Mr. Clements.

R. Garwood.

ROBERT GARWOOD sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,556. What are you?—A fish curer.

17,557. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

17,558. Whom did you get it from?—Mr. Wright, on Church Plain.

17,559. Who sent you there?—Mr. Edwards.

17,560. Had you a ticket?—No.

17,561. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

17,562. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

17,563. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you asked for your vote on both sides?—When the people came to my house I was not at home. There were parties came the other side, but I do not know who they were; I was not at home.

A. Durrant.

ALFRED DURRANT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,564. What are you?—A baker.

17,565. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

17,566. Who from?—Mr. Thomas Downing brought it to me.

17,567. Did you get any money from him?—Yes.

17,568. Did he give it you in money?—Yes.

17,569. When did he give it you?—On the Tuesday, I think.

17,570. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

17,571. Did you see anything of them?—Sir Edmund Lacon called upon me, and I told him I should vote for the Liberals.

17,572. You were a Liberal?—Yes.

17,573. Did you get anything in 1859?—No.

17,574. Had you a vote?—No.

17,575. (*Mr. Slade.*) When you were canvassed by Mr. Brogden, what answer did you give him?—I told him I did not know that I should vote at all, for I did not know that I should have time, but that if I did vote, I should vote for the Liberals. I was on the Liberal side and promised him I should not vote against him.

17,576. He understood from that that you wanted money?—I never asked him for any or anyone else; they brought it to me; I never stirred a step for it.

W. J. Budds.

WILLIAM JONATHAN BUDDS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,577. What are you?—A sail maker.

17,578. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

17,579. Where did you get it?—At the "Army and Navy."

17,580. Who sent you there?—I heard it talked over, and I went there. I heard the parties talking; who they were I do not know.

17,581. Did you get a ticket?—No.

17,582. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

17,583. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

17,584. What did you get for it then?—Not anything. I had a good many votes, but I never took anything before.

17,585. You voted for the Liberals in 1859, did you not?—Yes.

17,586. Are you a Liberal?—Yes.

17,587. Why did you take a bribe for voting?—I thought I might as well have it, there was so much flying about, as go without; and I should have voted without it, but it was flying about so quick, and as I wanted it very badly I took it with the rest.

E. Brady.

EDWARD BRADY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,588. What are you?—A baker.

17,589. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—10*l.*

17,590. Whom did you get it from?—A man of the name of Jones.

17,591. Where at?—The "Army and Navy."

17,592. Who sent you there?—A man brought me a ticket to go there the Monday evening before the election.

17,593. Who brought it you?—I do not know the man. I know the man to see him, but I do not know his name.

17,594. Do you know Mr. Newman?—It may be Mr. Newman. If I heard the man's name I have forgotten it, but I know the man's features.

17,595. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

17,596. What did you get for it then?—I got 12*l.* from Mr. Cooper.

17,597. What did Mr. Cooper give you that 12*l.* for?—To vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

17,598. And did you?—No, I got 10*l.* the other side, from Mr. Clements.

17,599. So you voted for both the Liberals?—Yes.

17,600. Notwithstanding you got the larger sum from Mr. Cooper?—Yes.

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E. Brady.

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17,601. How is that?—Mr. Cooper offered to give me that, and I took it.

17,602. Did he not give it you to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

17,603. And why did you take his money and not vote?—Because I had been served very dirty tricks by the Red party, so I took it for that.

17,604. They served you a dirty trick, so you determined to serve them a dirty trick in return, is that it?—That is it.

W. Butler.

WILLIAM BUTLER sworn; examined by MR. FITZGERALD.

17,605. What are you?—A shoemaker.

17,606. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

17,607. Who from?—Mr. Jones.

17,608. Had you a ticket?—Yes.

17,609. Who gave you a ticket?—Mr. Juler.

17,610. Is that Miles Juler?—I do not know, it is Mr. Juler, the jeweller of King Street.

17,611. Did you get anything from the other side?—No.

17,612. Were you offered anything?—No.

17,613. In 1859 had you a vote?—No.

W. Cooper.

WILLIAM COOPER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,614. What are you?—A shoemaker.

17,615. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

17,616. Who from?—A gentleman unknown to me at the "Angel," with a mysterious straw hat on.

17,617. Had you a ticket?—No.

17,618. Who sent you there?—Downing.

17,619. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

17,620. In 1859 had you a vote?—Yes.

17,621. What did you get for it then?—Nothing.

17,622. Whom did you vote for?—The last time?

17,623. In 1859?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

17,624. And you got nothing for your vote?—No.

17,625. Are you a Conservative?—I cannot say.

17,626. Why did you vote for them that time?—I cannot say. I have been one and one, so I do not know what I am, a Conservative or a Liberal, as far as that goes.

17,627. You are a Liberal?—Yes.

17,628. Was it the 20*l.* made you a Liberal?—No.

17,629. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you call yourself a Liberal Conservative?—I cannot say, I leave that in your hands.

17,630. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are you sure you were not paid in 1859?—Yes.

17,631. Might you have forgotten it?—No, I do not think I could forget that. I do not think I could.

17,632. Will you swear you were not paid anything for your vote in 1859?—I am sure I was not.

17,633. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you offered anything?—I cannot say, it is so long back.

17,634. You must say; were you offered anything?—Not that I know of, I do not know that I was.

17,635. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you forgotten all about it?—I have forgotten this far, I know I have not taken any money, I do know that. I have forgotten the circumstances; I know the way I voted and I think I should know if I took any money or no.

T. Gooch.

THOMAS GOOCH sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,636. What are you?—A basket maker.

17,637. Where do you live?—In Church Plain.

17,638. What did you get at the last election for your vote?—20*l.*

17,639. Where?—At my shop.

17,640. Who from?—Mr. Watson.

17,641. Was that to vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

17,642. Did you take anything from the other side?—No.

17,643. How did you vote?—For Lacon and Goodson.

17,644. It is Thomas Gooch, Church Plain, is that you?—Yes.

17,645. You are the only Gooch in Church Plain?—Yes, there is Thomas H. Gooch in Church Plain, the liquor merchant.

17,646. (*Mr. Russell.*) There is another Thomas Gooch on the register?—There is Thomas Gooch in the Tower Road, a publican.

17,647. (*Mr. Fizgerald.*) When did Mr. Watson give you this money?—I cannot say the day.

17,648. How long before the election?—It may be two or one. I do not know whether it was one or two days before.

17,649. Do you know Mr. Watson very well?—Yes, I know the man.

17,650. He was very active about the election?—Not that I know of. I do not concern myself much about it.

17,651. Do you know of anybody else whom Mr. Watson gave money to?—No.

17,652. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Watson had forgotten you?—Has he? I do not know that.

17,653. I think he has forgotten a good many, has he not?—That I do not know, I am sure.

17,654. (*Mr. Fizgerald.*) Did you vote in 1859?—No.

17,655. It is George Watson, the game dealer on Fuller's Hill?—Yes.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

17,656. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you got No. 525 on your list?—Yes, for 15*l.* What is the number of the other Thomas Gooch.

17,657. 524.—It is possible I may have made a mistake. Here is 525, it is possible I may have made a mistake by putting it to 525 instead of 524.

17,658. (*Mr. Russell.*) This man voted for Lacon and Goodson, and the other for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Then I must have made a mistake and put C. or D. opposite 525 instead of 524. It has been my mistake on the register.

R. Johnson.

ROBERT JOHNSON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,659. What are you?—I keep a small pork shop.

17,660. Where do you live?—In King Street.

17,661. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15 sovereigns.

17,662. Where did you get the 15*l.*?—At the "Army and Navy Tavern."

17,663. Who sent you there?—Mr. Fox the builder.

17,664. Did he give you a ticket?—Yes.

17,665. What is Mr. Fox's christian name?—I think his name is Thomas Fox. He lived at Marlborough Square.

17,666. In the Apsley Road?—Yes.

17,667. Were you offered anything on the other side?—Not anything.

17,668. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

17,669. What did you get then?—Nothing at all.

TWENTY SECOND DAY.

R. Johnson.

17,670. Whom did you vote for then?—The Liberal side.

17,671. Are you a Liberal?—Yes.

17,672. How came you to take 15*l.* for your vote?—I should not have taken it then if I had not been asked to take it.

17,673. People are very liberal, you see, with other people's money?—Sometimes it is the case.

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GEORGE FRANCIS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

G. Francis.

17,674. What are you?—I am a rope maker by trade, but I do a little business in the fishing way, but it is very little in comparison.

17,675. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—I got 15*l.*

17,676. Where?—Mr. Edwards and Mr. James Neave made an agreement with me, and I went to Mr. Wright, the shoemaker in Church Plain, and took it.

17,677. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

17,678. In 1859 had you a vote?—Yes.

17,679. And did you get anything for it then?—No.

17,680. I see you voted for Lacon and Stracey then?—Yes.

17,681. How came you to vote for him; are you a Conservative? Do you belong to the Red party?—I do. I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon then in 1859.

17,682. Was it the 15*l.* that converted you to the other side?—They were neighbourly people that I knew very well, and I suppose that is how it was done, nothing more than that.

M. Brereton.

MATTHEW BRERETON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,683. What are you?—A master mariner.

17,684. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—Nothing.

17,685. Did you get anything for your services?—Nothing.

17,686. Are you sure you did not get 5*l.*?—I am certain I never got five farthings.

17,687. Do you know Mr. Fill?—I do.

17,688. Did he give you any money at the election time?—Certainly not.

17,689. Did Mr. Fill offer you anything?—Certainly not.

17,690. Did he buy anything for you?—No. Not that I know of.

17,691. Mr. Fill has said that he drew 5*l.*-for you?—I never received a farthing in my life from electioneering. Not even a glass of grog, or the price of one.

17,692. Had you a conversation at that time with Mr. Fill about some flags?—Yes.

17,693. Did you ask him anything?—I asked him during the election whether he could send me up a flag or two to fly at the election time, and three little flags were sent down to my house. That is all I know about it.

17,694. Who by?—I suppose by Mr. Fill's servant in his shop. I was not at home when they came.

17,695. What did you do with the flags?—Hoisted them on my pole in the garden, the three little flags, the same as they hoist on the beach.

17,696. Were the flags worth anything?—Yes. They were worth something.

17,697. Have you kept the flags?—Yes. I would have paid for them since, but Mr. Fill said it was of no consequence. That is since the election; I said I had better pay for them.

17,698. You said you had better pay for them?—Yes.

17,699. And he said it was of no consequence?—Yes. Of no consequence.

17,700. Mr. Fill bought the flags?—They were second-hand ones and new. I buy a great many of him at different times.

17,701. The only thing is, at this time he did not make you pay for them?—No. I got them for the garden. He asked me whether he could send me a flag or two to fly at the election.

17,702. And you offered to pay for them, and he said it was of no consequence?—That was since the election, when the noise came about them, when he said he had charged for them. I said I would rather pay for them. I had nothing to do with bribery all my life.

17,703. It had nothing to do with your vote?—Nothing at all.

17,704. He put you forward as the only man having anything to do with bribery, and forgot the important case of Mrs. Sewell?—I had nothing to do with bribery, I would not take it. I have voted every election, and they never asked me for anything.

S. Aldridge.

SAMUEL ALDRIDGE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,705. What are you?—A fish merchant.

17,706. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

17,707. Where did you get it?—At Mr. Wright's shop.

17,708. Had you a ticket?—No.

17,709. Who sent you there?—Mr. Thomas Edwards sent me there.

17,710. Were you offered anything on the other side?—Nothing at all.

17,711. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

17,712. Did you get anything then?—Yes.

17,713. How much?—10*l.*

17,714. Who from?—Thomas Edwards.

17,715. The same man?—Yes.

17,716. To vote for the Liberals?—To vote for the Liberals.

S. Howard.

SAMUEL HOWARD sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,717. What are you?—A baker.

17,718. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

17,719. Who from?—Mr. Jones paid me.

17,720. Where?—At Mr. Wright's shop in Church Plain.

17,721. Who sent you there?—Mr. Edwards, the tailor.

17,722. Had you a ticket?—No.

17,723. Did you vote in 1859?—No.

17,724. Had you a vote?—No.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

17,725. He is not on your list I see?—He is one scratched out of my list I think. A good deal of this was done to set another person's account right. I cannot conceive any other reason. You see I pay the men. I have it on my register as having paid him, and then it is struck off here.

17,726. Do those additions at the bottom of your paper include the sums we have gone through?—No. Not in the writing. In the blacklead I cannot make some of them out, but this 510 omits this 20*l.* It was added up in blacklead first.

17,727. It was added up afterwards in ink?—Yes.

17,728. And omitted in the ink?—Yes.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

C. Frosdick.

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CHRISTMAS FROSDICK sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,729. What are you?—A cooper.

17,730. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—10*l.*

17,731. Who from?—Mr. Hudson.

17,732. That was to vote for the Conservatives, was it not; for the Red?—Yes.

17,733. Did you get anything else?—No, not a farthing.

17,734. From nobody else?—From nobody else.

17,735. Were you asked by the other side; were you offered money on the other side?—No. No money on the other side.

17,736. Did you get 15*l.* from that gentlemen, Mr. Satterthwaite?—No. I never saw the gentleman.

17,737. Were you at the "Army and Navy"?—No.

17,738. Nor at Wright's?—No.

17,739. Nor at Thompson's?—No.

17,740. Were you canvassed by the Liberals?—No.

17,741. And asked for your vote?—No.

17,742. Not by the liberals?—No.

17,743. Did they not ask you for your vote?—No. When I met them one day, they said "It is no use asking him."

17,744. You said that?—No, they said that.

17,745. "It was no use asking you?"—The gentleman said so.

17,746. Why was it no use asking you?—Because I would not vote for them.

17,747. Are you a staunch Conservative?—Yes.

17,748. Always have been?—Always have been. Always voted a Tory.

17,749. You are quite certain you did not receive any money from the Liberals?—Not a farthing.

17,750. You would not take it if it was offered you, I daresay?—No. That I would not. Not from a Blue, that I would not.

17,751. Did you vote Red in 1859?—Yes.

17,752. Did you get anything then?—No. Not a penny piece.

17,753. When did Mr. Hudson give you this 10*l.*?—I shall reckon about a week before the election.

17,754. A week before the election?—Yes; or it might be two or three days, I cannot say to a day or two.

17,755. Do you think it was as early as the Saturday before the election?—I do not know what day it was. I cannot tell you.

17,756. Did he promise you any more at the time?—No, not a halfpenny.

17,757. Is that Mr. Thomas Hudson?—Yes.

17,758. The smack owner?—Yes.

17,759. Do you know Mr. Seago?—Yes. I know Mr. Seago well.

17,760. A relation of yours, is he not?—No, no relation at all.

17,761. Did he ever talk to you on the subject of politics?—What, about the election?

17,762. Yes. —Yes; he asked me whether I would vote his way, and I told him no, I would not.

17,763. Did he press you very much?—No, he did not press me, he only asked me. I told him, "You and I are pretty good friends together, but I "am going to vote against you; I shall not vote on "the Blue side at all."

17,764. Did he not tell you they would pay better on that side?—No; he never told me any such thing.

17,765. And never offered you money?—No, not a farthing.

17,766. Or nobody else?—Nobody else.

17,767. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know Downing?—I know him well.

17,768. Did he talk to you about your vote?—No; he never talked to me about anything, because Downing and I are not good friends, and Downing never talked to me about anything.

17,769. Mr. Thomas Hudson forgot that he had given you 10*l.*?—That I do not know anything about, whether he forgot it; he did give it me whether or no.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

17,770. Have you got this man, No. 489, on your list?—Yes, 15*l.*

17,771. Do you recollect him?—No, I cannot recollect him, but perhaps we shall be able to know who called upon him to canvass him.

W. Fleming.

WILLIAM FLEMING sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

17,772. What are you?—A Trinity pilot.

17,773. Did you receive anything from Mr. Rivett?—Yes.

17,774. How much?—15*l.*

17,775. When did he give it you?—The night before the election.

17,776. Did you know Mr. Rivett well?—Yes, remarkably well.

17,777. Do you know any other men that he gave money to?—Not positively.

17,778. Are there any men that you had reason to believe had money from him?—I think my partners had, the same as myself.

17,779. Give me the names of your partners?—Thomas Leggett and Joseph Stanford.

17,780. You do not know of anyone else?—Not anyone.

17,781. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

17,782. You voted for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

17,883. I see that in 1859 you voted for Watkin and Young; you voted on the other side?—I think not; I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Charles Napier in that year.

17,784. In 1859?—Yes, Watkin and Young.

17,785. How came you to vote for Watkin and Young in 1859 and Lacon and Goodson in 1865?—Through the interest of Thomas William Clark; he was a landlord of mine, and he solicited my favour, and I voted for his interest.

17,786. Was that in 1859?—That was for Watkin and Young.

17,787. Did you have any money in 1859?—Not a farthing.

17,788. Merely the influence of Mr. Clark?—Not a farthing.

17,789. If you were left alone which side should you vote, Liberal or Conservative?—I should vote Conservative at the present time.

B. Crisp.

BARKER CRISP sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,790. What are you?—I keep a public-house on the Caister road.

17,791. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—I did not get anything, I only gave my vote, but my son took 20*l.*

17,792. Did he give the money to you?—No, it was in the house I suppose, somewhere. I never saw anything of it; I came up and gave my vote, and that was all I had to do with it.

17,793. When did your son get the 20*l.*?—He got 20*l.*

17,794. But when did he get the 20*l.*?—I think the day before the election.

17,795. Did he tell you on that day he had got it?—He told me after he had got it.

17,796. That he had got it?—That he had got 20*l.*

17,797. Did he tell you who he got it from?—No;

he never told me who, nor I never spoke to anybody to know who it was. I did not know who the man was.

17,798. Did he tell you where he got it?—No.

17,799. Who did you vote for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl; I had nothing to do with it but just vote.

17,800. Is your son a voter?—No.

17,801. He has no vote?—No, he is my son, and he lives at home along with me.

17,802. (*Mr. Russell.*) When did your son tell you?—I think about, perhaps it might be that day; I do not know at all exactly.

17,803. Had you a vote in 1859?—No, I was not in Yarmouth, I was laid up.

17,804. Were you asked by the other side for your vote?—Yes.

17,805. Were you offered any money?—Sir Edmund came up to me to my house, and asked me if I would favour him with my vote. I told him I was quite independent of Yarmouth, and I should give my vote where I thought proper, so I left it to my son to say who, and he thought I had better vote the other way.

17806. You did not tell your son to take that money back again, did you?—No.

17,807. You let him keep it?—Of course he took it.

17,808. And he kept it?—No, it was for the house.

17,109. It was spent in the house?—Yes.

JOHN WILLIAM DAVEY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. W. Davey.

17,810. What are you?—A grocer.

17,811. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—Nothing at all.

17,812. (*Mr. Russell.*) You voted for Lacon and Brogden?—Yes.

17,813. How came you to split your vote?—Sir Edmund Lacon, in a general way; I believe he was considered a bit of an old slow coach, according to the present time, and I thought if I could assist by way of introducing Mr. Brogden, that would stir him up.

17,814. What do you consider your politics?—I suppose gentlemen might call me a Liberal Conservative, as I vote one and one. Sir Edmund Lacon came and canvassed, and pressed very hard, but I told him I objected very much to the system, as he canvassed. I had no objection to hear him, but I thought I was competent to walk down to the hustings, and vote without canvassing. I told him so, and I told Mr. Brogden the same.

17,815. You got nothing from either side?—No.

17,816. Were you offered anything?—No.

17,817. By neither side?—No; both parties had some little conversation with me, but there was no promise, not in the shape of money.

17,818. (*Mr. Slade.*) You are put down as having promised the Liberals in their canvass-book?—I never promised the Liberals. Sir Edmund Lacon came first, and Mr. Goodson, and I believe Mr. Reynolds was there, and some other gentlemen. Then, after that I think Sir Edmund Lacon came down, but I never promised him once, no more did I Mr. Brogden. I wished to have it left open.

17,819. In Mr. Livingston's book he has the word "if," which means, "if you vote you will vote the other side?"—That was a mistake on Mr. Livingston's part.

17,820. In Mr. Edward's book you are put down as having promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—They were a little too fast; I never promised either party, and I never would if I voted 20 years. I would never promise a man that came canvassing, because I think there is intimidation in the way it is done.

GEORGE DUNNELL sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

G. Dunnell.

17,821. What are you?—A shoemaker.

17,822. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.* I deny the statement made by Mr. Jones; it is false. He stated that I got 20*l.*

17,823. Where did you get it at?—At the "Angel."

17,824. Who gave it you?—Mr. Jones, I suppose it was; I do not know him.

17,825. Who sent you there?—Mr. Moore.

17,826. Had you a ticket?—No.

17,827. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

17,828. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

17,829. What did you get then?—Nothing.

17,830. You did not vote, then, did you?—Yes; I always voted Liberal. I voted at the election before.

17,831. I am talking about 1859. Are you sure you voted?—Yes, I have always voted.

17,832. You had no vote in 1859. You were not upon the register?—Yes, I voted.

17,833. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who did you vote for—For the Liberals.

17,834. Who?—I forget the members names, but I voted, I will swear.

17,835. Did you vote for Watkin and Young?—Yes, I think it was; I voted at any rate for the Liberals.

17,836. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Your vote was not recorded, then. You may have voted in 1857, but you had no vote in 1859?—Yes, I had.

17,837. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had the gentleman who gave you the 15*l.* got spectacles on?—I do not know; it was such a man as that (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*).

17,838. Cannot you recollect who gave it you?—No.

17,839. What sort of man was he?—I cannot swear to the man.

17,840. What time was it?—It was about 9 o'clock in the evening, I think it was.

17,841. You were at the "Angel?"—Yes.

17,842. What day did you get it?—The night before the election.

17,843. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you give any money to anyone else?—No.

17,844. Were you to keep all this money for yourself, this 15*l.*?—Was I to keep it?

17,845. Yes, I suppose I was if I could.

17,846. Do you know a man named James Thurlow?—No.

17,847. Was not half the 15*l.* that you received meant for Thurlow?—No.

17,848. You are sure of that?—I do not know such a man.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

17,849. (*Mr. Slade.*) This man is upon Edwards' list as well as yours. It is No. 409, 20*l.*?—I have got him 409, 20*l.*

17,850. He received 15*l.*, and he is upon Edward's list as having received 15*l.*?—Yes.

17,851. Do you recollect whether you gave it to him?—No, I do not know; I could not recollect. It is possible he may have been drawn before. Perhaps he may live somewhere near the "Army and Navy" Tavern. I should be at Cattermole's at that time.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

G. Godbolt.

10 Sept. 1866.

GEORGE GODBOLT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,852. What are you?—In the fishing business.

17,853. What did you give for your vote at the last election?—Not anything.

17,854. Were you canvassed?—Yes.

17,855. And were you offered anything?—No.

17,856. They say you got 20*l.*?—I should like to see the person who would come and say so. That is the point I want to know.

17,857. Then it is not true?—No, it is not. I should like to know the party that said I took 20*l.*

17,858. (*Mr. Slade.*) Somebody gave your name to that gentleman (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*)?—I should like to know who did it.

17,859. You wanted money for your vote?—No, I never asked for any.

17,860. Were you canvassed on both sides?—Yes. Mr. Brogden came into my place. I told him it was no use his coming, that I should vote for Lacon and Goodson.

17,861. And it was no use his coming?—Yes.

17,862. Why?—I said I daresay I should vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

17,863. You daresay you would?—Yes.

17,864. About the other side. Did Mr. Brogden canvass you?—Some of his party did, and I told them I should vote for Lacon and Goodson.

17,865. Did you vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

17,866. Do you know Downing?—Yes, I know him very well.

17,867. Did he ever ask you for your vote?—No. He was the first man that did come to me. There were two or three more.

17,868. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Somebody had the impertinence to draw money for you and to give it to somebody else?—Some one has done it, no doubt. A man read it to me in the paper. I have no learning.

17,869. Do you know Mr. Moore?—I know Mr. Moore.

17,870. And Mr. Fill?—Yes, I know him.

17,871. Do you know Thomas Edwards?—No, I do not.

17,872. You do not know him. No; I cannot say that I do.

17,873. I suppose Downing knew very well you were upon the other side?—I daresay he did. I never saw him after the first time he came into my yard, him and two or three more.

17,874. Do you know George Burton?—Yes, I know him. He lived a little way from me.

17,875. Do you know whether he got anything?—No; I do not know whether he got anything. I cannot say.

17,876. Is he your brother-in-law?—He is a brother-in-law of mine.

17,877. Then I suppose that is a mistake?—Well, sir, it must be; I do not know anything about that.

17,878. (*Mr. Slade.*) Will you send your brother-in-law up here?—Yes, I can send him up here.

17,879. Then send him?—Very well.

17,880. (*Mr. Russell.*) I see you did not vote in 1859?—No.

17,881. How was that?—I daresay I had moved out of one house into another. I did not care but very little for it. I have been in Yarmouth 13 or 14 years. I have always paid the 10*l.* a year rent or more, but I found they had taken me off for some time.

17,882. Were you offered any money in 1859?—No.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

17,883. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you explain this?—Perhaps I can save the Court a good deal of time with reference to this. I got a paper this morning saying that "George Godbolt" should have been "George Burton, Lancaster Road." You see it crossed out in my list.

17,884. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who gave you that?—I do not know. There is no name attached. There is also a Samuel Boulton sent to me as well. It strikes me very forcibly both of these sums have been drawn, and as this man has not got the 15*l.* it is a mistake. This name not being upon my list it has been returned as a transfer. There is a party here who has had an opportunity of seeing my list since the Court opened, and he has seen those names crossed off, and they may transfer them now that they are crossed off.

17,885. Are you going to give us another substituted name?—Yes; Samuel Boulton, senior, Blackfriars Road.

17,886. Did he get a ticket?—They sent this as a transfer to me.

17,887. Do you mean to say that he got money?—It is understood this represents it. This is a transfer from Samuel Boulton, junior, to Samuel Boulton, senior. The junior has been up to deny having received the money.

17,888. The junior Boulton has been examined?—Yes.

J. Heath.

JOSEPH HEATH sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,889. What are you?—A grocer.

17,890. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—No, they sent me 10*l.*

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

17,891. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you any explanation of this? You gave him 10*l.* It is 626?—Yes, 10*l.*

17,892. Do you know him?—No, I do not know him.

J. Heath.

JOSEPH HEATH recalled; examination resumed by Mr. FITZGERALD.

17,893. Did you send back the money?—I took the money back to Mr. Thompson. He would not take it, and the consequence was he said, "Keep it." He says, "You will get me into trouble." I am interested on the Liberal side and I kept the money, but I am willing to give it up if it is required.

17,894. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do I understand you to say that you got no money?—Yes, I said so because I promised Mr. Brogden.

17,895. Now you wish to withdraw that, you had money?—I must withdraw it, and I will tell you the circumstances.

17,896. Answer my question. Did you get 10*l.* for your vote?—No, I do not consider I got anything for it. The 10*l.* came into my possession in this way; it was brought in when I was out in the afternoon. I knew nothing about it. I went to Mr. Thompson's in the evening, and I said, "What do you mean by this? I will not take this bribe. My principles are Liberal." He said, "I dare not take it back."

17,897. Did you offer it to Mr. Thompson himself?—I did.

17,898. You do not know who brought the money to your shop?—No; I was out.

17,899. What made you take it to Mr. Thompson's?—Because the party who brought it said it came from Mr. Jones, at Mr. Thompson's.

17,900. Mr. Thompson refused to take it back?—Yes, he refused to take it. He said he dared not take it.

17,901. Did you offer it to Jones?—No; I did not know there was such a man.

17,902. Did you ask Mr. Thompson where Jones was?—No. He said, "Keep it; you will get me into trouble;" and I should have got him into trouble if I had said anything about it. I was in the very act of going and delivering it up. I did not want the money. I am poor enough God knows, but not poor enough to take a bribe. I am willing to give the money up at your orders.

17,903. Who asked you for your vote on the Liberal side?—I was canvassed in the market. I was in the market on business, by the "Angel." I think Mr. Livingston was at the back of me, and Mr. Brogden came out and said, would I support him. I said, "I am right." Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson called on me. I was not at home, and I did not see them, nor any other party, not one.

17,904. What day was the 10*l.* left at your shop?—The day before the election I think. It was as nigh as possible half-past 3. I was out. I did not take it. I think that was about the time.

17,905. When did you go up to Mr. Thompson's?—In the evening about 7 o'clock.

17,906. Did you take any other steps to return this 10*l.*?—I did not. I ought perhaps in a legal point of view to have done so; but I did not want to get him into trouble. He no doubt thought it was a kind act to me. He might think so, however.

17,907. Did you ever repeat the offer to Thompson about returning it?—No; I do not recollect that I did. I do not know.

17,908. When you went to Thompson to return it, did he say you had better keep it?—I do not know. I cannot say whether he did or not.

17,909. Did Thompson give you to understand, that other people were having money at his house?—He said the Liberals were throwing their money away, or something of that kind, and he says "I thought you might as well have a little of it as anybody else." I said, "I will take no money as a bribe; I will not have it." I defy anyone to say I ever asked anyone for money. I never thought of such a thing. He did a kind act; I will acknowledge that.

17,910. Did you never hear of Mr. Jones from that time to this?—I never knew Mr. Jones. I do not know Mr. Jones any more than Adam.

17,911. Did you ever hear that Mr. Jones had been to Thompson's?—No, not till after it came out. I do not know no more how the money came than that chair does.

17,912. (*Mr. Russell.*) You see a man who takes 10*l.* the night before the election, and walks about with it 14 months in his pocket, puts himself in a delicate position?—I did not walk about with it in my pocket at all. What was I to do?

17,913. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What did you do with the money?—It was in the business. I am prepared to pay the money. I did not consider it my money, and any order you may make I am prepared to give it up. I did not ask for it.

17,914. We know that. But did you ever tell anybody after the election you had been offered this 10*l.*, or that this 10*l.* had been left with you?—Yes.

17,915. Who?—Well, I think John Herring.

17,916. Who is John Herring?—Down King Street.

17,917. How soon after the election did you tell him 10*l.* had been left with you?—In fact, I told him before. If the truth must be told, I took him up as a witness that I wanted to return it.

17,918. To Thompson's?—Yes. I took him as a witness that I wanted to return it; but unfortunately I did not know that I should be called to-day, and he has gone to London this morning.

17,919. (*Mr. Russell.*) You say Mr. Thompson refused to take it?—Thompson said, he dared not take it; he would not have anything to do with it.

17,920. If you had taken the same course then, it would have been all right?—I wish I had. I shall remember the next time.

17,921. Did you tell anybody else besides John Herring at this time?—No.

17,922. Have you ever told anybody else from that time till this Commission?—No.

17,923. You have never told anybody?—Not anyone.

17,924. In fact, you never mentioned it till No. 626 was read out by Mr. Jones?—I did not know how the money was obtained. The money was left just in the same way as they leave valentines. It was thrown in, and said, "It is from Mr. Jones at Thompson's." That is all I know about it.

17,925. Did you believe Mr. Thompson gave you the money out of his own pocket?—No; I could not.

17,926. Did you ask him where he had it from?—I did not.

17,927. Why did you not, if you wanted to return it?—I do not know why I did not, I am sure. He said, "They are giving the money away, and I think you may as well have some of it as anybody else."

17,928. I ask you, why did you not ask him who it came from, if you wanted to return it? I admit that it is a difficult question to answer?—I did not want the money. Had it come from the other side I should have thought it was a tempter, but they are too honourable for that.

17,929. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is Mr. Herring your brother-in-law?—He is.

17,930. Was he at the shop at the time you received it?—No.

17,931. How soon after you got it, did you go and tell Mr. Herring?—7 o'clock in the evening. I called upon my way home.

17,932. (*Mr. Russell.*) Mr. Herring is Thompson's brother-in-law, is he not?—Yes.

17,933. Then Mr. Herring would probably know all about it before you told him?—I cannot say.

17,934. I want to know what you did from that moment till the opening of this Commission?—You never told anybody?—No, I did not.

17,935. What did you do with the 10*l.* after Mr Thompson refused to take it back?—After it came I used it as a matter of business.

17,936. You made use of it for sugar?—Yes, or tea, or anything else. Where was I to take the money to? Nobody knew Mr. Jones, and I did not know him, I am sure.

17,937. Whom did you vote for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

17,938. You had no vote in 1859?—No; I was not in Yarmouth, and I should not care if I had not been at this time.

SAMUEL PAGETT BRACEY sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

S. P. Bracey.

17,939. What are you?—I was a sailor, but I have left the sea for this five or six years.

17,940. Have you any profession now?—No, I occasionally go on board ships and take account of their cargoes.

17,941. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

17,942. Who for?—For Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

17,943. Did you receive anything for your vote?—Yes.

17,944. How much?—15*l.*

17,945. Who from?—Well, I cannot answer that. I went to the "Angel."

17,946. Did you have a ticket?—Yes.

17,947. Who gave it you?—That I do not know, it was a stranger to me who gave it me on the stairs. I went I recollect down stairs to a lower room.

17,948. At the "Angel"?—At the "Angel."

17,949. He gave you a ticket as soon as you arrived

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there?—Yes, nearly so. Five minutes might elapse, but not more.

17,950. Who took you to the "Angel" that night?—There was a message left for me to go.

17,951. Do you know who left the message?—No, I do not know who left it.

17,952. Did you ever hear?—No, I did not hear, but I walked up along with a Mr. Fox, who lives in Marlborough Terrace.

17,953. You walked up with him?—Yes.

17,954. From your house?—From my house.

17,955. Is that Fox, of Bath Hill Terrace or Caister Road?—No, Marlborough Terrace.

17,956. Is he a voter?—I really do not know. I do not know whether he is a voter or not; he went up with me.

17,957. Did he receive any money?—That I cannot say, I am sure I do not know.

17,958. Is that the man they call Captain Fox?—No, certainly not.

17,959. Did Mr. Fox come and fetch you?—No, he did not, he was going past at the time when I came out of my back door, and we walked up together.

17,960. Did he say, "Come along"?—That I really cannot say about that, we were both going up to the "Angel." He said, "Are you going up to the 'Angel'?" I said, "Yes," and I went up with him.

17,961. It would be Thomas Fox I suppose?—I do not know his christian name. I know he lives close by.

17,962. Did you and Fox pick anybody else up on the road?—No, not a soul.

17,963. Did you see what letter was on the ticket?—No, I do not recollect; I had it but a short time. I went round to this lower room, and was paid the money for it.

17,964. Did you go to Cattermole's?—No.

17,965. Did you receive any other money besides the 15*l.*?—No.

17,966. Did you vote at the election before last?—Yes.

17,967. Who for?—For Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey. I was sent for from Seaham. I was down at Seaham.

17,968. Did you get your expenses paid?—Yes, they were paid. My own nephew, the late Mr. Hilton, sent for me by letter and I came up.

17,969. What did you get for your expenses in 1859?—That I really cannot tell you now, the expenses as near as could be; what I got was near upon what it cost for coming as possibly could be. I think so. I think none of us received more than what it would cost.

17,970. It was paid to you in money?—Yes.

17,971. Is it J. Hilton?—John Hilton, the partner of Mr. Bessey, the ship owner.

17,972. Then you changed your politics this time?—Yes.

17,973. Why?—I should always have voted that way myself. I was rather fearful of voting the other way that time.

17,974. You are a Liberal are you not?—Yes, I certainly am.

17,975. Did the mere fact of being sent for and your expenses paid, cause you to vote then for the Conservatives?—No. I do not know it did, but I might have lost employment if I had not done so.

17,976. What day was it you went to the "Angel"?—I think it was the night before the election, but I will not be sure about that.

17,977. The Tuesday night?—I think so.

17,978. About what time in the evening?—I should think about 8 or half-past 8. I had been to a shop that night. I was not at home at my house till half-past 7.

17,979. Are you sure you got no other money in 1859?—Perfectly sure.

17,980. Did you say John Hilton was dead?—He was the nephew of Mr. Bessey, the ship owner, whether he was a partner or not I do not know, he always acted as the owner.

17,981. Is he dead?—Yes.

17,982. Probably Fox will be able to tell us whose ticket you got?—Really he may; I do not know.

17,983. Did Mr. Fox give you the ticket himself?—Not that I know of; really I do not know now. I went up in a hurry; my impression is it was a strange gentleman that gave it to me: that is my impression; but he might, I really cannot tell you. I really do not know. I only know I received a ticket and took it into the room, and I think that is the gentleman who paid me the money (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*), and if he recollects I was there in the room I should think 10 minutes, it was a long time I know from some cause or other, either there was a mistake about it, or something of that kind, that was my impression; I stood at the door.

17,984. You had somebody else's ticket?—That I was not aware of. There was certainly something at the time.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

17,985. I thought you were at some other place than the "Angel" on that night?—I was to and fro. I had a cab waiting for me always outside. I did not stop at one place. I was going to say Samuel Pagett Bracey is a transfer. I gave it on Saturday as a transfer.

17,986. You did?—I have it sent to me as a transfer.

17,987. I understand that is why he is summoned?—Yes.

W. Howes.

WILLIAM HOWES sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

17,988. What are you?—A market gardener.

17,989. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

17,990. How much?—20*l.*

17,991. Who gave it you?—I do not know. I do not know the gentleman who gave it me.

17,992. Do you live in King Street?—No.

17,993. You live in Apollo Walk?—My garden is in Apollo Walk.

17,994. Where did you receive this 20*l.*?—At Thompson's across the market.

17,995. Did the gentleman who gave it you wear spectacles?—I am not certain.

17,996. It was a stranger?—It was a stranger to me. I should not know the man if I was to see him.

17,997. What day was it?—On the day before the election.

17,998. Who took you to Thompson's?—Not anyone, I walked there myself.

17,999. Who told you to go there?—Edwards, the tailor and William Neave, they told me to go to the "Angel."

18,000. Did you have a ticket?—Yes.

18,001. Who gave you the ticket?—I do not recollect, it was given me on the landing. I think it was Edwards, the tailor; I think it was.

18,002. Did you receive anything from anybody else?—No.

18,003. Did you vote at the election before last?—Yes, I did.

18,004. Did you receive anything for your vote then?—Yes.

18,005. How much?—15*l.*

18,006. Who gave you that 15*l.*?—Mr. Buston.

18,007. You have changed your politics?—No I have not. I voted according to my principles at the last election.

18,008. You voted in 1859 for the reds?—Yes.

18,009. And in 1865 you voted for the blues?—Yes.

18,010. Are those your principles?—No, those principles are not mine.

18,011. The blues are your principles?—The blues are my principles. I had a reason then to vote the other way.

18,012. You had 15*l.* from Mr. Buston?—I had another reason.

18,013. What was the other reason?—I did it in the interest of a brother-in-law of mine; he was working for Sir Edmund Lacon, and he had transgressed, and was wanting bread, and I voted to get him employment again.

18,014. Who was your brother-in-law?—Benjamin Haines, he has worked under Sir Edmund Lacon for years.

18,015. Was he a voter?—No, he was not a voter.

18,016. Were you offered any money at the last election by the Conservatives?—I was offered a little money, the money was not mentioned by Mr. Buston.

18,017. What did Mr. Buston say to you?—He said before the election, he met me—I was in a pony cart, coming from market—he asked me whether I had promised, I said I stood the same way as before, and he said "If you like to come over here you can have 20*l.* in two minutes."

18,018. Did you understand he had the money in his pocket?—No; the money was not mentioned.

18,019. He mentioned 20*l.*?—I beg pardon, I made a mistake there, he said 20.

18,020. You said 20*l.*?—I made a mistake, he told me I could have 20, the name of money was not mentioned, and I remarked that at the same time.

18,021. You knew very well he meant 20*l.*?—No doubt that he did.

18,022. Did you take any money from Mr. Buston?—At this last election?

18,023. Yes?—No.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

C. Satterthwaite.

18,024. Have you any explanation you wish to make?—This is another person substituted. I do not seem to have him in my printed list.

18,025. He received it from Edwards?—He could not have received it from Edwards if he received it at Wright's.

18,026. He received it at Thompson's?—Mr. Edwards did not pay at Thompson's, nor Wright's, nor Cattermole's.

18,027. Mr. Edwards gave us this man's name?—I have it here crossed out here 20*l.*

18,028. That is right; evidently your first impression was right, he had that 20*l.*?—Yes, I copied it from my register, but this has been struck out afterwards; not only that, I got this as having paid it myself from a party that was doorkeeper at Thompson's, he gave me this in a list of the parties he could remember I paid.

EDWARD ABLETT sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

E. Ablett.

18,029. What are you?—A mariner.

18,030. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,031. How much?—17*l.* 10*s.*

18,032. Who from?—I cannot say; a stranger to me.

18,033. Where were you paid?—At Cattermole's.

18,034. Had you a ticket?—No.

18,035. Who sent you up to Cattermole's?—Mr. George Moore and Mr. Fill.

18,036. Were you offered any money by the other side?—Not any.

18,037. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

18,038. Did you have anything for your vote then?—Not anything.

18,039. You did not vote then did you?—Yes.

18,040. Who did you vote for in 1859?—I voted for the Liberals.

18,041. Watkin and Young?—Yes, I believe they were.

18,042. Are you sure it was not in 1857 and not in 1859 that you voted?—That I cannot say.

18,043. You are not down as voting in 1859?—I have only given one vote before.

18,044. That was probably in 1857?—Very likely, I do not remember.

18,045. How came you to receive so large a sum as 17*l.* 10*s.*?—I was obliged to have a man in my situation for a week. I stayed at home for a week.

18,046. Did you engage another man?—Yes.

18,047. Who?—I believe his name is Wright.

18,048. Where does Wright live?—Somewhere in Gaol Street, I cannot tell you where.

18,049. Joseph Wright?—That I cannot say.

18,050. What is he?—A seafaring man.

18,051. Do you know whether he has got a vote?—I believe not.

18,052. Who did you arrange with to receive the 17*l.* 10*s.*?—Mr. Moore and Mr. Fill.

18,053. Were Mr. Moore and Mr. Fill together when this arrangement was made?—Yes.

18,054. What is the name of your Captain?—Wright.

18,055. He is not the man you engaged?—No, a brother of his.

18,056. You went up to Cattermole's with your Captain?—Yes.

18,057. Did you take him or did he take you?—No, I took him there.

18,058. What did you give Wright's brother for going in your place?—2*l.* I think, or 35*s.* I do not know which.

18,059. You gave him that out of the 17*l.* 10*s.*?—Well, out of my money.

18,060. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Mr. Fill tell you the money was there for you at Cattermole's, if you went there?—Not Mr. Fill, Mr. George Moore did.

18,061. What did Mr. Fill do?—Not a great deal, I had most talk with Mr. George Moore.

18,062. Mr. Fill was present?—Yes, Mr. Fill was present.

HENRY GEORGE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

H. George.

18,063. What are you?—I keep a lodging house.

18,064. Did you receive something for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,065. How much?—15*l.*

18,066. Who from?—I do not know.

18,067. Where were you paid?—At Cattermole's.

18,068. Had you a ticket?—Yes.

18,069. Who gave you the ticket?—Mr. Newman.

18,070. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

18,071. Had you a vote in 1859?—I voted at the election before, it would be 1859.

18,072. Did you receive any money for your vote in 1859?—Well, I think 10*l.* I think so; I think I got that.

18,073. Who from?—I do not know.

18,074. Did you receive it from Mr. Clements?—No, I do not know who it was.

18,075. Cannot you remember at all?—No.

18,076. Was it Mr. Eagleton?—I do not know.

18,077. Where did you receive it?—Well, I am sure I do not know now at all.

18,078. You must remember?—No, I am sure I do not; that I do not. I do not know really.

18,079. Do you not consider 10*l.* a good deal of money. You cannot forget who gave it you?—No I do not know who gave it me, nor do I know who gave me this.

18,080. You know that Mr. Newman told you to go up to Cattermole's?—Yes.

18,081. If you like you can remember who gave you the 10*l.* in 1859?—I could not if you were to give me the world. I could not tell you who gave it me.

18,082. Were you offered any money by the other side in 1859?—No.

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G. Gillings.

GEORGE GILLINGS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

18,083. What are you?—A baker.

18,084. How much did you receive for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

18,085. Who paid you?—That I cannot say. I know who sent it.

18,086. Who sent it?—Mr. Thompson.

18,087. Did Mr. Thompson tell you he was going to send it?—Yes.

18,088. Do you know where he had it from?—No.

18,089. Do you know Mr. Hickling?—No.

18,090. What Thompson was it; where does he live?—That I do not know.

18,091. Where is he?—I do not know.

18,092. Did you know nothing about Thompson?—No.

18,093. When did he tell you he was going to send you this 15*l.*?—He came into mine and said he had 15*l.* that he would give me if I liked. I said "Very well," and he said I will send it down to you.

18,094. How did you know his name was Thompson?—I know his name was Thompson, people said his name was Thompson.

18,095. Did he keep a public-house?—Not that I know of.

18,096. What sort of looking man was he?—A tall thin man.

18,097. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

18,098. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

18,099. And did you receive anything for that?—Yes.

18,100. How much?—13*l.*

18,101. Who gave you that?—Mr. Clements.

18,102. Were you offered any money by the other side in 1859?—No.

F. Newark.

FREDERICK NEWARK sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

18,103. What are you?—A baker and grocer in Charlotte Street.

18,104. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,105. How much?—10*l.*

18,106. Who from?—Mr. Tingay, in the Market Row.

18,107. Did he give it you in money?—Yes.

18,108. Did he tell you whom he had it from?—No.

18,109. Do you know of any other man that Tingay gave money to?—No, I do not.

18,110. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No; a party came to me and asked me to vote, that was all.

18,111. Had you a vote in 1859? No, that was my first vote.

18,112. (*Mr. Fitzgerald*). You had no vote at all in 1859?—No.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

18,113. Do you know this J. W. Tingay?—I have got him sent to me as being a party who conveyed money. I think I gave it in to the Court before. I had this name sent to me as a transfer.

18,114. The money was drawn?—Yes, but not in Newark's name. It is not in my list in Newark's name. It was sent as a transfer. It was drawn in some one else's name and transferred to Newark.

18,115. I cannot put him down as a transfer if he did not receive the money from you?—No; but the money has been drawn from me in the first instance for some one else; that party has not got it, and then they transferred it from this party, who drew it, in the first instance, to this man Newark.

18,116. Do you mean you gave the money to Tingay for this man?—I do not know I am sure; I cannot say. I do not know who gave Tingay the money. I might remember him if I saw him. I do not remember Fox, not by sight, but I remember him coming to me with a list, wanting a large amount of money in the first instance, and I refused to give it him.

18,117. If Tingay paid any money in the first instance, he must have come to you?—I think it was Downing gave me the name. He says it was a transfer. The money was drawn in some one else's name, and it was given to Mr. Newman. He says you have not got it.

W. Howes.

WILLIAM HOWES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

18,118. What are you?—A licensed victualler.

18,119. Were you offered any money for your vote at the last election?—No.

18,120. Did you take any?—No.

18,121. Were you summoned?—Yes.

18,122. A namesake of yours, William Howes, was examined a few minutes ago, and admitted having taken a bribe. Very likely you were summoned by mistake?—I know nothing about him at all.

18,123. Do you know Mr. Fill, he mentioned you as living in King Street?—I do not know whether he did.

18,124. I see you did not vote at all at the last election?—No.

18,125. Were you canvassed?—I was.

18,126. And did you decline to vote?—Yes.

18,127. Did you promise?—No, I never promised any of them at either election.

18,128. Had you any particular reason for not voting?—No; I was quite satisfied with the parties. I thought they were six of one and half-a-dozen of the other, and I declined to vote at all.

18,129. Did you vote in 1859?—No, I did not.

18,130. Do you mean they were six of one and half a dozen of the other as regards politics or as regards bribery?—Both as regards politics and as regards bribery too.

18,131. Did Mr. Eagleton canvass you?—No, I think not. I will not be certain. I think not.

18,132. Do you know Eagleton?—Yes, I know him.

J. Johnson.

JAMES JOHNSON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

18,133. What are you?—A fish merchant.

18,134. Where do you live?—At South End.

18,135. Do you live in Queen's Row? Cannot you tell me where you live? Is it Queen's Row?—I do not know whether it is Queen's Row I am sure. It is not far from Cattermole's.

18,136. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

18,137. Who from?—I do not know.

18,138. Where were you paid?—At Cattermole's.

18,139. Did you have a ticket?—No.

18,140. Who sent you up to Cattermole's?—Mr. Moore.

18,141. Did Mr. Moore tell you you would get the money if you went up to Cattermole's?—Yes.

18,142. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

18,143. Had you a vote in 1859?—I am sure I do not know. I do not know whether it was 1859 or 1857 I am sure.

18,144. Did you vote for Watkin and Young in 1859?—Yes.

18,145. Did you receive any money for your vote then?—9*l*.

18,146. Who gave you that?—Mr. Scarles. The man is dead.

18,147. Were you offered any money by the other side in 1859?—No. I do not think I was. It is so long ago I forget.

18,148. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Which side was Scarles, red, or blue?—Blue.

MILES JULER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

18,149. You are not a voter are you?—No.

18,150. Did you give any money to men to vote at the last election?—No money at all.

18,151. Any tickets?—Yes, some tickets.

18,152. Who did you give tickets to?—Seven tickets I believe were given to me.

18,153. Who by?—Mr. Jones. I did not deliver them all.

18,154. Tell me who you gave these tickets to?—I had one for Mr. Henry Bambridge, but I did not give it to him, but he had it through another party.

18,155. Why did you not give it to him?—Because I understood he was trying to get it on both sides, and I would not give it to him. He had it at last.

18,156. He had the very ticket?—Yes. He had the very ticket.

18,157. Who gave it to him?—Mr. Humphrey came, and I gave it to Mr. Humphrey.

18,158. What Mr. Humphrey?—Mr. George Humphrey.

18,159. The next?—The next was Bickers.

18,160. William Bickers?—Yes.

18,161. Did you give him a ticket?—I gave it to the child against the door, to take to his father. I put it in an envelope.

18,162. The next?—The next was I had one for Thomas Bee, but I understood he had been paid on the other side, so I would not give it him.

18,163. Why did you not give it to Thomas Bee?—I was told he had been the other side, or was supposed to have it on the other side.

18,164. Did you hear who had given him money on the other side?—I did not know who it was. I called upon him. I found he was altered, so I said nothing to him.

18,165. Did he tell you he had got money on the other side?—No.

18,166. Was it from what he said, you inferred he had money on the other side?—It was some friend I was speaking to, as I went along.

18,167. Do you know who it was?—I do not remember who it was.

18,168. What did you do with the ticket that you had for him?—That I destroyed. The next was William Dye; I gave it to him, but he said he was obliged to vote on the other side—William Dye in King Street.

18,169. He is dead?—Yes, he was obliged to vote the other side.

18,170. Did he tell you so?—Yes.

18,171. Did he say he had been bribed the other side?—His principles were Liberal, but he should be obliged to go the other side.

18,172. Did he say why?—I do not know, I am sure. I think it was something about his uncle.

18,173. What did you do with the ticket?—I left it with him, but he told me, two or three days after, he did not go for the money, because he was obliged to go the other side. He was a Liberal.

18,174. You know he did not present a ticket?—I took his word for it. I believe he would not tell a story about it.

18,175. The next?—The next was Butler, on the Jetty Road. St. Peter's Road you will find it.

18,176. William Butler?—Yes.

18,177. Did you give him a ticket?—Yes.

18,178. Did he take it?—Yes.

18,179. The next?—The next was Hammond.

18,180. Which Hammond. Robert Hunting Hammond?—What place does he live in?

18,181. He lives in Lancaster Road?—That is the one.

18,182. Did you give him one?—Yes.

18,183. Did he take it?—Yes.

18,184. The next?—The next was Robert Webb. He is down for the South Quay, but he lives in Alfred Terrace.

18,185. He kept it?—Yes. Richard Webb I think it is. I forget whether it is Robert or Richard.

18,186. Robert Webb, South Quay?—That is the one.

18,187. Were those all the tickets you received?—Those were all the tickets I received.

18,188. Who introduced you to Mr. Jones?—I believe it was Mr. Livingston. I do not remember exactly, but I believe it was him.

18,189. When were you introduced to him?—That was on the Monday before the election.

18,190. Where?—At the "Angel."

18,191. Who was there when you were introduced to him?—I can hardly tell you; Mr. Brand was there. I do not remember anyone else.

18,192. Can you not remember anyone else?—I cannot remember anyone else.

18,193. Do you think there were more gentlemen present?—I think not.

18,194. Have you ever had a vote?—I never did vote in my life.

18,195. Did you take a part in the election of 1859? No.

18,196. You did not distribute any money?—No. I had nothing to do with that election.

18,197. Did you see Sir Edmund Lacon about much during the election?—I saw him several times.

18,198. Can you remember if you saw him in Yarmouth on the Sunday before the election?—I cannot say that I saw anything of him on the Sunday, but I know he was in the town. He came in about half-past 3 in the afternoon.

18,199. How do you know that?—A man named Whittaker told me he saw him come in about half-past 3 in the afternoon. He was also at the market gate at 1 o'clock on the Monday morning.

18,200. Who is Whittaker?—He lives in Row No. 26; he is not a voter, I believe. There were two of them together when he saw him come in.

18,201. Do you say Sir Edmund Lacon was seen again?—Seen again about 1 o'clock on the Monday morning.

18,202. Where?—At the market gates, down the Middle Market Row.

18,203. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you mean 1 o'clock at night?—Yes, Sunday night, or rather 1 o'clock Monday morning.

18,204. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who saw him?—A man named Wilmot saw him there.

18,205. Is he a voter?—No, he is not. He lives in the Middle Market Row. Standing against his gate he saw them going past.

18,206. Do you know of any other people who saw Sir Edmund Lacon in Yarmouth on the Sunday?—I do not.

18,207. Or in the middle of the night?—No, I do not.

18,208. How much did you receive for your services in distributing these three tickets?—I had other things to do besides; Mr. Livingston gave me 3*l*.

18,209. And what else did you get?—I sent in an account; I think that was 5*l*.

18,210. Who did you send in the account to?—Mr. Clowes.

18,211. Did Mr. Clowes pay you?—Yes. It was for conducting the committee-rooms and so on during the election.

18,212. Was the 3*l*. for distributing the tickets and the 5*l*. for the committee-room work?—I do not know

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what the 3*l.* was for; I suppose Mr. Livingston thought my services were worth it; I do not know what it was for.

18,213. (*Mr. Slade.*) I have no doubt your services were worth quite what you were paid?—I do not know anything about it.

18,214. What are you?—A jeweller, watch maker, and commission agent.

18,215. Who recommended you to Mr. Livingston?—I have been friendly with Mr. Livingston for several years.

18,216. Have you ever taken a part in previous elections?—No.

18,217. Do you know these men, Whittaker and Wilmot?—I know them quite well.

18,218. What is Whittaker?—A gardener, I believe.

18,219. And Wilmot?—A brazier.

18,220. Are they men who know Sir Edmund Lacon personally?—I should think they do; of course they do.

18,221. And not likely to be mistaken?—I should say Whittaker had known him these 20 years.

18,222. What did Mr. Livingston give you the 3*l.* for, what service?—I cannot tell.

18,223. Did Mr. Livingston know what you were doing?—I do not think he did. He said I was not well enough paid; I was about a very great deal for him, canvassing, and one thing and another; I should not think he knew what I was doing.

18,224. Did you tell Mr. Livingston anything about the tickets?—No. He particularly impressed upon me not to offer anything to anybody. At different times he impressed that on my mind.

18,225. Did Mr. Livingston know you had anything to do with the tickets?—I should not think he did, because he always kept cautioning me not to offer anyone anything.

18,226. Did you ever mention to him that you had taken tickets?—No.

18,227. Are you sure?—I never mentioned such a thing; I never told anyone.

18,228. And you believe Mr. Livingston was wholly ignorant of what you had been doing?—As far as I was concerned.

18,229. You never told him?—I never told anyone.

J. Lawson.

JAMES LAWSON recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

18,230. What are you?—Head ostler at the "Victoria."

18,231. Did you ever drive a cab?—Occasionally.

18,232. Did you ever drive Sir Edmund Lacon during the last election?—During the canvass I did.

18,233. Did you drive him on the Sunday before the election?—Never.

18,234. You did not?—Never on a Sunday in my life.

18,235. Have you ever driven Sir Edmund Lacon in the middle of the night?—No.

18,236. Not once during the election?—Never.

18,237. Did you ever drive Sir Edmund Lacon over to Gorleston?—The election morning I drove to Gorleston. I was out from 8 in the morning till 4 in the afternoon.

18,238. Do I understand you to mean you drove Sir Edmund Lacon into Gorleston?—I was engaged with a private party that day. I began at 8 in the morning and finished at 4 in the afternoon.

18,239. On the election day?—Yes.

18,240. Was that the only time you drove Sir Edmund Lacon into Gorleston?—No; when they had been holding a meeting. It might be Thursday or Friday before the election, there was a meeting at Gorleston, and I drove him down.

18,241. At what o'clock?—About half-past 6 in the evening.

18,242. Did you drive Sir Edmund Lacon into Gorleston between the Saturday and the day of the election?—No, I think not.

18,243. Are you sure you did not?—I will not be quite certain about that. I think it was Thursday or Friday evening the meeting was there.

18,244. As far as you can remember you did not drive Sir Edmund Lacon into Gorleston until the election morning?—I do not think after the Thursday or Friday evening. I think it was the Thursday or Friday evening. I am not positive about that.

18,245. Did you ever tell anybody you had driven Sir Edmund Lacon into Gorleston in the middle of the night on Sunday?—No.

18,246. Never?—Never.

18,247. Did you ever tell Mr. Costerton that you had?—Certainly not.

18,248. Do you know Mr. Costerton?—Quite well, and so I do that gentleman (*pointing to Mr. Livingston*), who is telling you all about it. I should like for him to give up his author.

18,249. If any one has said you said you did drive Sir Edmund Lacon into Gorleston, you deny it?—It is quite false. I had always done my business by 11 or 12 o'clock at night.

J. Eagleton.

JOHN EAGLETON recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

18,250. Do you wish to make any statement?—I wish to correct an error that occurred in Robert Brown's examination on Thursday.

18,251. He said that he got 15*l.* either from you or Hutchins?—I think Mr. Russell made a remark of this sort, that both Eagleton and Hutchins had sworn they gave him 15*l.* That was not a part of my evidence. I did not give Robert Brown anything at all. I said that was a name that was on Hutchins' list. You asked me to recollect some of the names that were on Hutchins' list, and I mentioned him.

18,252. Then he got the 15*l.* from Hutchins?—Yes, and not from me.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

18,253. Have you any further names to give us?—There is John Francis, at North End. That has been substituted. He was not on the list; he is on the Gorleston list, and I am told that I paid him.

18,254. He is on your list?—No, not as having been paid.

18,255. Yes, No. 1473?—I see it is on my list. Then there is William Gedge and James Elmer. I am told he is dead.

18,256. He had the money?—He is one that is substituted.

18,257. However he is not mentioned in your list at all?—No.

18,258. He did not have a ticket, he had the money?—This is returned to me by parties who have drawn money, and they say, "We gave this money to such and such persons, and not to the persons we first drew it for."

18,259. They did not draw it in James Elmer's name, because it is not in his name?—I have them not on my list.

18,260. And they did not give it to him because he had the money. You mean to say he had both the money and the ticket?—No, they did not in the first instance draw it for James Elmer; they drew it for some one else. They were too late in the field for the other party, and they gave it to Elmer. It is put down as another party receiving, but that is James Elmer receiving.

18,261. I have down that Elmer received 15*l.* in money?—But they say it was drawn for somebody else

18,262. I understand the money was drawn for

Elmer, not by ticket at all?—No, I want to explain the substitutes. I have a large quantity in my lists as having drawn money, and the parties have not got it. Then I want to know from the parties interested in the affair how it is those parties names are down, and they have not got it. Then they give the names and say, "We gave it to other parties whom you have not got on your list," and it stands in many cases against parties who say they have not received it.

18,263. James Elmer had 30*l.* from William Parker for himself and another man. It does not appear that Mr. Parker drew a ticket for Elmer at all?—That is what I want to explain, and that is what I want the substitutes to be understood for. It goes forth to the country that I have paid a certain amount of money to different parties. They come up here and deny having received it. In the first instance, those persons that I put down on the register are the persons the money was drawn for. The parties do not give them the money, but give it to someone else, of whom they have not given me the name, so that these are names which, if they had not been transfers, would have been extra names, and would have made more money be expended. Here are 13 names that there is no account of in the list. I do not know whether the court understand me properly.

18,264. I understand you. The reason I am puzzled is that Downing had 180*l.*?—He had a good deal more than that.

18,265. He did not have tickets to represent that; he had the money itself, had he not?—When Downing came to me in the first instance he showed me a quantity of tickets of such and such numbers. He gave them to me, and I counted them out and put them in my bag, giving him the amount of money. Then after I became disengaged, I entered the tickets according to number on the register, with a "C." opposite the name. Of course, he might draw for a deal of persons, and the parties not get the money, but other people would get it.

18,266. Then James Elmer is put down as the man who received money, although he was not on your list?—Yes; you see some one else is blamed as having received the money who has not received it.

18,267. And Elmer I must put down as having received 15*l.*?—I do not know what he got.

18,268. He got 30*l.* for himself and a friend?—I do not know what he got.

JOHN WATTS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Watts.

18,269. What are you?—A baker.

18,270. Where do you live?—In the St. George's Road.

18,271. You are down here as Symond's Square?—That is right.

18,272. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—I do not know; I hardly know what to say, whether I received anything or no. I received it, I consider, for my services. I received 15*l.* some three or four days after the election. I cannot say which, but I know the Sunday intervened.

18,273. Who gave it you?—Mr. Buston, through Mr. Cooper.

18,274. Had Mr. Buston canvassed you during the election?—Yes, several times; he is my landlord.

18,275. And did you tell him you would vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes, I did, some time before the election.

18,276. Did he tell you if you did you should then have the money?—No, not a fraction.

18,277. When did you hear you should have the money?—The first time I heard it was when I met Mr. Cooper, the night before the election, when he told me he would make it all right for me. I told Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl when they came that I intended to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

18,278. When Mr. Cooper met you on the Saturday night, did he tell you you would have some money?—He would see it was all right.

18,279. You understood you were to have some money?—You know what electioneering promises are, but as long as I made any promise I kept it.

18,280. You got the money after the election?—I saw Mr. Cooper a day or two after the election, and he said it was all right, and he would give it to Mr. Buston for me.

18,281. Were you offered money on the other side?—I do not say I offered any. I did try to induce three or four to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson. I said they could have 15*l.* I had not got it to offer.

18,282. Whom did you tell?—Mr. Mobbs in the Market Place.

18,283. Do you know whether Mr. Mobbs did have some money?—I believe he took 12*l.* I saw it in the paper on the other side.

18,284. Who else did you say could have money?—I induced Mr. Paston, a publican, close by me. I secured him too, when the other party next morning tried to take him by force, and offered him 20*l.* to go into the country and get out of the town, and brought a horse and cart to take him, because he was a cripple. I believe he received the money from Buston. Mr. Rushmer. I do not say that I exactly went; at least, I did go with a man who did offer him the money, but Mr. Rushmer was too conscientious.

18,285. What is Mr. Rushmer's christian name?—I think his name is Robert Rushmer.

18,286. Who else?—I went to another place, Mr. Humphrey or Captain Humphrey, in the St. George's Road. I could not get him; he got too high a price on the other side, 25*l.*

18,287. Mr. Humphrey would not take it?—He would not take 15*l.* when he could get 25*l.*, it is not likely.

18,288. Is it that Humphrey on the St. George's Road?—Yes, I see in the paper he got 25*l.*

18,289. Anybody else?—That is all.

18,290. Who authorized you to offer money to these people?—Nobody.

18,291. Did you do it entirely on your own responsibility?—Yes, I did it on my own account; nobody offered a fraction.

18,292. You knew Mr. Cooper had the money?—Mr. Buston told me to look after Paston. That was the only one he asked me to look after, and after I looked after him I looked after several more.

18,293. Were you offered yourself any money by the other side?—Yes, Mr. Harbord, I think, the night before the election, told me he could take me where I could get 20*l.*, and I told him I had promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and if I did not get the money I would vote for them just the same.

18,294. Did you not take money on the other side?—Not a fraction.

18,295. Did you not take 15*l.*?—No, nothing.

18,296. Are you quite sure of that?—I am certain of it.

18,297. Is the other John Watts any relation of yours?—No.

18,298. Where did Mr. Harbord say he would take you?—He never said.

18,299. Did anybody besides Mr. Harbord tell you you could have money that side?—No.

18,300. Did you have anything for your vote in 1859?—Yes, on the Liberal side.

18,301. How much?—10*l.*

18,302. Who gave you that?—Mr. Eagleton on the Liberal side that was.

18,303. To vote for Watkin and Young?—Yes.

18,304. And you did vote for them?—Yes.

18,305. And were you offered money by the Conservatives in that election?—No.

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C. Satterthwaite.

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CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE.

18,306. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember this man?—I do not know that I remember him, and I do not remember the Harbord that offered him the money. I do not remember Mr. Harbord at all, but I will make a little inquiry about this case to-night, because I have a great suspicion I can make something of this man, I think I have seen him before.

Adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

T. Downing.

11 Sept. 1866.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 11th September 1866.

THOMAS DOWNING recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

18,307. Can you give us the names of any more persons who received money from Jones who are not marked on his list?—Only I think what you have had.

18,308. We have had about eight names mentioned to us, amounting to a sum of 120*l.*, and we have had three names mentioned to us who have received 5*l.* more than Mr. Jones said they had; and on the other hand we have had 20 names I think given us who were on Mr. Jones's list who have come forward, and say they have not received any money?—Have you got Richard John Harrod, No. 1,491, 20*l.*?

18,309. That is to say Richard John Harrod had 20*l.* from Benjamin Lindoff?—But he had 20*l.*, too, from me through Mr. Robert Martins as well.

18,310. Did you give Martins the money for Harrod?—Yes. Then there is another one I think I recollect, No. 677, Charles Hunt, 15*l.* I do not know whether you had it before. I do not know whether it is on the list.

18,311. George Charles Hunt; he is in Mr. Jones's list for 15*l.*?—I gave him that.

18,312. But he is in Mr. Satterthwaite's list?—I daresay that is the same thing. Then Crisp is not down on his list, No. 345*l.*, for 15*l*

183,13. Mr. Edwards gave him in?—No, I do not think that. I had forgotten it. Then there was Thomas Wooden; I did not recollect until I heard it the other day.

18,314. Frederick Crisp is down in Mr. Edwards's list?—I have no doubt I gave the name in afterwards, but still I paid him the money.

18,315. Mr. Edwards expended 1,662*l.* 2*s.* 0*d.*?—Yes.

18,316. That is quite a distinct list from Mr. Jones's?—So it may be, but some might be given in to Mr. Edwards. I have recollected all the parties that I gave money to myself, although I did not have tickets. There are 14. That is all that I can recollect that I gave money to.

18,317. How many of those names have not been given in by Mr. Jones?—I do not know; I have not looked at his list.

18,318. How many tickets did you draw money for from Mr. Jones, do you know?—No.

18,319. How much money did you receive from him in cash?—I do not know now.

18,320. Cannot you give us some notion?—No. After the election I settled up, and gave either Mr. Salmon or Mr. Edwards the books of all that I paid away, all the names, and what they had. The books were all taken and put together.

18,321. You gave the names, but there are 20 names who come forward and say they never received the money?—There is not one that I have given in I know but what have received it all right, because I was very particular who I gave it to.

183,22. (*Mr. Russell.*) Can you remember what balance you had in hand after the election?—I was 4*l.* short from the Monday morning until the Thursday. When I went out the Monday morning I had between 7*l.* and 8*l.* in my pocket, and when I left off after the election I was about 4*l.* minus.

18,323. Then you gave back no money at all?—I had none. I tell you I was 4*l.* minus.

18,324. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you tell Mr. Jones anything about Francis Jay's 15*l.* that he returned to you?—Yes. He returned that to me the morning of the election, and I directly gave 10*l.* of it to Mr. Beales. Mr. Moore was along with me when I gave him the money.

18,325. You gave 10*l.* of it to Beales?—I gave 10*l.* of it to Beales in the "White Lion."

18,326. Can you give me any idea how many names you drew for?—No; I should not say I drew for above 10, not of my own accord. I drew the names for other parties, such as Edwards and them, in tickets.

183,27. How many captains drew for names?—I cannot say. I had not the least idea. I was very busy the Monday, and I did not write the tickets after the Monday. Some wrote one, and some wrote another. After that I wrote them as fast as I could. They kept coming to me as I was writing them, and gave in the names. The register lay before me, and I ticked them off and gave them the tickets.

18,328. Who were the captains who drew names?—I know Mr. Edwards was one, but I should not positively like to swear other parties took some. Some might, and some might not. It is so long ago I forget.

18,329. Mr. Edwards was one?—Mr. Edwards was one, I am certain.

18,330. Who was another?—Mr. Walsh had some tickets, but I should not like to swear other parties had any.

18,331. Did Mr. Walsh take tickets from you?—Yes; he had seven or eight. He drew for Sillis, junior, Gravener, Thurlow—

18,332. We have had those, have we not?—Yes. I cannot recollect any more but what I have given you. You see I did not take the names down. I only put the number on the ticket and then put the number on the register, and the register was given up.

18,333. You are a man who lived in Yarmouth, and who agreed with Mr. Jones, the stranger, about the ticket system?—Yes.

18,334. Therefore you must know who the people were who had to draw the names?—I knew they were all right.

18,335. Then you knew who the men were?—I cannot recollect. It is a year and a half ago.

18,336. Nonsense; you can recollect?—I cannot recollect next week what I do this week. There are some I can recollect.

18,337. You have only recollected one, that is Edwards?—They were all there. I cannot recollect who took them. Perhaps if I were to say I suppose such a man took it he would come and deny it, and say he did not take it.

18,338. There are 200*l.* to be accounted for of Mr. Jones's money?—I do not know anything about it.

I believe there are a great many people not down that will escape.

18,339. We must ask you these questions in the face of Mr. Satterthwaite, because I know this, if we come back here again, and Mr. Satterthwaite happens to be in Preston, it will be all put on his shoulders?—I cannot see that.

18,340. It is sure to be, and therefore you must explain it now or never.—I do not see what I have to explain. If I gave a man a ticket I knew he was a voter, and I knew he was a man who wanted the money; and if I gave him a ticket he carried it to Mr. Satterthwaite and took his money.

18,341. You say you only had 10 names yourself?—Those are all the names I can recollect I had.

18,342. And you will not tell us the names of the captains who drew those names, except Mr. Edwards?—I do not know. I know there were several parties about, but I cannot say. You sit at a table writing, and you do not take particular notice. I knew it was nothing to me, as I was not going to pay the money away. They came and asked for tickets for so many people.

18,343. But who were they?—For instance, Mr. Parker and Mr. Seago came, and they drew for about 10 people.

18,344. We have had them?—Then Mr. Edwards came, and had 10 or 12, and perhaps some one else might come. I cannot say who they were. I know there were certain parties had tickets.

18,345. Can you say whether you gave in any single name of these gentlemen who did not receive money, although they were put down on Mr. Jones's list?—Which gentlemen?

18,346. Who come forward and deny it. There are 20 names who come forward and deny upon oath that they received money, and they are put down upon Mr. Jones's list?—I think you are under a wrong impression.

18,347. There is Spencer Thomas Smyth?—That I am sure I should not have paid to.

18,348. There is Francis Sloman Holmes?—Him I should not have put down.

18,349. Walter D. Pettingill?—Him I know nothing about.

18,350. John Skinner?—Of North Road? There are several Skinners about.

18,351. Of the Blackfriars Road?—I never saw him in the course of the election.

18,352. James Butler?—He did come under my notice. He was mentioned to me two or three times, but I cannot swear that the man had the money, but I have every reason to believe that he had. I know it was mentioned to me several times by different parties.

18,353. And you may have given his name in?—No; I have not given his name in, not in my list, I know.

18,354. William Glanfield?—Certainly not.

18,355. William Moss?—I do not know him.

18,356. Henry Fisk?—He would not take it. That was one that Parker drew for. If you recollect it was explained. It is included in that 180*l.* that he and Seago had.

18,357. Who gave in his name, I want to know?—Mr. Parker; I told you so before.

18,358. Henry G. Cadywould?—I do not know him.

18,359. You gave Parker the money?—Yes.

18,360. And to cover that money you gave in a certain number of tickets to Mr. Jones?—Yes.

18,361. Then Henry Fisk's name was put down as 20*l.*?—I am quite certain it was one, though he had not the money, I am quite certain of that.

18,362. However, you gave his name in?—I gave it in to Mr. Jones for Mr. Parker, as the money passed through my hands. When I got that money from him, I gave him so many tickets to represent the money, so that there was a check upon him, and a check upon me too.

18,363. Edward Collins?—Where is that?

18,364. Of the Caister Road?—No. I know the man, but I had nothing to do with him. I should not have gone to him. If he had had it two or three times over I should not have wondered at it.

18,365. He was bribed the other side?—He never does vote without being bribed.

18,366. Did you give his name in as a man who would take a ticket?—No. I never went anywhere down to the north end, no further than the market.

18,367. Samuel Drake?—That is another Mr. Parker drew for.

18,368. Did you give the name in?—Yes. Mr. Parker had agreed with him for 15*l.*

18,369. James Smith, Northumberland Place?—I would not be certain whether Mr. Walsh did not draw a ticket for him. It came under my notice, I know; but I have been recollecting about that man, and I almost fancy Mr. Walsh took a ticket for him, but I could not positively swear.

18,370. 20*l.* was drawn for him by Mr. Walsh?—I would not swear to that.

18,371. Robert Jones?—I do not know the man.

18,372. Christmas Frosdick?—That Mr. Seago drew for.

18,373. John Duffield?—I know the man, but I never saw him all the election.

18,374. George Dunnell?—I think he had a ticket from Mr. Walsh. I think he was paid.

18,375. George Dunnell is put down as receiving 20*l.* from Mr. Jones in his list. It appears he received 15*l.* from Mr. Edwards at the "Angel?"—I think I can recollect. I do not know whether it is the same man, but has he been called?

18,376. He has been called, and has sworn he received no money from Mr. Jones?—I paid a ticket to Walsh, and I think that is about the man. About 9 o'clock at night a man came out to the "Angel," and said he had not received his money, and begged hard of me to get him his money. I am almost inclined to think this was the man. I gave Mr. Walsh the ticket. There was a great dispute about this man not having received his money. He came up, and Mr. Edwards paid him over again. If he had it not, some one else took his ticket and got it for him. I do not know whether Mr. Satterthwaite heard anything about it. It was the night before the election, about 11 o'clock. He came to the "Angel," and said he had not received a ticket; but I can see the man in the course of the day.

18,377. He has been examined before us, and he only acknowledges to receiving one sum of 15*l.*?—He said he had not had his ticket. What I recollect is, that Walsh came and got a ticket for him along with Sillis and the others. I think Dunnell is the name of the man. I know there was a dispute about one ticket, and the man was represented to be paid twice over; but it was settled there and then, because we could not determine where this ticket went to. That was the night before the election, and I think this is the man.

18,378. Do you explain it by saying George Dunnell was paid twice over?—He came up and said he should not vote if he had not the money; and I said, "I have delivered your ticket. Your ticket is down, and you are represented as paid." That is the only case I heard of at the time where the parties said they were not paid, and I am almost certain this was the man. There was one of that sort, and I think this was the man. Does not Dunnell live in Charlotte Street somewhere?

18,379. Yes?—Then I think that is the man.

18,380. Are you certain Walsh drew his ticket?—Yes. I am certain Walsh drew the ticket for Dunnell, I am certain of that.

18,381. Now George Godbolt?—I do not know. I heard his name mentioned once or twice, but I did not draw for him, because he had promised Mr. Brogden early, and I knew that the parties were after him on the other side.

18,382. You do not know who drew for him?—No, I cannot say. I know some one came up about him,

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but it was transferred. I said, "It is of no use, you must transfer it to some one else," because I knew the parties were after him.

18,383. A ticket was drawn to your knowledge?—A ticket was drawn, but I cannot say by whom. I have been trying to think of it when I heard his name mentioned. He had not the money, I know, because he had a place next to mine, and I put the question to him, and he said, "You are too late." In fact I should never have gone to him, because I was along with Mr. Brogden when he promised he would vote for him, as he did Mr. Marshman.

18,384. Then why did you not stop the ticket being drawn, if you knew he would not vote for you?—I did not know it at the time the ticket was drawn.

18,385. I thought you said you had been to him before, and found he was going to vote the other side?—After this.

18,386. You cannot say who drew the ticket?—No, I cannot; but I do not think the ticket was ever made any use of.

18,387. The 20*l.* was made use of?—There was no money got for it.

18,388. There must have been, because Mr. Jones has accounted for it?—I will tell you how he accounts for it directly. This ticket was given. It does not matter how many tickets were returned; they were not checked off afterwards.

18,389. I understand the tickets were given in to Mr. Jones, and Mr. Jones gave 20*l.* for a ticket?—I should not take that account at all. That is not the corrected account. They had a corrected account gone through after the election, and that is not the corrected account.

18,390. This is most important, because directly Mr. Satterthwaite has gone his accounts will be blown upon by everybody?—Mr. Satterthwaite had nothing to do with it, because Mr. Edwards and Mr. Salmon had the whole of the accounts, and the whole of the amended accounts, because I went through those accounts, and gave a description of the men that I knew had it at the time. I gave a description of the whole of the transactions on the amended accounts.

18,391. We have had accounts given in to us by Mr. Salmon, and they tally exactly with the accounts Mr. Jones has before him. Mr. Jones's is 3,912*l.* 10*s.*, and that is entirely accounted for in the account Mr. Jones has before him. Then where is the error?—I do not know. All I know is, I took two or three days, and the register was laid before me and the names were called over, and I said such and such a name was paid, and it was put down who was paid.

18,392. And who was paid?—I cannot recollect. Mr. Salmon had the whole of the accounts. If they had come about this thing, they ought to have sent the whole of the accounts and books which they took away with them, and then it could be explained.

18,393. We have the most important account, which is the one before Mr. Jones?—I do not consider that; I consider the other the most important one of the two, and the parties whose names have been paid would all be there.

18,394. It is not our business to square Mr. Brogden's accounts. Our business is to schedule those gentlemen who have received bribes?—That is what I say. There are a great many who will escape, and others who are innocent get put on. There is not the slightest imputation against Mr. Satterthwaite's keeping any back, because I do not believe he had the accounts.

18,395. Mr. Salmon was perfectly content to receive from the captains all the names of the 20 gentlemen who come forward and swear they never received a penny?—That may be so.

18,396. Samuel Boulton, junior?—I know nothing about him.

18,397. John Watts?—No, I do not know him, or I know him, but I had nothing to do with him.

18,398. Now tell us the names that you substituted in the place of these gentlemen who never received the money?—How can I tell; I cannot recollect the names a year or two ago. I do not know that I substituted them. I said, when they were called over, so and so had the money.

183,99. But you squared the account?—I assisted to do it, and I gave in my book, and a list of all the people at that time. They had a list. I did not keep a list and if I had kept a list, I could have given you the information about it. The lists were handed to Mr. Salmon, and he had every scrap of paper. I cannot recollect a year and a half ago a lot of names. I gave them the whole of the names, and the whole of what the parties had drawn, for every scrap of paper that I could find was given to Mr. Salmon; he paid for them, and I knew no one had more right to them than he had.

18,400. We have not yet gone through the entire of Mr. Jones' list, but as far as we have gone, I make out that tickets were drawn from Mr. Jones' to the amount of 335*l.*, and that we have substituted names for those to the amount of 145*l.*, so that there is 190*l.* unaccounted for?—I should think there are not many elections but what if you have to come and bribe 200 or 300 people, there would be some mistakes, when you have to carry it all in your head especially; you see that would not be, at about 20*l.* a head, some of them, above nine names, and you would be sure to have some that you would not recollect, and especially the little time there was to do it in. I can swear I never had a farthing in my life. I have been at it 20 years, and I never had a shilling, but always have been money out of pocket.

18,401. We give you this opportunity of explaining it?—I know that. I know I never had a shilling in my life, that I can positively swear.

18,402. How much money did you receive from Mr. Edwards?—I think 195*l.*

18,403. You gave 180*l.* to Mr. Parker and Mr. Seago?—Yes.

18,404. It was not Mr. Edwards's money you gave to Mr. Parker?—I am sure I cannot say. I know I gave him the tickets for the money when I took it, just the same as I did Mr. Jones. They would neither of them look to Mr. Parker, they would look to me to give an account of it, and I should look to them to give an account of it to me.

18,405. Then I may take it you cannot give us the names of any more persons who received substituted tickets?—No, I have tried and thought of everyone I could think of.

18,406. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When you went through these accounts with Mr. Salmon and Mr. Satterthwaite, was Mr. Salmon satisfied that you had found a name for all those?—Yes, for all those.

18,407. For all those who had not received the money?—Yes.

18,408. Mr. Salmon was perfectly satisfied of that?—Perfectly so.

18,409. Did you go through the accounts with Mr. Satterthwaite and Mr. Edwards?—I was not there the full time. I was off and on different times. He said, "Here are so and so." I said he had not the money, I am quite sure.

18,410. Did he say that in reference to any of the names that have been mentioned before us?—Yes, some of the names.

18,411. The parties have come here and have sworn they did not receive it?—Not in every case, because perhaps some of them may have had it. The men are the best judges who swore to it. He knows whether he is swearing right or wrong. All I know as far as this is, I gave Mr. Salmon all my books and everything I had in connexion with it. I gave him the canvass books checked off, and an account of every man most likely to receive a bribe, and my private memorandum book, everyone that had been paid and given a ticket to.

18,412. Had you a private memorandum book containing all the names?—The whole of them.

18,413. At that time?—At that time.

18,414. And you gave that to Mr. Salmon ?—I gave that to Mr. Salmon with all my papers.

18,415. If we had that before us would that satisfy us with regard to all these names ?—I cannot speak to all of them, because I did not draw for all of them. I had only the tickets for the Monday ; what they did the Tuesday I cannot be accountable for.

18,416. Did anybody else besides you go to Mr. Salmon and satisfy him money would be drawn for the parties named ?—You may be certain that out of that number there would be some mistakes.

18,417. Did Mr. Salmon see any other of the captains ?—I do not know who was there, but on account of the tickets going through me the first day I thought I was the only one.

18,418. When you gave in the names to Mr. Salmon I understood that Mr. Salmon expressed himself satisfied ?—I found some names that he had not got down the same as now. There are several names, but we shall never arrive at the whole of them. We might come at it by their evidence, if there are any more to come. Very likely you would not have arrived at these, only they came and spoke of it themselves.

18,419. (*Mr. Russell.*) When I examined you on the first occasion, you said you had written all the tickets yourself ?—All on Monday, I told you then personally, and on Tuesday the thing got into confusion, and was helter skelter then, and I knew nothing more about it. Up to the Monday night or the Tuesday morning everything was going on well.

18,420. It is now alleged that tickets written for certain voters were not delivered, but that their money was given to substituted persons. But we have it in evidence that tickets were unquestionably written in favour of men who any resident in Yarmouth must have known would not have taken a bribe.—Those were not written by me.

18,421. When they were written they must have been written with the intention of pocketing the money ?—I do not believe tickets were written for those people at all. Some one must have represented the men and been paid, because Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards both paid money without tickets. You cannot say tickets were drawn for these people though they were on Mr. Jones's list as paid. I should not have been simple enough to have written a ticket for Mr. Smyth. I should have known better than that.

18,422. I will mention that one name as an illustration of what I mean, Dr. Spencer Thomas Smyth ?—I must have been crazy to have written a ticket for him.

18,423. Some one must have had a ticket written for him, or his name must have been handed in on a list to Mr. Jones ?—It was either a mistake in taking the number, or he was represented by some one else. I cannot say, perhaps it might be in this way. I have never looked at the register to have seen. The man before his name or the man after his name might be upon the ticket, that I will not say ; I have not seen it, but by seeing I might throw some little light upon it.

18,424. Did not Mr. Jones consult you as to who would be the reliable men to appoint captains ?—That I am not aware of if he did. I know a great deal of it was left in a great measure to me, but I cannot be responsible for everything at a time like that ; and I think for my own part there never was an election conducted but what you would find some few short, and if there are nine or ten, it is as much as you would expect anyone to do in a time like that.

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18,425. What are you ?—A linendraper.

18,426. We have heard that you summoned a small meeting to consider what should be done with reference to the shaky voters ?—Not the shaky voters, to go through the register generally.

18,427. You did summon a meeting ?—I did.

18,428. When ?—I think the Thursday night before the election.

18,429. By whose authority did you convene that meeting ?—On my own account.

18,430. Whom did you ask to attend ?—That I am sure I cannot remember. There were only about four or five.

18,431. Tell me as many of them as you can remember.—I think Mr. Waters, Mr. Overend, and I do not remember anybody else. I think there were four, but I could not tell the names.

18,432. Mr. Reeder ; was Mr. Reeder there ?—I think he was.

18,433. And Mr. King ?—I do not remember his being there. He might be there, but I do not remember.

18,434. Mr. Rivett ?—No, I do not think Mr. Rivett was.

18,435. Will you tell me as briefly as you can what took place at that meeting ?—We went through the register to see how the promises stood for Brogden and Vanderbyl and Lacon and Goodson, and those that had not promised on either side. I asked them to go round and ask whether they would promise at once, and report to me.

18,436. Was any inducement whatever to be given to those men who had not promised ?—Not the slightest, not by me.

18,437. Did you take an active part before that in the election, in canvassing and so forth ?—Yes.

18,438. Were you on any committee ?—I do not know of any committee, only a meeting at the "Angel." I do not think there was any committee called or named. I do not remember.

18,439. When did you first become aware that these shaky voters were receiving money ?—I did not know anything about the receiving of money ; that is a part of the business I had nothing to do with. I have always taken an active part in canvassing, therefore I have kept aloof from everything in the shape of bribery of any kind.

18,440. I suppose, in following the canvass, you detected all of a sudden the shaky men had become firm ones ?—There was no firmness about them, I did not go after them. I never went near the voters after I had been round with Mr. Brogden.

18,441. Are you aware of any voters who did receive money ?—Not one.

18,442. Did you know a man named Butcher ?—Where does he live ?

18,443. Henry James Butcher ?—Yes, in the Market Place.

18,444. Did you give anybody money for him ?—No, I gave it him myself for the use of his committee rooms. I gave him 10*l.* for the use of his committee rooms, which we held for a fortnight as agreed to.

18,445. Did you engage his room by any authority ?—No.

18,446. Did you send in the account to Mr. Clowes ?—I did not.

18,447. You paid that 10*l.* out of your own pocket ?—No.

18,448. By whom were you reimbursed ?—I saw a man by the name of Hickling, whom I knew had been engaged in buying voters, and I asked him, "What money have you left ?" and he said, "About 12*l.*" Then I said, "I want 10*l.* for Butcher's rooms, and therefore you may as well give it me.

18,449. You were aware that Mr. Hickling received this money to buy votes ?—Yes.

18,450. And there being a balance of that money over, you asked him for it and obtained 10*l.* ?—Yes.

18,451. Was that the only money dealing you had in the last election ?—The only one.

18,452. How did you know that Mr. Hickling had money ?—I knew that he was going about bribing voters on the day of the election. I think it was on the day of the election only, I am not certain.

18,453. Who told you so ?—Well, he told me himself.

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18,454. Was it on the day of the election that you got the 10*l.* ?—Yes, after the election was over. I think it was the evening of the election he gave it to me ; I think so.

18,455. Where are Butcher's rooms ?—They were in the Market Place, opposite my house, at that time.

18,456. What use did you make of it ?—I used to go backwards and forwards there, so that they did not come to my place of business. Anyone who wanted to see me had to go to his rooms.

18,457. Who were the people who would require to see you ?—To ask any question. I took an active part, and therefore no matter who it was. Anyone in the Market Ward, if they had any question to ask, would come and ask me.

18,458. Why could they not go to your own house ?—I did not want them to come to my place of business.

18,459. Why ?—It interferes with my business.

18,460. Did you go at stated hours to those rooms ?—No ; I used to go occasionally across and ask if there had been anyone to see me, and if there was I said I would be there again shortly.

18,461. Did the shaky voters call upon you ?—I never saw them.

18,462. Who were the parties that came ?—The parties that were at my house were Mr. Waters—

18,463. Did Mr. Hickling come ?—I think he came once from Mr. Waters, and those people I went to see might come to that place.

18,464. Did Mr. Hickling report to you at that room how he was getting on with bribing voters ?—No.

18,465. Did anybody ever make such a report to you there ?—No.

18,466. You are quite sure of that ?—Quite sure.

18,467. Mr. Butcher's house is close to Thompson's, is it not ?—Yes.

18,468. Did you ever make reports at Thompson's of what you heard at Mr. Butcher's ?—No.

18,469. Do I understand you to mean that you kept all this information to yourself ?—Yes.

18,470. Then what practical good did you consider it to be ?—If there was anything of importance to come under my observation I would go and report it to the room at the "Angel," at head-quarters.

18,471. Did you canvass Mr. Butcher for his vote ?—No ; I was not with him when he was canvassed ; but I know he promised the first time Mr. Brogden saw him.

18,472. Did you say anything to him about his vote when you engaged his room ?—No. He had promised to vote for Mr. Brogden the first time Mr. Brogden called upon him.

18,473. You are not able to give any more satisfactory information of the use you made of this room than what you have told us ?—No. That was the only use I did make of it. I used it for the purpose of going backwards and forwards.

18,474. Did not these men, who came and reported to you at Mr. Butcher's, say such and such a voter wanted money ?—Not there. If I saw them about I would say, "How do you get on ?" and they would say they could do nothing further, "So and so will not promise."

18,475. From that you inferred that so and so wanted money ?—I thought they wanted some consideration.

18,476. Was that the object of their reports ?—That was the object of their reports.

18,477. And did you not give a list of those people to anybody ?—I do not think I did. I might mark them off in the register, but I sent in a list I think. I went to Mr. Edwards, and I think I went through the list.

18,478. Which Mr. Edwards ?—Mr. Brogden's man who was here. I think he was the man I made the report to. He kept the general canvass.

18,479. If I understand you it was this. You marked these non-promised men on your register, and then took the marked register to Mr. Edwards ?—Yes.

18,480. For his guidance ?—Yes.

18,481. When did you deliver him that ?—I used to see him generally almost every day.

18,482. Did you give him a marked register on the Saturday before the election ?—I gave him a list of promises, and a list of names who would not promise, I think, on the Saturday before the election ; I think I did.

18,483. Did you yourself know at that time the use that Mr. Edwards would make of such a marked register ?—I did not. He was there for keeping the register, and for nothing else that I was aware of.

18,484. You were not yourself aware that the men who you so returned to him as not promised would be paid for their votes ?—No, I was not certain of that.

18,485. You have heard now that that was the use that was made of it ?—Yes.

18,486. But you were unaware of it yourself ?—I was unaware of it.

18,487. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Edwards had a register of his own ?—Yes, he kept a register.

18,488. Did he from your register correct his own ?—Yes.

18,489. Did you see him put any note against the names you gave him ?—No.

18,490. You did not see him put the letter "T" against it ?—No ; I did not see that part of the business at all.

18,491. Tell me why you did not return to Mr. Clowes the account for this committee room ?—The 10*l.* ?

18,492. Yes.—I had paid him the money, and therefore I thought I did not require to return it to Mr. Clowes, or make Mr. Clowes a return, as it was paid.

18,493. Having nothing to do with the bribery, why did you choose to take the money in an illegal manner instead of a legal manner ?—I saw Mr. Hickling, and I said, "Have you any money ?" He said, "Yes ; 10*l.* or 12*l.*" I said, "There is 10*l.* for Mr. Butcher's room ; hand me over the money."

18,494. You knew that Mr. Hickling had the money for the purpose of bribery ?—I did.

18,495. Why did you mix yourself up in the mess by taking that money, instead of going to Mr. Clowes and getting it legally ?—I think I did it without a thought. I could have gone and got the money from Mr. Clowes, because it was a legal transaction. I got the money from Mr. Hickling. I thought there was 10*l.*, and I thought I might as well have it.

18,496. You did not expect a commission ?—It would have made no difference, because it was 10*l.* I asked him for to pay, and I could have made the return to Mr. Clowes, and as the thing was settled I thought there was no necessity to do so.

18,497. You preferred to take the money in an illegal manner ?—It was not a preference. I could have got it either way. There was 10*l.*, and I thought I could ask him for the money.

18,498. I suppose you are not aware you were committing a misdemeanor by so doing ?—I am not.

18,499. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know a man named James Butler ?—Yes.

18,500. Did he come to ask you for money ?—No. He came and abused me.

18,501. Why ?—Because he did not get his money. I understood he was promised some money, and he waited too long, as I understand.

18,502. This man has denied that he took or wanted money ?—From the information I received I think he required rather a larger sum than they were disposed to give him.

18,503. Do you know what sum ?—No. He came to me the night after the election in my house, and I was obliged to order him out of my place.

18,504. Why should he select you ?—Because I had taken an active part with the members when they came down here.

18,505. Not in the disbursement of money ?—No.

18,506. Or in the recommendation of voters for the payment of money ?—No.

18,507. Did he mention any sum that he required ?—No, he did not. He came and asked me about the money. I said, "I know nothing about your money." I did not know the man. "And I do not know who you are." He told me his name was Butler. I said, "I know nothing about you."

18,508. Are you aware that he held out for a large sum ?—Yes ; I was told so.

18,509. Who told you ?—I think it was Mr. Thompson, but I cannot say whether it was Mr. Thompson or not.

18,510. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know Mr. John Webster Tingay ?—I do.

18,511. Did you see him at the election time ?—I saw him about the election time, but he had nothing whatever to do with the working of the election.

18,512. What part did he take ?—That I do not know. I do not think he was active in the election at all.

18,513. Mr. Tingay was not one of your committee ?—No.

18,514. Was he engaged in illegal practices ?—Not that I am aware of.

18,515. He sent Mr. Butler to you on the election morning, did he not ?—No. I did not see Mr. Butler till after the election that I am aware of.

18,516. Were you bringing the men up to the poll on the election day ?—I was.

18,517. And was Tingay ?—I think not. I do not remember seeing Mr. Tingay engaged in the election. In fact I did not know the man until some time after the election. I did not know Mr. Tingay. I have seen him since. Of course I know him now very well.

18,518. How came you to make his acquaintance since ?—By being a tradesman in the town and seeing him at his place of business.

18,519. Nothing to do with the election ?—No ; I think he had nothing whatever to do with it.

18,520. Did you before the polling day ever see Mr. Satterthwaite ?—Yes.

18,521. When did you first see him ?—I think it might be a few days before the election.

18,522. Were you introduced to him by Mr. Edwards ?—No, I think not. I met him in the smoke room at the "Angel," where we used to meet. He used to be there. I did not know who he was. He never used to say anything. He used to sit down and smoke a pipe.

18,523. Did you know Mr. Jones as being engaged in spending money ?—No, I did not know him until the Monday. I think the Monday it was before the election that he was to be the agent employed.

18,524. You found out, however ?—Yes.

18,525. How did you find that out ?—I heard a conversation going on, that is all.

18,526. Who told you ?—No one told me. I heard the general conversation.

18,527. Not in the public room ?—No ; in a room upstairs.

18,528. You mean a room at the "Angel ?"—Yes.

18,529. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you tell me what Butler said to you at the time he abused you ?—He came in and wanted to know where his money was that he was to have for his vote.

18,530. Can you tell me what he said ?—I could not tell you more than that. I said, "Be out of the place directly."

18,531. Did he come in and ask you where his money was ?—I think he did.

18,532. Did you understand that to be money he had been promised for his vote ?—Yes.

18,533. You cannot tell me the words he used ?—I could not. He was very abusive, and I told him to be off out of the place.

18,534. Why should he come to you ?—Because I had taken an active part in the election. I had taken the Market Ward as my jurisdiction.

18,535. He thought you were responsible for getting him money ?—I suppose so.

18,536. Had he any ground for that ?—No.

18,537. Had he ever asked you about it before ?—No ; I do not think I ever saw the man before he came to my house. I did not know him. I had to ask him who he was.

18,538. Did he tell you anybody had promised him ?—I do not think he did. He came and asked me why he did not get his money, and I said, "You have overshot the mark. You have waited a little too long. I know nothing of you, and you must be out of my place."

18,539. Can you tell us who promised him money ?—No.

18,540. Or with whom he bargained ?—I do not know. I think Mr. Thompson was the man who reported him to me.

18,541. Reported him to you as a person that would not promise ?—As a person that would not promise, and that he would not vote unless he was paid. I remember sending down several times for him to come up and vote as he had not voted. I sent down for him.

18,542. (*Mr. Slade.*) You mean Mr. Thompson, the man at whose house Jones gave the money ?—Yes.

18,543. Were you at Mr. Thompson's house yourself ?—Yes, I was backwards and forwards ; that was where we kept the register.

18,544. I mean during the time Mr. Jones was spending the money ?—No.

18,545. Were you there on the Tuesday evening ?—No ; I was there only the day of the election.

18,546. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you not at the meeting at the "Angel," on the Monday forenoon, at which it was determined to resort to bribery ?—I think not.

18,547. You would not forget that if you were ?—I was there in the afternoon. I do not think I went in the morning about 12 or 1 o'clock.

18,548. That was the meeting at which it was determined to resort to money ?—I do not know anything about that.

18,549. We have heard so from Mr. Brand.—I know nothing about that.

18,550. You were not present when that resolution was come to ?—No, I did not hear it.

18,551. Did you take an active part in the election of 1859 ?—Yes.

18,552. What part did you take ?—Going round to canvass with the candidates.

18,553. Were you cognisant of money being spent illegally at that election ?—Not at the time.

18,554. You were subsequently, of course ?—Oh, yes.

18,555. Did you adopt the same plan at that election as you did at the last, of ascertaining who the non-promised voters were, and returning a list at head-quarters ?—I should think in all probability I did.

18,556. Can you tell me who you delivered such a list to ?—That I do not remember ; whoever took the leading part.

18,557. Who had the custody of the register at head-quarters then ?—I forget who had the custody of it then. Mr. Livingston was about the principal man who was there.

18,558. Did you engage a committee room at that election in the same way ?—I think I had. Yes, I think so.

18,559. Where did you engage a room ;—I think we always had Mr. Thompson's place for that purpose.

18,560. Mr. Thompson's ?—Yes ; I think it was his rooms we had then. No, I think not. I do not know whether Thompson lived there at the time. I forget where we had the rooms.

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18,561. Was it the same house as Thompson now has?—I think we had not those rooms in 1859. I think the Conservatives had those rooms in 1859.

18,562. You did engage a room, but you cannot remember where it was?—I think we had rooms. Whether it was the 1859 election that we had Goodrick's rooms I do not recollect.

18,563. Where is Mr. Goodrick's?—In the Market Place. We had those rooms one year, but whether it was 1859 I am not able to say.

M. A. Pye.

MARY ANN PYE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

18,564. You are the wife of Robert Pye?—Yes.

18,565. Who lives in Gaol Street?—Yes.

18,566. What is your husband?—He is a mariner. A grocer I suppose he is put down there. He is not able to attend.

18,567. We have a certificate here from Mr. Palmer to say he is too unwell to attend?—Yes; it has been the case for the last twelve months past.

18,568. Did you receive any money for him at the last election?—No; he had nothing to do with it before.

18,569. But did you receive any money at the last election?—This election? Yes.

18,570. What did you receive?—15*l.*

18,571. Who gave it to you?—My son-in-law, Joseph Moore. It came from Mr. Jones.

18,572. You say your son-in-law brought it to you from Mr. Jones?—Yes.

18,573. And what is his name?—Joseph Moore.

18,574. Is your son-in-law a voter?—No.

18,575. Had your son-in-law a ticket?—Not that I know of.

18,576. Where does your son-in-law live?—In London.

18,577. Did you hear from your son-in-law who told him to go to Mr. Jones?—Mr. Steel, a friend of his.

18,578. Is that Richard Steel?—I am not sure of his christian name.

11,579. Does he live in Howard Street?—I am not sure where he lives; I cannot say. I think it is Richard Steel.

18,580. Is he a clerk upon the quay?—I think he is.

18,581. Then it is Richard Steel. Did you give that money to your husband?—No.

18,582. You kept it?—I spent it.

18,583. Did your husband know that you had received that money?—Yes, of course he knew that I received it.

18,584. Did he know that you had received it before he gave his vote?—Yes; but he was very ill then.

18,585. Did your husband vote at the election before the last, in 1859?—Yes.

18,586. Do you know whether he received any money at that time?—I am quite sure he did not, nor would he have done it now but his health has been very bad for a long, long time.

H. Brand.

HENRY BRAND sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

18,587. What are you?—A woollen-draper.

18,588. We have heard your name mentioned very often. What part did you take in the last election?—A very slight part indeed; a very little indeed.

18,589. Is your name Henry Jermyn Brand?—No.

18,590. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know a man named Leman?—Yes.

18,591. Is Mr. Leman a voter?—He is.

18,592. It is Henry Leman?—Yes, I believe that is the same party.

18,593. Did you receive a sum of money from him? From Mr. Henry Leman?

18,594. Yes.—No.

18,595. Did you give him a sum of money?—I gave him a sum of money.

18,596. How much?—10*l.*

18,597. When?—I think it was a day or two after the election.

18,598. Why did you give him the 10*l.*?—He asked me for it. He said he had given it to a man named Charles Crickmer out of his own pocket, and he asked me to procure it for him.

18,599. Charles Robert Crickmer?—I do not know if it is Charles Robert. It is a man named Crickmer.

18,600. Then you reimbursed him?—Yes; at least I got the money for him. He asked me to do so.

18,601. From whom did you get the 10*l.*?—I am not quite certain. I have an impression that I had it from Mr. Edwards; but really my mind is not certain about it. I find Mr. Jones says I had it from him; possibly I might.

18,602. Do you remember where you received this?—At the "Angel."

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

18,603. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you wish to make a statement?—There is some little peculiarity in this case, as you will find when it is explained. I wish the Court to ask Mr. Brand if he did not find a ticket in my possession with the letter B—a B ticket. I should like to know whether he did not find it himself. He was there when I was balancing my accounts.

H. Brand.

HENRY BRAND recalled; examination resumed by Mr. RUSSELL.

18,604. Do you remember that?—Mr. Jones showed me a ticket.

18,605. At the time?—No.

18,606. Did you go there when Mr. Jones was balancing his accounts with Mr. Salmon and Mr. Edwards?—Yes; I went upstairs to them.

18,607. Was that the occasion when he showed you a B ticket?—Yes; I did not know what it was.

18,608. A ticket representing the 10*l.* you paid to Mr. Leman?—I cannot say. I really do not know whether I had the money from Jones or not. My impression is I had it from Edwards.

18,609. Was Mr. Jones present?—I should think he was.

18,610. Did you receive not more than 10*l.* when you were at the "Angel?"—No.

18,611. Was that the only money that you had?—That was the only transaction I had at all with the election.

18,612. Did you take an active part in the election of 1859?—No.

18,613. Had you a vote?—I had a vote.

18,614. And did you vote upon the same side?—I have always voted Liberal.

18,615. How came you to know that you would be reimbursed the 10*l.* if you went up to the "Angel?"—I had no doubt about it. It was perfectly understood that Mr. Jones or those other gentlemen had money. Mr. Leman came to me about it. I declined to have anything to do with it, but he came to me and said he had paid it out of his own money; and then I went and asked whoever it was at the "Angel" for the money.

18,616. Why should Mr. Leman select you to get it?—This man is in my employ. A great deal has been said about this man, that I should coerce him to vote upon the side that I voted. I had never seen that man, and I did not know that man had a vote till Mr. Leman came to me. It appears Mr. Lane, a rate collector, a Conservative and a very strong partisan, went to this man. This man had never had a vote till that year, and my opinion is, that he would have

voted without money if it had not been for Mr. Lane. Then that man went to Mr. Leman, and Mr. Leman came to me, but the man might have voted which way he pleased. I never should have thought of coercing him.

18,617. Had you seen Mr. Jones before you went up to the "Angel?"—I had seen him before, but never spoken to him.

18,618. Had you seen Mr. Edwards before?—I had seen him but never spoken to him.

18,619. Did you ever hand in a list?—No; I had no list.

18,620. Never?—Never. I never asked a man for a vote.

18,621. (*Mr. Slade.*) It appears that this man Crickmer had 10*l.* drawn from Mr. Edwards and 10*l.* from Mr. Jones, from both of them?—It seems so.

18,622. Can you tell me whether the gentleman who gave you the money was a gentleman in spectacles?—I have always had the impression that I received that money from Mr. Edwards. I have read since in the papers Mr. Jones said he gave it to me. If he says so, then I must have been mistaken. Had I not seen that observation of his in the paper I should have said most decidedly I received it from Mr. Edwards.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

18,623. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you wish to make a further statement?—What I want to call to Mr. Brand's attention is this—whether I did not show him a B ticket with the man's number upon it, and ask him if he could recognize the number.

HENRY BRAND recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

H. Brand.

18,624. Did you see that ticket?—Certainly. Mr. Jones showed it to me. That is the first ticket I ever saw of anyone of the tickets, and the only ticket that I ever saw. May I be allowed to make a short statement about my having attempted to coerce this man? I never exchanged a word with him upon the election matter.

WILLIAM UTTING sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

W. Utting.

18,625. What are you?—A fish merchant.

18,626. You had a good deal to do with the election?—No.

18,627. Had you not?—No. I received 30*l.* from Mr. Downing, that is all.

18,628. And what did you do with it?—I gave 15*l.* to Westoby and 15*l.* to Haylett.

18,629. What else?—Nothing else.

18,630. What is Mr. Haylett?—A beachman.

18,631. Samuel Haylett?—Yes, Samuel Haylett.

18,632. Was that all you did?—Yes.

18,633. Did you ask Mr. Downing for this money?—Well, when he asked me if I knew any voter, I told him there were two that would take 15*l.* each, and he said, "Take the money." I said, "I would rather not have anything to do with it." "However," he said, "take it," and I did take it. That is all that passed.

18,634. And you got nothing for yourself?—No, I did not want any money for myself, nor never took any.

18,635. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

18,636. Did you get anything in this way in 1859?—No, I voted in 1859.

18,637. Is that all you can tell us?—That is all.

18,638. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you not get 40*l.* from Mr. Downing?—It was only 30*l.*; and Mr. Downing knows it was only 30*l.* I saw it in the paper that he said 30*l.* or 40*l.*

GEORGE WILLIAM MOORE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

G. W. Moore.

18,639. What are you?—An engineer.

18,640. Will you tell us what you did at the last election?—I sat in a recess at the "Army and Navy" tavern.

18,641. When Mr. Jones was there?—Yes, when Jones was there.

18,642. Was that all you did?—Yes, that is all I did there.

18,643. Is that all you did at the election?—Well, I certainly called upon a voter or two. I think you have had that in evidence.

18,644. I want you to tell us yourself what you have done. Whom did you call upon?—I think I called upon Holmes, the barber—Martin Holmes I think it is—Gaol Street.

18,645. Did you call upon him to give him money?—No, not to give him money, but to ask him which way he was going to vote.

18,646. Had you money through any part of the election?—I had money. I will explain that there were two captains who came up from Newcastle to vote, and they asked me if they voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl whether I could get them their expenses, and they both of them handed me in a bill. I went up to the "Angel" with the bill and gave it to Mr. Edwards. He said he thought he could not pay it, but I had better go and see Mr. Jones. That was on the morning of the election. I saw Mr. Jones, and Mr. Jones gave me the money, and I gave it to the two captains.

18,647. Will you tell us the names of the two captains?—Woodcock was one.

18,648. Is that Thomas Woodcock?—I think it is Thomas.

18,649. Who is the other?—James Johnson; he is a captain also; they both came up from Newcastle together.

18,650. What did you get for Woodcock?—I think I drew either 17*l.* 10*s.* or 18*l.* for him, I will not be certain which. He gave me the bill, and I handed it in when I drew the money.

18,651. And Johnson?—15*l.* I think for Johnson.

18,652. James Johnson?—I think his name is James.

18,653. Do you know where he lives?—No, I do not know where he lives.

18,654. One Johnson lives in Row No. 108, and the other lives in Queen's Road. However, Woodcock will tell us?—Yes, Woodcock will tell you.

18,655. Do you know if he lives in Bridge Road, Southtown?—No, I do not know where he lives. He was a stranger to me; he was with Captain Woodcock at that time. They both came up from Newcastle that morning.

18,656. Was that all the money that passed through your hands?—Well, there were two others, two more captains.

18,657. Will you give us their names?—One is Captain Barnard, of the floating light.

18,658. Is it William Barnard?—Barnard. I do not know whether it is William or Robert.

18,659. Where does he live?—Somewhere down South-end.

18,660. What did you give him?—He had 10*l.*

18,661. And who was the other?—Captain Cotton. He belonged to the floating light too.

18,662. Is it Charles Cotton or William Cotton?—I do not know his christian name.

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18,663. Do you know where he lives; does he live in Apsley Road?—I think that is the place he lives at.

18,664. That is William John Cotton. What did he get?—He had 10*l.* I must tell you, these two men had to send men off on board the light for a month, at the time they came on shore, and they handed me in an account of their expenses. I also took that to Mr. Edwards and he referred me to Mr. Jones, and I left the account there.

18,665. Who gave you the money?—Mr. Jones, up at the "Angel."

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

18,666. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you explain this?—I can explain that there is another case similar to that, which Mr. Edwards referred to me, and Mr. Edwards showed me the account. I said to Edwards, "That is an illegal expenditure; it had better come "through me; the auditors will not pass these things, "and you had better let me pay them in the ordinary "way of tickets. If any more come, send them to "me." I said, "I am sure they are very illegal, and "they will not be passed."

18,667. You have not included Cotton in your account?—It has been omitted. I do not know how it is.

18,668. I will tell you how it may be explained. Robert Barnard is put down in your list as having received 20*l.*, whereas he only got 10*l.* He drew two 10*l.* and gave one to Cotton?—That will be the reason.

G. W. Moore.

GEORGE WILLIAM MOORE recalled; examination resumed by Mr. SLADE.

18,669. Is that so?—Yes. I must tell you these captains did not take it as a bribe at all; they considered it for their expenses.

18,670. It was an illegal payment?—They were not aware of it at the time. That made me hand in the accounts to Mr. Edwards.

18,671. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is that all the money that passed through your hands?—That is all the money that passed through my hands, except 2*l.* that I paid to Mr. Cattermole.

18,672. What for?—For the room, I suppose.

18,673. Did you get that from Mr. Jones?—No, Mr. Fill gave me that. He was paying some little accounts, and I said, "There are 2*l.* for Cattermole," and I gave Mr. Fill a receipt for it.

18,674. Besides those payments you made, did you also send up voters to different places where money was being disbursed?—Not to different places.

18,675. Then to one place?—The parties I canvassed said, "I am offered money on the other side." I said I had nothing to do with money, "but if you "go to the 'Army and Navy' tavern, they will "settle there with you."

18,676. You did send up voters to the "Army and Navy" tavern?—I believe I did, one or two.

18,677. Can you recollect the names?—Holmes the barber, and Pope the publican.

18,678. Are those the only two?—They are the only two that I can recollect.

18,679. What Pope is it?—He lives in Gaol Street.

18,680. George?—Yes.

18,681. Did you canvass with Mr. Fill?—I was perfectly alone. I went over the ground too fast for Mr. Fill.

18,682. Several voters say they were sent up by you and Mr. Fill. Have you given us the names of all?—There may be one or two that I may have seen.

18,683. James Johnson?—I have given you that name.

18,684. George Dunnell?—I do not recollect anything about him.

18,685. He says he was sent up by you?—I do not believe it.

18,686. (*Mr. Russell.*) Frederick Bellamy?—I saw a report in the paper about that, but I do not know him.

18,687. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you give us any other names that you sent up?—There was Ablett spoke to me.

18,688. Did you send him up?—I certainly did; I think I did.

18,689. Any more?—That is all I can recollect.

18,690. Now what did you do in 1859?—Nothing.

18,691. Did you vote then?—Yes; I have always voted a Liberal all my lifetime, and I hope I shall always do the same while I live.

18,692. Do you know anything at all about the bribery in 1859?—Nothing.

18,693. You received nothing for your own vote?—No, I should think not.

18,694. (*Mr. Slade.*) When did you make Mr. Jones's acquaintance?—I think it was the Monday before the election.

18,695. Were you introduced to him?—I was introduced to Mr. Jones by Mr. Edwards.

18,696. Mr. Jones told you that he was going to pay these gentlemen at that room where you went to afterwards, behind the screen?—He asked me if I would walk down to the "Army and Navy" tavern in the evening, and he said I might hear a little fun.

18,697. Was that from curiosity?—It was from curiosity I went there I assure you, and I was very much amused at the time.

18,698. What amused you?—By hearing Mr. Jones lecture some of the voters.

18,699. What lecture did he give them?—He told some of them he thought by their appearance they ought to be above taking a bribe, and they made some frivolous excuses that they were hard up for money, and that it would do them a good deal of good, and he handed them the money, and said, "There it is, and I hope it will do you good."

18,700. Did you recognize who those voters were by their voices?—I recognized them when they gave in their names.

18,701. Did you see them?—No.

18,702. Mr. Makepeace was one of the lectured?—I remember one. Makepeace is one name.

18,703. Do you recollect any other name?—Captain Wright. He gave him a little bit of a lecture.

18,704. That was your friend?—He was my friend.

18,705. Who else?—There were several others. I cannot recollect their names now.

18,706. When I said "your friend," you have not given us his name yet?—Yes, I did; I gave him with Ablett. I think it is Francis Wright. I tell you why I think I did give the name, because the one is the master of the boat and the other is the mate.

18,707. Ablett is the mate?—Yes.

18,708. Tell me, is not Francis Wright the man who got 17*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

18,709. And not Thomas Woodcock?—Yes; Thomas Woodcock is another captain. Woodcock came up from Newcastle.

18,710. The thing is this, Francis Wright is put down as 17*l.* 10*s.* in Mr. Jones's list?—Yes.

18,711. Whereas Woodcock is put down as 20*l.*?—And Ablett is put down as 17*l.* 10*s.*; 35*l.* the two.

18,712. You sent up Ablett and Wright to Mr. Jones?—I told them to go up there.

18,713. And they got 35*l.* between them?—Yes.

18,714. Can you account for Thomas Woodcock having drawn a 20*l.* ticket?—He did not draw a ticket; I took his bill in and I got the money. Whether it was 17*l.* 10*s.* or 18*l.* I cannot tell you.

18,715. You drew 20*l.*?—No, I did not; I only drew the amount of the bill.

18,716. Did you give any ticket to Mr. Jones?—No, I gave no person any ticket.

18,717. Are you certain that Woodcock got 17*l.* 10*s.* or 18*l.*?—I cannot say; it was done in a minute

They handed me the account in the street at 12 o'clock in the morning, when the election was virtually over. I may say again they said they had come all the way from Newcastle to vote for the Liberals, and it would be very hard for them to pay the expenses themselves.

18,718. You have told us all that you know as regards giving money?—Yes.

18,719. (*Mr. Russell.*) You went about in company with Mr. Fill?—No; I was principally by myself, because I could go along over the ground quicker than Mr. Fill.

18,720. You have been so mentioned?—I was, I think, in the evidence, but it is not correct.

18,721. Who employed you, or did you do it upon your own authority?—I did it on my own authority, being a partisan.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

18,722. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you explain this?—He gave me a bill.

18,723. You put it down 20*l.*?—I cannot say how that is. It may be some portion of the 10*l.* overplus, I cannot say. He gave me a bill for this. You know that I have 10*l.* balance, and there is possibly one or two that I might make mistakes about. Altogether I have now 7*l.* accounted for; I have 3*l.* balance yet; I have still 3*l.* over.

EDWARD ROBERT EDWARDS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

E. R. Edwards.

18,724. What part did you take in the last election?—Very little indeed.

18,725. What was it?—I think I was about two hours in it; that was on the Monday evening prior to the election.

18,726. I forgot to ask you what you are?—I am a fish salesman and agent.

18,727. Are you brother to Thomas Edwards?—I am his elder brother.

18,728. You say you were there on the Monday evening previous to the election for about two hours?—Yes.

18,729. What did you do in that two hours?—I was waiting for some money.

18,730. Did you get it?—Yes.

18,731. How much?—120*l.* I think so; it might have been 115*l.* or 120*l.*, I cannot speak positively.

18,732. Who did you get it from?—I got it from Mr. Edwards, the gentleman who came from Preston.

18,733. What did you do with it?—I gave it to different voters; there was first of all 20*l.* to Samuel Boulton, Blackfriars Road—Samuel Boulton, the elder.

18,734. Did you give it him?—Yes. Then George Burton, Lancaster Road.

18,735. How much did he have?—20*l.* Thomas Turrell, Queen's Road.

18,736. How much?—20*l.*

18,737. The next?—Robert Brown, I do not know whether it is Row 117 or Row 112, 15*l.*; Alfred Brown, 15*l.*; Samuel Kelf, Marlborough Place, 15*l.*; and James Palmer, King Street, 15*l.* That is all.

18,738. That is 120*l.*?—Yes, I think so.

18,739. Is that all the money that you had?—Yes; that is all the money that I had.

18,740. Did you give Mr. Edwards tickets for those?—No; I was introduced to Mr. Edwards at the "Angel," and I received the money in a small room.

18,741. Did you give him a list?—I think I did hand him in a little piece of paper.

18,742. With the names written on it?—Yes, and he asked me who I was. I told him I had been a Liberal many years although I had never voted, and he asked some gentlemen round about whether they knew me, and they said yes, they knew me to be perfectly right, and the money was handed over to me.

18,743. Did you go to those people's houses to give it to them?—I think I did some of them, they were personal friends of my own.

18,744. Is that all that you know about the election?—That is all.

18,745. Do you know anything about the election in 1859?—No; I have been on the register, I think, for about 16 years, and I never did vote yet.

18,746. Did you vote this last time?—No.

18,747. (*Mr. Slade.*) Though you did not vote you might have taken some part in it?—I never took any part till this last election; that was just on the spur of the moment in fact I have never canvassed or done anything at any election since the election of 1848, at the time Mr. Rumbold and Mr. Saunders were returned for this borough. I canvassed with Mr. Rumbold that year as a clerk, and that was the last election I was in.

18,748. (*Mr. Russell.*) Why did you not vote in 1865?—I have never voted.

18,749. Why?—For reasons peculiar to myself. I took a fancy to not voting.

18,750. Why did you take a fancy?—I do not know. I had a right to do as I liked with my vote.

18,751. You had a perfect right, but you go and buy a number of votes?—I should not have done that had not those parties said something to me about the matter, that was all.

18,752. What are your own political principles?—My own political opinions are Liberal; I was born a Liberal, and I hope I shall die one.

18,753. Why did you not vote for Mr. Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Because I always promised I would never vote up to the last election.

18,754. Whom did you promise?—I made that promise to myself.

18,755. Can you give me no reason?—I had no particular reason; it was a fancy I had.

18,756. Had anyone used any inducement with you not to vote?—No; I have been employed in various positions in this town of great trust, and I have never used any influence till this last time, and neither did I choose to vote.

18,757. Has Mr. Shuckford ever canvassed you?—Mr. Shuckford did ask me once whether I intended voting, and I told him no; that was all that passed between us.

18,758. Did he say to you if you would not vote for Lacon and Goodson he hoped you would not vote at all?—Certainly not; Mr. Shuckford knew me too well for that.

18,759. I understand you drew all this money from Mr. Edwards?—Yes, I did.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

C. Satterthwaite.

18,760. Have you 170?—No, I have not; I have 171.

18,761. It would not come into your list at all?—No.

18,762. 171 is Samuel Boulton, jun. I see from your list he has 15*l.*?—Yes.

18,763. That man has denied receiving any money?—Yes; and I remember now some one has sent me a paper stating that I have been mistaken, that it was not Samuel Boulton, jun., but Samuel Boulton, sen. I gave it to one.

18,764. In that case Samuel Boulton, sen., was paid twice over?—However, the money was drawn twice over. I do not know that he was paid twice over.

18,765. This man Edwards gave 20*l.* to Samuel Boulton?—One is for the son and the other the father. The son denies having received it. Somebody says I am mistaken, that it means the other. I am not mistaken, because Edwards seems to have paid Samuel Boulton, sen. I cannot be mistaken, the money has been drawn for him.

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EDWARD ROBERT EDWARDS recalled; further examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

18,766. Do you think Samuel Boulton drew the money twice?—I have no opinion that Samuel Boulton, the elder, received the money twice.

18,767. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you any reason to believe that Samuel Boulton, jun., did receive the money?—I do not know the man; I do not know anything about it.

18,768. You did not hear that he did?—No.

18,769. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know Samuel Boulton, the younger?—I think I do; he is the son of the man I gave the money to. I know there is such a person, but I know very little about him.

18,770. You did not canvass him?—No; I never canvassed anybody.

J. Carter.

JAMES CARTER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

18,771. What are?—A tobacconist.

18,772. Did you ever give any money or offer any money to any voters at the last election?—No.

18,773. Do you know a man named John Westoby?—Yes.

18,774. Did you offer him any money?—No; if I did it was entirely out of my own idea. I had no authority to do so, and I had nothing to do with it. I never offered him the money.

18,775. Are you aware that your name has been mentioned?—I saw it in the papers, that Mr. Livingston did mention it, but he had no right to do so.

18,776. Are you quite certain you did not offer him any money?—Quite certain, not in reality; I will take my oath of that.

18,777. You said just now if you had offered him money it was your own idea?—It had nothing to do with the election.

18,778. Did you ever offer any money?—Not in reality.

18,779. In a joke?—Well, I have said, "How are "the markets this morning, will seven and a half be of "any use to you?" but only out of joke. I did not even know that any bribery was going on, no farther than people coming and talking and said bribery was going on. It never interested me either one way or the other.

18,780. Did you not receive any money whatever?—No.

18,781. Did you promise as soon as you were canvassed?—I promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

18,782. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

18,783. How did you vote then?—For Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

18,784. You are quite sure if you ever mentioned the subject of money it was jocularly?—It was entirely in a joke.

J. W. Tingay.

JOHN WEBSTER TINGAY sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

18,785. What are you?—A confectioner.

18,786. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—No.

18,787. Did you offer anybody else any money?—I may say it was an offer, and yet I was not authorized to offer it.

18,788. Who was it to?—To Mr. Newark.

18,789. What did you offer him?—He said, "I will vote for 10*l.*" I had a deal of trouble with him; when I say a deal of trouble, it was this, I was out with the canvass one day and they called at Newark's and he was out; I said, you need not trouble yourself about him I am certain he is all right, I will see after him. I called two or three times, and he said, "I never had a vote before and I never intended to vote." I called several times, at last he said, "If I have 10*l.* I will vote." I met Mr. Hickling; I said, Hickling, there is a case, but you must not carry the money to him, bring it to my house and I will forward it to him.

18,790. And then you gave Newark the 10*l.*?—Yes.

18,791. For his vote?—Yes, for his vote.

18,792. What made you go to Mr. Hickling for the money?—I saw Mr. Hickling in the market.

18,793. Do you ask everybody you meet in the market for money?—No, I saw Mr. Hickling in and out of the "Angel."

18,794. Did Mr. Hickling say he would get you the money?—Mr. Hickling brought me the money on the Tuesday morning.

18,795. Did Mr. Hickling ask you if you could get any more voters for money?—No.

18,796. What else did you do besides that?—Nothing else. I brought up Butler on the morning of the election, but I never offered him any money.

18,797. Did Mr. Butler say he wanted money?—Butler told me he wanted 20*l.*

18,798. And did he ask you to get it for him?—No.

18,799. Why did he tell you he wanted 20*l.*?—I really cannot tell. I asked him which way he was going, and he said, "I really do not know." I said, "Do you mean to say there is anything you want," and he said, "Yes, 20*l.*"

18,800. Go on.—That is all that passed, with the exception of this; all I said was, "I really know nothing about any money. I have nothing to do with it." The next morning he called on me and said, "I voted yesterday, but I have not got my money, where am I to go?" "My dear fellow," I says, "I know nothing about money." He says, "Who is the leading man?" I says, "I do not know of anybody, without it is Mr. Fowler," and I believe he called on Mr. Fowler the next morning.

18,801. Daniel Read Fowler?—Mr. Fowler, in the market.

18,802. We hear he went to Mr. Fowler and abused him?—That I know nothing about at all. I know that he came back and said I cannot get it. I said, I know nothing about money and I wished he would not come bothering me, that was on the Thursday morning after the election.

18,803. Did anybody else come and ask you for money?—No.

18,804. Were you here at the election in 1859?—No.

R. Martins.

ROBERT MARTINS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

18,805. Are you a voter?—Yes.

18,806. What are you?—A fish merchant.

18,807. What is your christian name?—Robert John Martins.

18,808. Where do you live?—Market Gate; North Market Road.

18,809. You are on the register for Garden Lane?—Yes, I have a place in Garden Lane.

18,810. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—No.

18,811. Did you ask for any?—No, I never asked for any, and I never thought of asking for any.

18,812. Were you offered any by the other side?—No; I got 20*l.* from Mr. Downing for Garrod.

18,813. Did you give it to him?—Yes.

18,814. Is that all the money you ever gave?—Yes, that is all the money I received. Mr. Downing asked me whether I would, and I done it for him.

18,815. You had nothing to do with tickets?—No.

18,816. Were you in Yarmouth in 1859?—Yes, I have been in Yarmouth these 47 years.

18,817. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

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G. Roope.

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GEORGE ROOPE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

18,818. What are you?—A market gardener.

18,819. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,820. What did you receive for your vote?—Nothing.

18,821. Do you know a man named Greenacre?—Yes.

18,822. Did you see Mr. Greenacre at the time of the last election?—I see him most every day.

18,823. Did he give you any money?—No.

18,824. Greenacre is a flour seller?—Yes.

18,825. Do you know whether Greenacre had any money himself?—I do not know.

18,826. Do you know George Watson?—Yes, I know him, but I never spoke to the man in my life.

18,827. Who canvassed you?—Sir Edmund Lacon.

18,828. Anybody else?—No, not at that time.

18,829. Did Mr. Barber canvass you?—No.

18,830. Then if anybody says you got 15*l.* for your vote it is not true?—No.

18,831. You got nothing?—Yes.

18,832. Were you offered anything?—I was offered some by the blue side.

18,833. Who offered you some by the blue side?—J. Neave.

18,834. What did he offer you?—He asked me if 10*l.* was of any use, and I said, "No."

18,835. Did he offer any more?—Yes, he came to my house on the Monday when I was in bed and told my wife to name any sum she liked, and she said it was of no use.

18,836. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

18,837. Is it the first time you have voted?—Yes.

J. Greenacre.

JAMES GREENACRE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

18,838. What are you?—A flour seller.

18,839. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

18,840. Did you receive any money from anybody?—No.

18,841. Do you know a Mr. Watson?—Yes, I do know a Mr. Watson.

18,842. Did he canvass you for your vote at the last election?—No.

18,843. Did he give you any money?—No.

18,844. Did you see the last witness, Roope, at the last election?—Yes.

18,845. Did you ask him for his vote?—No.

18,846. Did you ever speak to him about the election?—We might talk about the election as to the men getting in, and all that, but nothing about any money matters.

18,847. Did you at any time receive any money from Mr. Watson?—No.

18,848. And you never gave any money to Roope?—No.

18,849. Did you vote at the election of 1859?—Yes.

18,850. Who for?—Sir Edmund Lacon. I do not know who the other was.

18,851. Lacon and Stracey?—Yes, Lacon and Stracey.

H. C. Alcock.

HENRY CHARLES ALCOCK sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

18,852. What are you?—A lodging-house keeper.

18,853. What part did you take in the last election?—Nothing at all.

18,854. Are you a Conservative or a Liberal?—A Conservative.

18,855. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you receive 20*l.* from the Liberal side, or any money?—I never in my life had a farthing on either side.

18,856. This is the register that Dr. Stafford handed in to the Commissioners which were given him by young Livingston as having been bribed by the Liberals, and your name has got 20*l.* opposite to it?—That is quite wrong, I never had a farthing in my life.

18,857. That is the reason why you are summoned?—Very good. I wondered the reason why.

18,858. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you receive a ticket?—No.

J. Stanley.

JOHN STANLEY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

18,859. What are you?—A stonemason.

18,860. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—Mr. Neave left 15*l.* at my house.

18,861. When was that?—On the Wednesday, the day of the election.

18,862. Was that before or after you had polled?—It might be after it, must be about the time I was polling.

18,863. Who did you poll for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

18,864. Are you sure it was not 20*l.*?—No, I do not know why he left it. I never asked him for it.

18,865. What did you do with it?—I kept it.

18,866. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

18,867. Did you vote at the election of 1859?—Yes.

18,868. Did you have anything then?—No, I was offered 20*l.* not to vote for Lacon and Stracey, whom I did vote for.

18,869. Who offered you the 20*l.*?—Mr. Clements, he offered me 20*l.* to go away.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

18,870. Look at 1,175?—That is 20*l.*

18,871. This gentleman, John Stanley, only received 15*l.*?—You see I did not pay him. 20*l.* has been drawn.

B. Motts.

BENJAMIN MOTTS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

18,872. What are you?—A baker.

18,873. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

18,874. Who from?—Well, I think it was Mr. Jones.

18,875. Where at?—At the "Army and Navy" Tavern.

18,876. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

18,877. In 1859 did you get anything at the election before this last?—No, I did not.

18,878. Are you quite sure?—No, I think not.

18,879. Were you offered anything?—No.

18,880. Had you a vote?—Yes.

18,881. Who did you vote for?—I forget who it was that put up in 1859.

18,882. Lacon and Stracey?—Yes, I always voted on the blue side.

18,883. Then it was Watkin and Young?—Yes, I think it was.

18,884. (*Mr. Slade.*) Try and recollect about 1859?—I do not recollect that I received anything at that time.

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18,885. Do you think you could have received it without recollecting it?—No.

18,886. Do you know Mr. Eagleton?—Yes, I did.

18,887. Did he canvass you in 1859?—No.

18,888. Did you hang out for money at this election?—No, they asked me if I would vote. I said I did not know, I did not think I should vote, and then Mr. Downing came to me and said what did I want, and I said then 15*l.*

N. Laws.

NOAH LAWS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

18,889. What are you?—A baker.

18,890. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—10*l.*

18,891. Who paid you?—Edwards; Tom Edwards.

18,892. Are you sure you did not get 15*l.*?—Yes.

18,893. You are quite certain as to that?—Yes, that is quite right.

18,894. When did Mr. Edwards pay you?—The night previous to the election I believe it was.

18,895. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

18,896. In 1859 had you a vote?—Yes.

18,897. Did you get anything for your vote then?—Yes, I got 10*l.* then.

18,898. Who from?—From the same parties.

18,899. Did you vote Liberal then?—I am wrong. It was Spilling I think. I forget almost the name now.

18,900. Who is Spilling?—He was a coal agent, or something of that sort.

18,901. *Mr. Slade.*) That was in 1857, we are talking of the election after that?—I never received any only at two elections in my life; I never received any money at all but at this last election and the time before.

18,902. Are you sure you did not receive money in 1859?—No.

18,903. When you voted for Watkin and Young?—When I voted for Watkin and Young, then I received 10*l.* Yes, that was it. I almost forget now, it is a long time ago.

18,904. Who gave it you?—Well, I cannot exactly think of the name. I know the man quite well too.

18,905. You said it was Spilling?—I think it is some such name as that.

18,906. Is it Clements?—Yes, that is the name, I remember now.

18,907. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember Mr. Green in 1859?—No, I do not.

18,908. Mr. Green, the rope maker?—No, I do not know anything about him.

18,909. You did not have any money from him?—No.

18,910. You are sure of that?—Yes, that is all I have received, what I have said.

H. Trainer.

HENRY TRAINER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

18,911. What are you?—A fish curer.

18,912. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

18,913. How much?—20*l.*

18,914. Who from?—I do not know.

18,915. Where were you paid?—At Wright's, on the Plain.

18,916. Had you got a ticket?—No.

18,917. Who sent you up to Mr. Wrights?—Mr. Edwards.

18,918. Tom Edwards?—I do not know his name.

18,920. Edwards the tailor?—Yes.

18,921. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

18,922. Were you an elector in 1859?—No.

J. Stubbs.

JAMES STUBBS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

18,923. What are you?—A carpenter.

18,924 What did you get for your vote at the last election?—I got 30*l.*

18,925. Who from?—I got 10*l.* from Mr. E. O. Johnson.

18,926. And 20*l.* from who else?—15*l.* by some sort of a ticket. I do not know what the ticket was.

18,927. Who gave you the ticket?—I think the man's name was Kelf.

18,928. Where did you get the other 5*l.* from?—I met Mr. Cooper in the street and he gave me the other 5*l.*

18,929. Are you sure you did not get 20*l.* by the ticket?—Yes, I am quite sure of that.

18,930. You are quite sure you did not?—Oh, yes.

18,931. Are you sure it was Mr. Kelf?—Yes.

18,932. In 1859 had you a vote?—I had a vote for the county then.

18,933. Not for the borough?—Not for the borough.

G. Peek.

GEORGE PEEK sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

18,934. What are you?—A publican.

18,935. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

18,936. Who from?—Well, I do not know the man I got it from. I got it at the "Army and Navy" tavern.

18,937. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

18,938. Did you get anything at the election of 1859?—I had not a vote, not for the borough.

T. M. Miller.

THOMAS MOORE MILLER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

18,939. What are you?—A labourer.

18,940. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

18,941. Where did you get it?—At the "Army and Navy" tavern.

18,942. Had you a ticket?—No.

18,943. Who sent you up?—I was told of it by other people, and I went up on my own accord.

18,944. Do you know who told you?—No, I cannot say who it was.

18,945. What day was it?—The day before the election, or the night before the election.

18,946. On Tuesday night?—Yes.

18,947. When did you hear about it?—On the afternoon before the election.

18,948. In the afternoon you heard that money was being given away?—Yes.

18,949. Did you hear it said it was going to be given away at night?—No. I was told money was being given away, and I went down the same as other people.

18,950. Was that the gentleman who gave it you (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*)?—I cannot tell you the man who gave it to me.

18,951. Are you sure you got 15*l.*?—I am sure I got 15*l.* and no more.

18,952. Was it not 20*l.*?—No.

18,953. Did you count it?—I did.

18,954. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Brogden and them that went round, nobody else. I was never spoken to by the other side except by Mr. Cooper.

18,955. Did Mr. Cooper offer you anything?—He did.

18,956. How much?—I gave him a denial there and then that I should not vote on that side.

18,957. Who do you suppose gave the name to Mr. Jones?—I am sure I cannot tell you; they gave it to me when I went, when he asked me who I was.

18,958. And he gave you 15*l.*?—Yes.

18,959. Did you receive 20*l.*?—I never received it.

18,960. You got 15*l.*?—Yes.

18,960*a*. Did you go into the room and ask for 15*l.*?—Yes.

18,961. Why did you ask for 15*l.*? I do not know. I could mention that when I went into the room I was asked what money I wanted, and I said 15*l.*, and it was given to me, and I was told to be early at the poll.

18,962. Why did you ask for 15*l.*?—I am sure I cannot tell. I do not know the reason why I asked for that.

18,963. Did you hear that was the sum that was being given away?—No. I heard from 15*l.* to 20*l.* was to be had.

18,964. You were not exorbitant in your demands?—No. I made very good use of what I did get.

18,965. Do you know Mr. Downing?—No, I have never seen him.

18,966. Or Mr. Moore or Mr. Fill?—No, I never see the man during the election, only the party about canvassing the first part of the election.

18,967. Do you know Downing?—Yes, I know him.

18,968. Do you know Edwards?—I cannot say I do.

18,969. A tailor?—No.

18,970. Do they know you?—Not that I know of. I never saw him and never spoke to him.

18,971. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was this money you had wrapped up in brown paper?—No. 10*l.* in white paper and five sovereigns loose.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

C. Satterthwaite.

18,972. What is the explanation?—What is the number?

18,973. 855?—855, 20*l.*

18,974. This is rather an inexplicable case?—I cannot understand it and I can give no explanation of it.

18,975. Do you recollect him?—No, I do not. There is no doubt I paid him and no one else.

18,976. It is the difference between the 15*l.* and the 20*l.*?—Yes, that is where I cannot tell the difference.

18,977. The name must have been handed to you by some party?—Yes. I only took that amount down that I had upon my list, and I had to go back again for some more. Edwards sent a fresh lot down.

18,978. If a man like this came to you have you any doubt you paid him the sum mentioned in your list, or would you pay him what he asked?—I should not ask him what he wanted, I should ask him his name. I should know the parties, or know if any arrangement had been made with them. I ask him his name. I refer to the register. I ask him where he lives. He told me, and I had upon the list so and so put down for him, and then I should copy it off on to the register. I know all my money was put up in paper parcels, I do not know whether brown or white. Some of them would be white and some brown. I put them up according to the list I had to pay before I went down there, so that there could be no mistake in giving too much or too little.

18,979. This man says he asked you for 15*l.* and he got it?—He is mistaken; I should not have given it to him.

THOMAS MOORE MILLER recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

T. M. Miller.

18,980. What do you say to that?—I say it was done up in a paper, 15 sovereigns loose, that is what I received.

18,981. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

18,982. (*Mr. Slade.*) You hear what he says?—There is another Miller next to that; it says 13*l.*

18,983. That is 857?—Whether I have made a mistake, and this should stand for 15*l.*, or not, I do not know. We shall know when he comes up before the Court. I may have put it opposite to the wrong Miller; this 13*l.* may mean 15*l.*

THOMAS KIRK sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

T. Kirk.

18,984. What are you?—A labourer.

18,985. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

18,986. Where did you get it at?—At the "Angel."

18,987. Who sent you there?—He was a smack owner, I forget his name now. I think Mr. Parker, a smack owner.

18,988. Is that all you got?—Yes.

18,989. And nothing on the other side?—No.

18,990. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

18,991. Had you a ticket?—No.

DANIEL CARTER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

D. Carter.

18,992. What are you?—A mariner.

18,993. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

18,994. Who from?—At the "Army and Navy" tavern. I suppose Mr. Jones.

18,995. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

18,996. In 1859 had you a vote?—Yes.

18,997. Did you get anything then?—No, never before.

18,998. Where do you live?—King Street.

18,999. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who sent you to Cattermole's?—I went there from general report, no person sent me. It was generally reported money was being given, and I went there myself.

19,000. Whom did you go with?—No person, I went alone.

19,001. Whom did you go up to the house with?—I walked by myself, not with a companion.

19,002. I thought you had some friend with you?—No, not when I got the money.

19,003. Had you not?—No.

19,004. Did you send anybody else there?—No.

HENRY LAWRENCE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

H. Lawrence.

19,005. What are you?—A professor of music.

19,006. What did you get at the last election for your vote?—15*l.*

19,007. Where did you get it at?—I had a ticket.

19,008. Who from?—From Mr. More, through Mr. Downing. Mr. More is a publican, I think.

19,009. Were you offered anything on the other side?—Yes.

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H. Lawrence.

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19,010. How much?—20*l.* twice over.

19,011. Did you take it?—No.

19,012. Who was the party who offered it you?—Mr. Harbord, through Mr. Cooper, I think.

19,013. (*Mr. Russell.*) Which Harbord?—He lives in Gaol Street.

19,014. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who is the other person who offered you the 20*l.*?—He came twice over. No other person came. He came down to me twice.

19,015. At the election of 1859 had you a vote?—No.

19,016. (*Mr. Slade.*) Whom did Harbord ask you to vote for?—For Lacon and Goodson.

19,017. Harbord is on the other side, is he not?—I believe he split his vote. I believe he voted for Lacon and Brogden.

19,018. You mean the cowkeeper?—Yes.

19,019. That is Robert Harbord?—In Gaol Street.

19,020. Did Harbord tell you he was employed by Cooper?—No, he merely said he could get me 20*l.*

R. Pratt.

ROBERT PRATT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,021. What are you?—A painter.

19,022. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—My wife got 10*l.*, that was all. I find I was put down 15*l.*, but I never received that.

19,023. Your wife got that?—Yes, that I never saw.

19,024. You never saw it?—No.

19,025. Do you know she got it?—Yes, I am sure she got it.

19,026. Did you know she got it before you voted?—She got it before I voted, because it was the night before the election.

19,027. Who did she get it from?—Mr. Downing; I was ill in bed at the time.

19,028. And you are sure she got 15*l.*?—I am sure of that.

19,029. You were quite satisfied she should have it?—Yes, I never received it; my hands never touched it.

19,030. Were you offered anything on the other side to vote?—No.

19,031. Have you always been a Liberal?—Yes.

19,032. In the year 1859 did you vote?—Yes, I voted then, but I never received anything, and I should not this time if he had not come up; and he said I might as well take the money as well as other people. Other people better off than I am had taken it.

19,033. Who said that?—Mr. Downing.

19,034. (*Mr. Slade.*) You will not swear your wife did not get 15*l.*?—Yes, that I will.

19,035. You are a very bold man?—I will do that.

W. Sillis.

WILLIAM SILLIS, senior, sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,036. What are you?—A master mariner.

19,037. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,038. How much?—15*l.*

19,039. Who from?—I do not know.

19,040. Where?—From a gentleman at the "Army and Navy."

19,041. When?—On the Monday I think it was.

19,042. What time of the day?—It was at night.

19,043. Is William Sillis, junior, your son?—Yes.

19,044. He got 15*l.*, too, did he not?—I do not know.

19,045. Had you a ticket?—Yes.

19,046. Who from?—Mr. Walsh, the hatter, gave my wife a ticket and told her where to go to.

19,047. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

19,048. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

19,049. Did you get anything then?—No.

19,050. Were you offered anything then?—No.

19,051. Did you vote for Lacon and Stracey in 1859?—Yes, and the time before I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon.

19,052. You changed your politics then?—Yes.

19,053. Was that the 15*l.*?—No, I do not know for that.

19,054. What was the reason?—Because I did not like some of the other party, and that is the truth.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

19,055. (*Mr. Slade.*) This name is not entered in your list at all, No. 1,126?—No, but 1,125 is.

19,056. That relates to Sillis, junior?—I must have made a mistake and put down the wrong one.

19,057. (*Mr. Russell.*) But William Sillis, junior, has been up, and says he had it?—Has he had it from me?

19,058. Yes, No. 1,125 has had it?—I have got 1,125 on my list.

19,059. This is one of Downing's men, and it may have been a transfer?—Yes, it may have been a transfer.

W. Harman.

WILLIAM HARMAN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,060. What are you?—A publican.

19,061. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

19,062. Where?—At the "King's Head," I think.

19,063. Who gave it to you?—That I do not know. I never saw the gentleman before in my life, and I have never seen him since.

19,064. Do you mean the "Angel?"—Yes, the "Angel," I suppose.

19,065. Who sent you there?—A gentleman of the name of Utting, in Charlotte Street.

19,066. Is it Hewitt?—I suppose it is.

19,067. Is that the name of the gentleman who gave you the ticket?—I suppose so.

19,068. You said it was Mr. Utting sent you?—You see I am a bad speller, and could not read it.

19,069. Did anyone offer you money on the other side?—No.

19,070. Were you known as a Liberal?—No, I have always been very liberal, but not that way.

19,071. In 1859 had you a vote?—No, they took it away from me when I was 300 miles from here; that is the kindness they did me. I have the proof of that in my pocket. That is what they took away from me when I was 300 miles from here.

19,072. Who took it away from you?—I do not know; Sir Edmund Lacon and a good many more, and I was determined to have my revenge, so I voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl.

19,073. That was your freedom that was taken away?—Yes.

19,074. They took away your freedom, did they?—Yes, when I was 300 miles from here.

19,075. So you had your revenge by voting against them?—I had my revenge to retaliate, and I told Sir Edmund Lacon, when he came to me for my vote, that it was a long time since I had my vote taken away from me, and I would take this one to myself.

19,076. I conclude you do not get your beer from Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, I do. I pay for it before I get it, and people come into my house and say, "You draw Sir Edmund Lacon's beer." I say, "No, "I do not, I pay for it before I have it, so that it is my "beer."

EDWARD SPRINGALL sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,077. What are you?—A blacksmith.

19,078. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20 sovereigns.

19,079. Where did you get it?—At the "Angel."

19,080. Who sent you there?—Who gave it to me I do not know.

19,081. But who sent you there?—Mr. Edwards.

19,082. Had you a ticket?—He went into the room, and when he came out again he gave me a ticket for me to go in with.

19,083. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

19,084. Had you a vote in the year 1859?—No.

B. Howlett.

BENJAMIN HOWLETT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,085. What are you?—A shopkeeper, and keep a small shop.

19,086. What sort of a shop?—A greengrocer's shop.

19,087. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

19,088. Who from?—I do not know the gentleman's name.

19,089. Where?—On the Church Plain. I understood it was Mr. Jones.

19,090. But where; at Mr. Wright's?—Yes, on the Church Plain.

19,091. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

19,092. Who sent you to Mr. Wright's?—I do not know the young man's name, and yet I do know it. He lives in a public-house on the Church Plain at the corner; I think the "Saracen's Head." He told me to go there.

19,093. You had not arranged for anything beforehand, had you?—No.

19,094. Was it Clements?—Yes, that is the name.

19,095. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

19,096. Did you get anything then?—No; never had anything before. I have always voted, and never had anything before.

R. H. Hammond.

ROBERT HUNTING HAMMOND; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,097. What are you?—A joiner and paperhanger.

19,098. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

19,099. Where did you get it?—At the "Angel."

10,100. Who sent you to the "Angel?"—I went with Mr. Juler.

19,101. Were you offered anything on the other side?—Not offered anything. I was asked to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

19,102. Were you offered any money?—Not offered any money.

19,103. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

C. Rackham.

CHARLES RACKHAM sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,104. What are you?—A baker.

19,105. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—10*l.*, but I am put down 20*l.*

19,106. Are you certain it was 10*l.*?—I am confident it was 10*l.*

19,107. Whom did you get it from?—I suppose it was Mr. Jones, at the "Army and Navy."

19,108. Did you get a ticket?—Yes.

19,109. Who from?—Mr. Newman, the tailor. I did not know the man's name till afterwards.

19,110. Did you look at your ticket?—There was nothing on it particular. I did not know what was on it.

19,111. Was there any letter upon it?—There appeared to be nothing but crosses. I did not notice it. I slipped it in my pocket.

19,112. Did you observe any letters upon it?—It appeared to be more like an "M," and then crossed over. I could not say exactly what was on it. It was only a small piece of card, not worth noticing.

19,113. When you went into the "Army and Navy" did you present your ticket?—Yes.

19,114. And were you asked your name?—Yes, I believe I was asked my name.

19,115. And was the money handed to you?—Yes, the money was handed to me.

19,116. 10*l.*?—Yes.

19,117. Loose?—Yes, quite loose.

19,118. When was this?—In the evening, about half-past 9 or a quarter to 10, about two days before the election.

19,119. Monday or Tuesday?—I cannot say, because I do not recollect what day the election was on.

19,120. The election was on Wednesday?—Then I should say it was Monday night.

19121. (*Mr. Slade.*) Does Newman live in the Havelock Road?—I do not know where Newman lives myself. I think he lives somewhere down that way, for I have often seen him since, and told him of it since.

19,122. Had you arranged with Newman that you were to have 10*l.*?—Yes, I had arranged with Newman. He asked me whether 10*l.* would be of any use to me. I said yes; and I went and I said, "Tell the "gentleman to serve me as he serves other people, and "I leave it to him." I never mentioned any sum of money at all. He came several times, but I was not at home, and told me I should receive a ticket, and there was 10 sovereigns given me. I told him of it before the petition. He stopped me one night and asked if I could give him any information. I said the information was they put me down for 20*l.*, and I only received 10*l.* He said, "Oh, nonsense!" He said, "Who is the gentleman who told you so?" and I told him, and he said, "Tell him to come to me, and I will contradict it."

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

19,123. (*Mr. Slade.*) In your list it is No. 1,036?—I have 20*l.*; but perhaps the Commissioners will refer to Newman's evidence. He stated the amount he gave to each party.

19,124. He does not say what he gave to Charles Rackham?—I have it 20*l.*

19,125. Were there any 10*l.* tickets?—There were three tickets, but those gentlemen could know nothing about it. There was no one knew anything, only the parties we sent to for an explanation, and therefore they were settled between Mr. Edwards and Mr. Salmon, and no one else could know.

C. Rackham.

CHARLES RACKHAM; examination resumed by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,126. How did you know you were down for 20*l.*?—Mr. Skinner, the miller, and Captain Gillham, and two or three others told me I was put down 20*l.* to Mr. Brogden's account, and I contradicted them; and two or three days after they were leading men of the committee. They mentioned it because they wondered I should ask such a thing. At any rate they named it to me. I never named it to a person. If I had got 50*l.* at the election I should have mentioned it.

19,127. Did you want the money when you received it?—Yes, because I told the gentlemen at the "Army

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and Navy" I thought I should have more, because when I went there others were receiving 20*l.*, and I was the lowest on the list.

19,128. Whom did you tell?—The gentleman who gave me the money.

19,129. Who gave you the money?—I suppose Mr. Jones.

19,130. You said you told people at the "Army and Navy?"—I mean I told the gentleman who gave me the money.

19,131. That will not do; you did not mean that when you said it; you said you told gentlemen at the "Army and Navy?"—Just as I shut the door I showed it to Mr. Motts. He was a witness that I received the money.

19,132. That you received what?—10*l.*; and Mr. Motts is a witness that I received it.

19,133. Mr. Motts was not in the room when you received the money?—He went in before me, and as he came out I went in.

19,134. He told you he had received 15*l.*?—Yes; he showed me the money.

19,135. When he came?—Yes; he told me before he went in he had a ticket for 15*l.*, and I told him I had a ticket for 10*l.*

19,136. You told me you did not know what was on the ticket?—I relied on what he told me.

19,137. I ask, what was on the ticket?—What Mr. Newman told me, that I should receive 10*l.* by the ticket, 10 sovereigns; those were the words Mr. Newman told me. I did not know what was on the ticket.

19,138. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you complain of only receiving 10*l.*?—No; Mr. Newman told me I should receive 10*l.*

19,139. Did you complain to anyone afterwards?—I told the gentlemen at the time I could easily get more the other side.

19,140. Did you complain to anybody afterwards of only receiving 10*l.*?—I kept it close; of course I did not say anything about receiving money.

19,141. You told a very different story just now; that you complained to Mr. Motts?—He is a brother-in-law of mine, and I could depend upon him not to draw me into any trouble about it.

19,142. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Had you a vote in 1859?—No; I was not on the register.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

19,143. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect this man?—No, I do not know that I do. They are so different now to what they were; but I think if he had not got the amount, knowing that other people were getting it, he would have made some bother.

19,144. (*Mr. Slade.*) He says he represented to you it was less than others. Do you recollect that?—I do not recollect anything of the sort, and I do not think he would have taken it, because there were parties who had tickets for less amounts and would not take it.

H. Housago.

HENRY HOUSAGO sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

19,145. What are you?—A baker.

19,146. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—12*l.*

19,147. Where at?—The "Angel."

19,148. Did you receive any other money?—No.

19,149. Were you offered any?—No.

19,150. Did you vote in the election of 1859?—Yes.

19,151. Did you get anything?—Nothing.

19,152. Who did you vote for in 1859?—Lacon and Stracey.

19,153. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

19,154. What are your politics?—I am a baker by business.

19,155. Are you a Red or a Blue?—A Blue.

19,156. Why did you vote for the Red then?—That was my inclination at that time. I always voted Tory until the last time.

19,157. Did not you get anything in 1859?—Nothing.

19,158. Are you sure?—I am sure.

19,159. Could you have got it and forgotten it?—I did not get any.

19,160. You are sure of it?—I am sure of it.

H. J. Read.

HENRY JOHN READ sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,161. What are you?—An eating-house keeper.

19,162. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*

19,163. Who did you get it from?—From Mr. John Hickling.

19,164. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

19,165. Did you get anything in 1859?—I was not on the register.

H. Nutman.

HENRY NUTMAN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,166. What are you?—A carpenter.

19,167. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

19,168. Where?—At the "Army and Navy."

19,169. Who from?—Mr. Jones, I suppose.

19,170. Who sent you there?—Mr. Cattermole.

19,171. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

19,172. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859?—I had no vote.

S. Mallett.

SAMUEL MALLETT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,173. What are you?—A marine store dealer.

19,174. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

19,175. Where did you get it?—At the "Army and Navy."

19,176. Who sent you there?—Mr. Fill.

19,177. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

19,178. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

19,179. Did you get anything then?—Yes.

19,180. How much?—10*l.* from the same side. I voted that side ever since I had a vote.

19,181. Who from?—Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young, I think it was.

19,182. But who gave you the money?—Mr. Smith, living in Gaol Street; William Smith his name is. He gave it me.

C. J. Knowles.

CHARLES JOSEPH KNOWLES sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

19,183. What are you?—A mast and block maker.

19,184. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—No.

19,185. Who did you vote for?—Lacon and Goodson.

19,186. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Goodson and Mr. Hunter, and a few more of them.

19,187. Had you promised your vote?—Yes.

19,188. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

19,189. (*Mr. Slade.*) There is a query about this man, No. 755?—Yes, there is.

19,190. It is a query whether he got 15*l.*?—The query was who got it. It is for an inquiry. We tried to trace the ticket if we could.

CHARLES TOOLEY sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *C. Tooley.*

19,191. What are you ?—A baker.

19,192. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—15*l.*

19,193. Where did you get it ?—At the "Angel."

19,194. Had you a ticket ?—Yes.

19,195. Who from ?—Mr. Skinner.

19,196. Were you offered anything on the other side ?—No.

19,197. In 1859 had you a vote ?—No.

JOHN RACKHAM sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *J. Rackham.*

19,198. What are you ?—A publican. I keep the "Lord Nelson" in King Street.

19,199. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—10 sovereigns.

19,200. Where did you get it ?—It was brought to my house.

19,201. Who by ?—Mr. Thomas Downing, the fish merchant.

19,202. When ?—I am not positive whether it was the day before the election or the day before that, but I think it was the day before the election.

19,203. On the Tuesday ?—Yes ; but I am not positive.

19,204. Had you arranged with Downing beforehand ?—No. I never asked Downing for a penny.

19,205. He brought it to you ?—He brought it to me.

19,206. Did you see him yourself ?—I did.

19,207. And he gave you 10*l.* ?—He brought it, and shot it on to the table, and I picked it up.

19,208. Had you promised to vote for Brogden and Marshman before ?—No.

19,209. You had not promised ?—Yes. I beg your pardon ; I promised in the first instance when they canvassed in this way. They asked for my vote and interest. I told them I could not promise ; I did not know whether I should vote at all. Some of the parties said, "Make a promise," and I then said, "I "will promise faithfully, if I do vote, I shall not vote "against you."

19,210. Do you consider that a promise to vote for them ?—I consider that a promise to vote for them, because my intention was to vote for them.

19,211. Why would you not promise ?—Because I thought I should not vote.

19,212. You thought you would not vote at all ?—I did.

19,213. And when you got the 10*l.* you determined to vote ?—No. I was not promised the 10*l.* It was brought to me, and left on the table.

19,214. But you did, and you got the 10*l.* ?—Yes.

19,215. And you are sure it was only 10*l.* ?—I am sure of that. Ten sovereigns and no more.

19,216. In 1859 had you a vote ?—I had.

19,217. Did you get anything then ?—No.

19,218. Was nothing offered you ?—No ; I never had a farthing in my life, only when the two guineas was paid to the freemen in the usual way.

19,219. You did not want it, I suppose ?—No.

19,220. Why did you not return it to Mr. Downing ?—I beg your pardon, I did not.

19,221. Why did you not ?—Before this time do you mean ?

19,222. (*Mr. Slade.*) That was beyond your comprehension ?—I beg your pardon.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE re-called. *C. Satterthwaite.*

19,223. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) 15*l.* was drawn for this man ; it is No. 1,037 ?—Yes, I have 15*l.* on my list.

19,224. Is it a payment by Downing ?—I cannot tell. Downing must have got the 15*l.*

SAMUEL STEPHEN KELF sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *S. S. Kelf.*

19,225. What are you ?—Assistant to a boot and shoe manufacturer.

19,226. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—15*l.*

19,227. Who did you get it from ?—Mr. Edwards gave it me in the shop.

19,228. What Mr. Edwards ?—Mr. Edward Edwards.

19,229. The tailor ?—No. It was from Mr. Jones, I think.

19,230. Mr. E. R. Edwards, Mr. Tom Edwards' brother ?—Yes.

19,231. Were you offered anything on the other side ?—No.

19,232. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—No.

19,233. (*Mr. Slade.*) You did not receive any money ?—Not a farthing.

19,234. Did you give anybody else money ?—No.

19,235. Did you offer anybody else money ?—No. It is my brother, I suppose, that is down there.

19,236. Your name is down as Samuel Kelf ?—Yes.

19,237. But your name is Samuel Stephen Kelf ?—Yes.

JOSEPH LAWS sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *J. Laws.*

19,238. What are you ?—A baker.

19,239. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—10*l.*

19,240. Who from ?—A gentleman I know not.

19,241. Where ?—Up at the "Angel."

19,242. Who sent you to the "Angel ?"—I walked up with Mr. Wright, the shoemaker.

19,243. Were you offered anything on the other side ?—No.

19,244. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

19,245. What did you get for it then ?—Nothing.

19,246. And were you offered nothing ?—No.

19,247. Did you vote Liberal ?—I voted Tory that time, because I lived under a Tory.

19,248. You were free this time ?—Yes. I voted only for myself this time.

19,249. Did Mr. Skinner ask you for your vote ?—No.

EDWARD BROWN sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *E. Brown.*

19,250. What are you ?—A cooper and fish merchant.

19,251. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election ?—Yes.

19,252 How much ?—20*l.*

19,253 Who did you get it from ?—Mr. Malden.

19,254. Who is Mr. Malden ?—A fish salesman.

19,255. Who were you to vote for ?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

19,256. What is Mr. Malden's christian name ?—I am sure I cannot say.

19,257. Does he live in the Victoria Road ?—Yes.

19,258. Did he give you the money yourself ?—Yes.

19,259. Did he tell you where he got the money from ?—No.

19,260. Did he arrange with you for this before the election ?—The afternoon before the election.

19,261. The afternoon of the day before ?—Yes.

19,262. He had not previously spoken to you about it, had he ?—No.

19,263. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—No.

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19,264. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did anybody else offer you any money ?—No.

19,265. Do you know a Mr. Wade ?—Yes.

19,266. Did he offer you any money ?—No, I offered him some.

19,267. What did you offer him ?—I gave him 15*l.*

18,268. What did you give him that for ?—For his vote.

18,269. Where did you get the money from ?—I got that 15*l.* from Mr. Moore.

19,270. What is Wade's christian name ?—Henry.

19,271. Is it Henry R. Wade ?—Yes, I believe it is.

18,272. Is that George Moore ?—Yes. That I did not get until after the election.

19,273. Did you go to Mr. Moore, and ask him for this 15*l.* ?—Yes.

19,274. For Wade ?—Yes. Moore and one or two of them knew I laid the money out. I took my own money and gave it to Wade, because he would not vote, and I knew the other parties were after him ; several of them bothering him to take the money ; so I gave him the money there and then.

19,275. Did you give anybody else money besides Wade ?—No.

19,276. What day did you get this money ?—The afternoon before the election.

19,277. Had you arranged with George Moore about giving Wade 15*l.* before the election ?—No.

19,278. How did you know you would get it repaid you ?—I knew Moore and one or two of them knew about it. He asked me if I knew anybody who had a vote. I told him of Wade, and the 20*l.* I took I gave him 15*l.* out of.

19,279. Moore told you to do that ?—I looked to Moore as being a gentleman. I put faith in him. I knew he would not deceive me, and he gave me the money afterwards. I think it was the next day after the election.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

19,280. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know where Mr. Malden got this money from ? He might have had the money intended for somebody else ?—I do not know how. I have got it down here as having been paid. I did pay several sums the day after the election. I do not know who they were. of course. I entered them on my register for the purpose of a check.

19,281. (*Mr. Slade.*) This money is not put down as paid by you ?—Mr. Wade is.

19,282. But not Brown himself that we understand, because he got it from Moore. The question is where Malden got his money from that he gave to this man ?—I have not got it. What is the number ?

19,283. He is not on your list. His number is 828. —Perhaps he is on Edwards' list. I have 827 and 829. It may be a substituted one.

R. T. Miles.

ROBERT TENNANT MILES sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,284. What are you ?—A beerhouse keeper.

19,285. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—20*l.*

18,296. Where did you get it ?—At Wright's, on the Church Plain.

18,287. Who sent you there ?—I believe it was Mr. Bacon, on the Caister Road. Mr. Bacon that keeps the "Waggon and Horses."

19,288. Were you offered anything on the other side ?—No.

19,289. Was that all the money you got ?—Yes.

19,290. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—No.

J. Palmer.

JAMES PALMER sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,291. What are you ?—A publican.

19,292. What did you get for you vote at the last election ?—15*l.*

19,293. Where did you get it ?—It was brought to my house.

19,294. Was that all you got ?—That was all.

19,295. Were you offered anything on the other side ?—I was offered on the other side, but I did not take anything on the other side.

19,296. Who by ?—I do not know. Some gentleman the morning of the election

19,297. You do not know him ?—No.

19,298. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

19,299. Did you get anything then ?—Yes.

19,300. How much ?—10*l.*

19,301. Who from ?—William Newman ; a tailor, I think he is.

18,302. Were you offered anything on the other side in 1859 ?—No, I do not think I was. I do not remember it if I was.

T. Woodcock.

THOMAS WOODCOCK sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,303. What are you ?—A seaman.

19,304. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—I got 18*l.* for travelling expenses, personal expenses, and detention of the ship.

19,305. Who gave it you ?—Mr. George Moore.

19,306. That was all you got ?—Yes.

19,307. Were you offered anything by the other side ?—No.

19,308, Had you a vote in 1859 ?—No.

19,309. What expenses had you incurred ?—I was a master mariner at the time of the last election, and these were my expenses : "Railway fare from New- "castle to Yarmouth. and back to Newcastle, 6*l.* 5*s.* ; "refreshments, up and down, 1*l.* ; paid a man to do "my business in my absence, 1*l.* 15*s.* ; four days "detention for the ship, as she was ready for sea "when I left her, at 40*s.* per day, 8*l.*—total, 17*l.*"

19,310. These were all *bonâ fide* expenses ?—Yes.

19,311. Would you have come to vote if they had not been paid ?—I was telegraphed for. I do not know that I should. I could not have come to vote unless they paid my expenses, as I had the situation of the ship to look after. I was telegraphed for by both parties.

19,312. Were you not aware it was illegal to pay your expenses ?—No.

19,313. (*Mr. Slade.*) I see you charged a very good rate for your travelling expenses, and there is 1*l.* over. What is that for ?—I had that to spare over my expenses.

19,314. You had it for yourself ?—Yes. I came by first-class. I never left Newcastle before 2 o'clock a.m. on the morning of the nomination day, and I arrived at 4 p.m. I was 14 hours coming from Newcastle to Yarmouth, and had to go back again.

19,315. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When you were telegraphed for was it said your expenses would be paid ? —No ; to come immediately without fail. That was what was in the telegram, the last one I got. I got it on the Monday afternoon, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at Newcastle. I should have left at 11 that night, but we could not get away. I left at 2 o'clock the Tuesday morning.

19,316. What was the telegraph you had before that ?—I forget. It was about a week before. I forget what was in it.

19,317. Did you understand your expenses would be paid if you came up ?—No.

C. Satterthwaite.

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

19,318. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you any more names you can give us ?—There are two names I should like to give in to the Commission. There is a person of the name of Newstead, and another, Bambridge ; and there were four others, but I have mislaid them, that are substitutes.

19,319. Bambridge is in your list, is he not?—No.

19,320. No. 62?—No.

19,321. And Newstead is not?—No.

19,322. You want to give in Newstead and Bambridge as substituted names?—Yes. And there were four others, but I have mislaid the paper. There was a remark made by the Commissioners that I have 20 names wrong. Does that include the parties I have given in as substitutes?

19,323. Those are the names I read out to Mr. Downing?—I presume that those 20 names are what were on my list, the parties that came up to object.

19,324. They were.—Since then I have given in a larger number of names. Are those checked off? They are not included in the 20 I presume?

19,325. No.—Then there are 20 yet to account for.

THOMAS FOX sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,326. What are you?—A builder.

19,327. You were very active at the last election?—No, not very active. I did not canvass anyone.

19,328. You are a Liberal?—Yes.

19,329. Did you know Mr. Satterthwaite or Mr. Jones?—No, I do not think I do.

19,330. Were you introduced to him?—No, not that I am aware of.

19,331. Did you see him?—I do not know.

19,332. You do not recollect him?—No, I cannot say that I do. I may have seen him at the "Angel." I do not swear that I did or did not.

19,333. Did you know Mr. Edwards, who was acting as agent?—Yes, I knew Mr. Edwards very well, because he gave me some orders to do some work, making some boards or things for the election.

19,334. I mean Mr. Edwards, the agent?—Yes.

19,335. Did you get any money from Mr. Edwards?—No.

19,336. Had you any money at all?—No.

19,337. Did you get any money from Mr. Jones?—No.

19,338. Did you bring Mr. Jones a list of names?—No.

19,339. You brought no list of names to Mr. Jones?—No.

19,340. Nor got any money?—No.

19,341. Did you ever hear of tickets being distributed?—I did hear about some.

19,342. Did you ask Mr. Jones for no tickets?—No; I did not know the gentleman.

19,343. Were you at the "Angel" at all?—Yes, a good deal.

19,344. What were you doing there?—Backwards and forwards at meetings, and I had to see Mr. Edwards several times about some boards and things that I made for the "Angel;" placards, boards, and different things.

19,345. Did you see Mr. Edwards about the voters?—No, not that I am particularly aware of, not particularly.

19,346. Did you talk to him at all about the voters?—I was on one of the committees, and he gave me some ward books to look at.

19,347. What were you doing on that committee? Nothing particular; only looking over the ward books.

19,348. Did you canvass at all?—No. I asked parties about their votes simply, but I never went about with anybody in a party.

19,349. What ward were you in?—Regent ward.

19,350. Did you ever hear it discussed about the doubtful voters?—Yes.

19,351. You did hear that?—Yes.

19,352. When?—I was asked if I knew any that were doubtful.

19,353. Who asked you?—I do not know anybody in particular. It was talked about among ourselves in the ward committee.

19,354. Did you mention any?—Yes. I named what I thought would perhaps be doubtful.

19,355. Who to?—Amongst ourselves.

19,356. Who were yourselves?—There was me, and Mr. Norman, and Mr. Lawn, and Mr. Farrow.

19,357. Did you never mention any of these things to Mr. Edwards at the "Angel?"—I may have done so.

19,358. Did you?—I do not know whether I did or not. It is very likely I might.

19,359. Do you know Mr. Downing?—Yes.

19,360. Had you any conversation with Mr. Downing about the doubtful voters?—No.

19,361. Never?—I do not know that ever I spoke to Mr. Downing in my life.

19,362. Did you know your name was handed in as one of the captains?—No.

19,363. Were you a captain?—No.

19,364. Are you prepared to swear that you had nothing to do whatever with the bribery at the last election?—Yes.

19,365. You are?—Yes.

19,366. Are you prepared to swear you did not bring a list of names to Mr. Satterthwaite?—Yes.

19,367. You said before, you never saw Mr. Satterthwaite at the "Angel?"—No, I do not think I did.

19,368. Will you swear you did not?—No, I will not swear I did not. I was backwards and forwards a good deal. I might have seen him as I see anybody else.

19,369. When did you first see him?—I do not know when I first saw him.

19,370. You must be able to recollect?—No, I do not recollect ever seeing him.

19,371. You do not think you ever saw him?—No.

19,372. He is sitting there (*pointing to Mr. Satterthwaite*). Did you ever see him before?—No, I do not think that I did.

19,373. Look at him straight, and tell me whether you ever saw him before?—I do not say that I ever did.

19,374. You do not think you ever did?—I may have seen him at the "Angel."

19,375. Did you or did you not?—I do not know.

19,376. If Mr. Satterthwaite said you gave him a list with the names of persons that were open to bribes, he told what was false?—I never gave him any list.

19,377. Is that so? Has he told us what is false if he says you gave him a list?—Yes, I never gave anybody a list.

19,378. Did you on the Tuesday go to Mr. Satterthwaite with a list of names and ask for the money?—No.

19,379. And did he refuse to give you the money, and did you walk away in a huff?—No.

19,380. You did not?—No.

19,381. You are prepared to swear that?—I am. I will tell the Commissioners if they like what transpired, if it was Mr. Satterthwaite. I saw a gentleman the Sunday afternoon. A man came to me of the name of Etheridge. I was introduced to him in his bedroom at the "Angel," this Mr. Etheridge. I saw him on the Sunday.

19,382. Who is this you are telling us of?—Mr. Etheridge, who was examined here the other day. Mr. Etheridge got into talking about the election, and he said he had got some lodgers coming the next day—that was the Monday—and he had got some things in pledge, and if he could not get them out he could not take the lodgers in, and could I get him 2*l.* I went to the "Angel" the Sunday afternoon, and saw Mr. Satterthwaite with Mr. Livingston, I think, if that is Mr. Satterthwaite, and I asked him for 2*l.* and begged it of him. That is all I ever asked him for. He made a representation, and said I wanted a large sum of money; but that is all I asked for, and I thought there was more cry than wool.

19,383. Have you any doubt about that gentleman?—I have my doubts. If he says it is him I will admit it, but I could not point him out.

19,384. When you went up to the "Angel," who did you go to see?—I went to see Mr. Livingston.

19,385. Mr. Livingston does not live at the "Angel?"—But he was there I daresay a good deal.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY.

T. Fox.

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19,386. Was Mr. Livingston there?—Yes.

19,387. Did Mr. Livingston show you to Mr. Jones?—Yes.

19,388. You said you did not know whether you saw Mr. Jones?—I did not know anything about Mr. Jones then.

19,389. You said you went up with Mr. Livingston to the "Angel?"—I went with myself to the "Angel."

19,390. You went with Mr. Livingston there?—Yes.

19,391. Did Mr. Livingston then introduce you to Mr. Jones?—To a gentleman; I do not know whether it was Mr. Jones.

19,392. Did he give you his name?—No.

19,393. Did you see this gentleman alone?—No.

19,394. Mr. Livingston was with you?—Yes.

19,395. And you asked for 2*l.*?—Yes.

19,396. In the presence of Mr. Livingston?—Yes.

19,397. And he refused to give it you?—Yes.

19,398. And you went away?—Yes.

19,399. Did Mr. Livingston go with you?—No.

19,400. Mr. Livingston remained behind?—Yes; Mr. Livingston was engaged there in the committee-room.

19,401. You say you saw this gentleman in the bedroom?—So I did.

19,402. And Mr. Livingston was with you?—Yes.

19,403. Did Mr. Livingston and you go together out of the bedroom?—I do not know. I went out myself because I was rather in a tiff about it.

19,404. Was that the only time you saw this gentleman?—To the best of my recollection, unless I saw him casually at the "Angel" during the election. That I swear.

19,405. Who is this Mr. Etheridge?—He lived on the Crown Road; he was examined here on Tuesday; rather a queer old chap.

19,406. A gentleman who took money from the other side?—Yes.

19,407. He asked you to get his things out of pawn?—He asked me for 2*l.* He asked me to lend him the money first; he lives close to me.

19,408. What made you go up to the Liberal committee-room?—I thought if they could do him a turn they might induce him to vote.

19,409. It was on the Sunday you went to Mr. Jones?—Yes.

19,410. What reason had you to suppose Jones would give you the money?—I went to Mr. Livingston to hear if money could be got.

19,411. Why should you suppose Mr. Livingston knew anything about it?—I should suppose he knew everything.

19,412. He was the last person you would have gone to I should have thought?—I do not know so much about that. I do not know who else I should have gone to.

19,413. And you never saw Mr. Jones again then?—Not to the best of my recollection, not on anything of that sort, I might have seen him amongst the other people in the "Angel" casually.

19,414. What time was this on the Sunday?—I should think it would be between 5 and 6 o'clock in the evening. I do not believe that is the gentleman I saw.

19,415. You knew Mr. Edwards?—It was not him; I know him well. I think it was a man with more hair about his face than this gentleman (*referring to Mr. Satterthwaite*).

CORNELIUS SATTERTHWAITE recalled.

C. Satterthwaite.

19,416. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What day do you say it was?—It must have been Tuesday, I had not any money on the Sunday. Downing and I were out all day. He drove me out in the country. What makes me very anxious about this case is, I have been told there are several parties who will swear they have not received the money. That is the reason I want it gone into before I go away, in order that I may clear it up myself. I feel very anxious to make inquiries, if I can find any information as to how it has been got, or where it has gone to.

19,417. I do not understand you to say you ever gave tickets to Mr. Fox?—No. But people in their evidence have said, they came and got tickets from him.

THOMAS FOX recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

T. Fox.

19,418. Had you any tickets?—I will admit I had some tickets, but not of him.

19,419. I understood you to tell me just now, upon your oath, that you had nothing whatever to do with the bribery, either with a list or a ticket?—I took some tickets.

19,420. When?—I think it might be the night before the election.

19,421. Where?—At the "Angel."

19,422. Where at the "Angel?"—Up in a room; one of the top rooms. (*The short-hand writer read a previous portion of the witness's evidence.*)

19,423. Having sworn what you have heard read, are you prepared to tell us now, you had nothing to do with bribery?—I misunderstood you. I thought in money you said.

19,424. Tell us who was present when you got the tickets?—I think only the man that gave them to me.

19,425. Who was present in the room when you took the tickets?—Besides myself?

19,426. Yes.—Only the man that gave them, to the best of my recollection.

19,427. How came you to know that there were any tickets to be given away?—Everybody knew that I suppose, it was so much talked about.

19,428. I want to know how you came to know about it?—I cannot tell particularly; but being among the people backwards and forwards, I heard talk about the ticket system. It was in everybody's mouth.

19,429. You must give me a more particular answer if you please?—I cannot.

19,430. The ticket system was known to the captains, and was not to everybody. Who told you?—I cannot tell you who it was. It was common talk.

19,431. What do you mean by "common talk"?—Everybody was talking about it.

19,432. Tell us any one person that mentioned it?—I could not tell you.

19,433. How many tickets did you take?—Five, I think.

19,434. Whom did you give them to?—I gave a man of the name of Bracey one; one to a Mr. Davis, and Lacy, and the two Gooch's; and I think I gave Johnson one. It was either five or six, I do not know which.

19,435. Did you know the value of these tickets when you took them?—Yes.

19,436. How did you know them?—What I heard say.

19,437. What is Johnson's christian name?—It is either Robert or John, in King Street.

19,438. Were those the only tickets that you gave?—Yes.

19,439. Did you give them to the voters themselves?—Yes.

19,440. Is that all you know about it?—That is all I know about it.

19,441. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you offer a man named Rudram any money?—No. I will tell you about that if you wish to hear it. It will save time.

19,442. Just so?—I met Rudram a day or two before the election somewhere about 12 o'clock, and got chatting about the election. I said, "Rudram, how are you going to vote?" He did not give me a particular answer. I thought he wanted some money. I said, by way of feeler, "Is 15*l.* of any use to you?" He said, he did not think it was. I said, "Is 20*l.*?" He said, "I cannot give you an answer now." I said, "When will you give an answer?" He said, "At 2 o'clock." I said, "Come to my house at 2 o'clock." He did come to my house, and I got out of the way, and that is all I had to do with it; and I have not spoken to that man from that day to this. I had no money, and no authority.

Adjourned until Wednesday, the 3rd day of October next, at 11 o'clock.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, Wednesday, 3d October 1866.

JOHN WESTBROOK sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *J. Westbrook.* 3 Oct. 1866.

19,443. What are you?—A fisherman.

19,444. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—10*l.*

19,445. Where did you get it?—From Mr. Downing, at my house. It was brought to my house.

19,446. Had you made any arrangement with Mr. Downing?—No, none whatever.

19,447. Are you sure it was not 15*l.*?—Only 10*l.*

19,448. Did you get any money from anybody else?—No one.

19,449. Had you a vote in the year 1859?—No.

19,450. This is the first time you voted?—This is the first.

19,451. Downing drew 15*l.* for you?—Only 10*l.* I received.

ROBERT RICHMOND sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *R. Richmond.*

19,452. What are you?—A baker.

19,453. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,454. How much?—20*l.*

19,455. Who from?—T. B. Edwards.

19,456. That is the brother of the tailor?—That will be the tailor.

19,457. Where did Mr. Edwards give you the 20*l.*?—In the house that I live in.

19,458. On what day was it?—I cannot say.

19,459. Was it within a day or two before the election?—Yes, something like that.

19,460. What did you receive besides that?—When?

19,461. At the election time?—Nothing.

19,462. Did you get any other money for your vote?—No.

19,463. Did you receive any other bribes besides that?—No.

19,464. That you swear?—Sure.

19,465. That you swear?—Yes.

19,466. Had you a vote in the year 1859?—That is a long way back, and my memory is short.

19,467. At the election before the last?—I never voted only once before, and I am sure I do not know what year it was in.

19,468. The time when Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young were here?—I am bothered if I know the names I voted for the last election before this, and I do not know what the names are now.

19,469. Did you vote?—Yes.

19,470. Did you receive any money for your vote?—My name is not on the register for that election, if you look.

19,471. I thought you said you did vote?—You will find my name is not on the register for that election.

19,472. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who is John Richmond, who lived in Howard Street?—He is dead.

19,473. Is that your father?—I do not know. He was a great deal older man than me. My name was not on the register. What date was it please?

19,474. 1859?—My name was not on the register at that time; I think not.

19,475. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you not say that you got some money once before?—I do not think you heard me say so.

CHRISTOPHER STEWARD sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *C. Stewart.*

19,476. What are you?—A pawnbroker.

19,477. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

19,478. Who for?—The Liberal Candidates.

19,479. Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes.

19,480. Did you take any part in the canvassing?—No.

19,481. Did you ask any voters for their votes?—No.

19,482. Are you a strong Liberal in politics?—Yes.

19,483. And have been for some time?—Yes.

19,484. Was there any reason for your abstaining from taking any part in the last election?—I had no inclination to do so in any way.

19,485. Did you belong to any committee?—No.

19,486. Did you keep entirely aloof from the party?—I did.

19,487. Are you of your own knowledge aware of any men having received bribes at the last election?—I am not.

19,488. Though you took no part in the last election, you took a very considerable part in the election of 1859?—I did.

19,489. What part did you take in that election?—Receiving the amount of money that was to be spent, and spending it through the agents.

19,490. We do not want to go into that election at present, but will you kindly furnish the Commissioners with the names of persons to whom you gave bribes at that election?—I did it to a very small extent myself, and therefore I shall not be able to furnish many names. I will furnish the names of those that acted as agents under me as far as in my power lies. There was a small number; I think they have all been named; but if there are any others I shall bevery happy to confirm them.

19,491. Give us the names at this moment of those who acted under you?—Those are the names. They are a small number, and there may be one or two more. (*The witness handed a paper to the Commissioners.*) You will perceive that I have put the word "about" to the amounts, because it is quite impossible to recollect them.

19,492. As we shall soon begin on this election, perhaps you had better read them out?—Clements, whose Christian name I do not know, but I think it is George, about 400*l.*

19,493. George Clements, senior?—That is him. Mr. Reynolds, whose christian name I do not know, but it is Mr. Reynolds of Gorleston, about 220*l.*

19,494. Mr. Reynolds is the postmaster of Gorleston?—I think he is postmaster since that time; about 220*l.* I calculate from memory; that is the only thing I have to go by.

19,495. Who next?—A Mr. Greenhow. He was a publican at that time, I think, in Howard Street. I do not know his christian name.

19,496. That would be Henry, I suppose?—Is it Howard Street?

19,497. Near Garrison Walk?—I do not know.

19,498. How much?—About 150*l.* A Mr. Smith,

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who was a grocer in Gaol Street, 50*l.* Mr. Cattermole, the publican.

19,499. Is that William Cattermole?—He is a publican.

19,500. Is it the "Army and Navy" man?—Yes; about 30*l.* A Mr. Edwards, whose business place is in Regent Street, a tailor.

19,501. Thomas Booth Edwards?—Yes; about 60*l.* Mr. George Barker.

19,502. Is he dead?—He is dead; about 200*l.* Mr. Utting, fish merchant.

19,503. William Utting?—Yes.

19,504. How much?—60*l.* Then Eagleton about 250*l.*

19,505. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is that all?—That is all that I remember at the present. Very likely there may be in the inquiry some little affairs, but these are the principal.

19,506. (*Mr. Slade.*) Where did you receive this money from, or whom did you receive it from?—I received a portion of it from Mr. Livingston—about one-fourth, and the remaining three-fourths from Mr. John Mainprice, and, to the best of my knowledge, none from any other person. I can scarcely say, but I believe that to be the fact.

19,507. That comes to 1,420*l.*?—It does.

19,508. Can you tell us the names of any other gentleman on your side who received a large sum of money like yourself?—I am not aware that there was any. I believe there was not. I have always understood that there was not, that the only money that was sent came through my hands for those purposes.

19,509. This money that you have mentioned before us has been chiefly spent in Yarmouth?—You have one amount in Gorleston, Mr. Reynolds.

19,510. And Mr. Greenhow is Gorleston?—I think not, but I am not able to say. At the time of course I knew, but now I do not know. I think Mr. Greenhow must be Yarmouth principally. However, that must be left to inquire from them. I really do not know now. I should have known at the time, but of course I do not remember.

19,511. Did you know a man of the name of William Thomas Clark?—Yes.

19,512. Did you give him any money?—Not any at all.

19,513. Are you aware whether he had any money at that election?—I should think not. If he had, I think it would have gone through me.

19,514. Did these agents give you an account at the time of how the money was spent?—They did.

19,515. Have you got the account?—I have not. I never had an account. I merely kept a list and checked it at the time, and it was destroyed within a day or two of the time.

19,516. Have you any memorandum or vouchers of any kind of that election?—Not the slightest. I never had any.

19,517. Was this list of names, and the number of pounds given to them, entirely given from memory?—That is the best that I can produce from memory. It is not the amount I received. There were some legal expenses paid out as well. I think I received about 1,600*l.*, and no doubt in the course of the inquiry, there will be some others that I have forgotten, but I am not able to supply them.

19,518. When this money was given to you by Mr. Livingston and by Mr. Mainprice, was it understood it was to be spent in bribery?—There was no direct understanding, but undoubtedly it was understood, although not so stated.

19,519. It was left entirely to your own discretion as to how it was to be spent?—Quite so.

19,520. The Mr. Mainprice is Mr. John Mainprice?—Yes, in the Market Place.

19,521. Have you any idea where the money came from beyond Mr. Livingston and Mr. Mainprice?—Not the slightest.

19,522. Were you the agent in a similar way in the election previous to that in 1857?—Yes.

19,523. How much money did you receive in 1857?—It was something less than 1,600*l.*, or about 1,600*l.*

19,524. Between 1,500*l.* and 1,600*l.*?—Yes; I think it was something rather less than 1,600*l.*

19,525. And from whom did you receive that sum?—Well, if you will allow me that until I come again, I will answer the question; but you are taking me to what I did not expect. If you will leave that question until I come again, I will tell you to the best that in my power lies; but at the present moment I could not tell at all.

19,526. Will you, when you come again, bring us, as far as you recollect, the names of the agents who distributed the money in 1857?—I will do so if it is possible, but I think a great portion of them were the same men, from my present memory. However, I will amend that, by doing the best I can in remembering.

19,527. (*Mr. Russell.*) Besides disbursing money to the sub-agents in 1859, did you bribe any men yourself?—Yes, but a very few. I think the names have already been named. There are four, and I do not think I could with any confidence name two others.

19,528. Can you remember those four?—Gaze.

19,529. (*Mr. Slade.*) That is Mr. Mark Gaze?—Yes; and Joyce, Field, and Holmes.

19,530. G. M. Holmes?—Yes. Of course, if there should be one or two more, I shall be pleased to confirm it in the course of the inquiry; but at the moment I have not confidence enough to put in any other name.

19,531. (*Mr. Russell.*) How is it that you took no part in this way at the last election?—I might have fancied that it was not the kind of thing that I should like to do again. Indeed, it was the case, and if I had been asked I should not have done it, but I was not asked.

19,532. I was going to ask you that?—I was not invited to do it, and if I had been, I should have declined.

19,533. And you cannot remember exactly the sum in gross that you received at the last election?—It was about 1,600*l.*

19,534. Of which you have accounted for 1,420*l.*?—There was a lot of money I myself spent in the shape of flys. There was one bill for flys and other small bills, and those men I gave money to; and you will find in the course of the inquiry there are other names by smaller agents that I do not remember. They were not of sufficient importance at the time to have it impressed on my memory, but the money was all spent.

J. Malden.

JOHN MALDEN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,535. What are you?—A fish salesman.

19,536. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—No.

19,537. Do you know a man named Brown?—Quite well.

19,538. Edward Brown?—Yes.

19,539. Did you give him any money?—I gave him 20*l.* I believe.

19,540. I suppose you were repaid it afterwards?—I was.

19,541. By whom?—It was sent to me, I believe, by Mr. Edwards, of Preston.

19,542. By whom did he send it to you?—I really do not remember now, but I got it I know.

19,543. When did you get it?—That I cannot say. It was soon after the election, but not very soon. I was very much engaged at the time settling with boats, and other things, and it might pass into my hands and I should not remember it. I should put it in my pocket.

19,544. Whom did you tell you had given the 20*l.* to Brown?—I believe I sent a note to the "Angel."

19,545. To whom?—To whose hands I cannot say now.

19,546. I suppose the note was directed?—It was directed to anyone who was in the committee room. I entrusted it to a person I could entrust it to.

19,547. Whom did you entrust it to?—I would not be positive whether it was my own partner. It might be him.

19,548. Who is your partner?—Mr. Collier; or one of our own men that I could depend upon. I may observe, I should not have given Mr. Brown this money, but he was in frequent communication with me in the course of business, and he told me the other party had been at him, several of them offering him money, and he told me, Mr. Charles Woolverton was anxious to get him to his house, and he represented to me to get him in the same way, and he always promised me long before that he would vote for the Liberal party; and I secured the vote, as it was a good vote.

19,549. Had anybody told you you should be repaid?—I do not think they did. I am sure I feel warm in the cause myself, and if I saw there was a vote, I should not hesitate in getting it if I knew the other party were after it.

19,550. But you knew well you would be paid?—I had not a doubt about it. Everybody knew there was money being spent, and I had sufficient confidence in the honour of the parties to repay me.

19,551. Are you sure you cannot remember who it was who brought you back the 20*l.*?—I cannot.

19,552. How did you know Mr. Edwards of Preston?—I never saw him, it was sent down.

19,553. Who sent it down?—I believe he sent it me in consequence of my note.

19,554. Who sent it?—Mr. Edwards. I was told it was sent by him. It came out of his funds.

19,555. Do you mean to tell me, when you wanted to recover the 20*l.*, you did not know whom to go to to get it back?—I felt certain that I should get it, and as long as I got it I felt no anxiety about it.

19,556. And you also felt certain from whom—who was it?—I cannot say, because if I did I should be telling a falsehood.

19,557. You can if you like?—No, I cannot, because if I did I should be telling a falsehood. I might say Mr. Livingston might get it for me; he would in a moment if he knew it, or any other person who knew me.

19,558. Did Mr. Livingston?—Certainly not; in the course of the day, sometimes I am receiving several hundreds of pounds. It might be brought to me, and I should put it in my pocket, and think nothing about it.

19,559. Did you buy any other votes?—I believe I gave him 40*l.*, 20*l.* for himself and 20*l.* for another.

19,560. Who was the other?—That I forget.

19,561. (*Mr. Slade.*) A man named Wade?—No, I particularly cautioned Brown not to have anything to do with him; and moreover, I sent a friend of mine to tell him not to meddle with him; and he paid him 15*l.* and afterwards came to me for the money, which I would not let him have, as I wished him not to do it.

19,562. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were those the only two men you bought?—Yes.

19,563. Whom did you vote for?—Liberal.

19,564. (*Mr. Slade.*) What was the other man's name?—That I do not remember. I was very busy at the time. Brown came in to me, and he was with me but a very short time.

19,565. If you remember the man's name, send it in to the secretary?—I will.

19,566. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you take any part in the election of 1859?—No, only voted myself.

19,567. You did not buy anybody then?—No, I had nothing to do with it.

19,568. And you do not know anybody who was bribed?—Everybody knew there were plenty of votes bought, but I cannot say who they were now. Such matters as this I discharge from my memory as soon as I can.

19,569. Let the secretary have the name of the man you bribed through Mr. Brown, and also the name of the man who brought you the money back?—Yes, I will.

19,570. 40*l.* it was you paid?—Yes.

19,571. And 40*l.* you recovered?—Yes, I got all I paid away, and nothing more. I am not a professional briber. I never got a farthing for my vote in my life. I should as soon think of selling my mother.

H. J. Larke.

HENRY JOHN LARKE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,572. What are you?—A boat-builder.

19,573. Did you get any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,574. How much?—15*l.*

19,575. Who gave it you?—I do not know.

19,576. Where did you receive it?—At the "Angel."

19,577. From a strange gentleman?—A stranger to me.

19,578. Did you have a ticket?—No.

19,579. Who sent you up to the "Angel?"—I was not sent by anyone. Some gentleman, I do not know who he was, came riding by in one of those low-backed cars, and took me to the "Angel."

19,580. He said, if you went up to the "Angel" you would get 15*l.*?—Up at the "Angel" I took 15*l.*

19,581. Did you get anything the other side?—No.

19,582. Were you offered any?—No.

19,583. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

T. Layton.

THOMAS LAYTON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,584. What are you?—A shipwright.

19,585. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

19,586. Where did you get it?—At the "Army and Navy."

19,587. Had you a ticket given to you?—No.

19,588. Who sent you up to the "Army and Navy"?—I met another shipwright upon the quay. He said, "There is something going on at the 'Army and Navy,' let us go." That was Monday night.

19,589. Who was it?—The name of Thomas Sims. He is a shipwright as well.

19,590. Did you get any money on the other side?—No.

19,591. Were you offered any?—No.

19,592. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

W. Wilkins.

WILLIAM WILKINS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

18,593. What are you?—A fish merchant.

19,594. What did you have for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

19,595. Where did you get it?—At the "Barking Fishery."

19,596. Who sent you up there?—Henry King.

19,597. Were you offered any money by the other side?—Yes.

19,598. How much?—28*l.*

19,599. Who by?—A Mr. Rivett, who is dead.

19,600. When did Mr. Rivett offer you that?—I could not say whether the same day or the day before.

19,601. Did you take it?—No.

19,602. What made you refuse it?—They did not treat me well the election before this. The 8*l.* was to pay my detention. I was a master at sea at that time, and they promised to pay my detention, 8*l.* They

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promised me, and never gave it me; they promised me they would give me 20*l.* and the 8*l.* besides.

19,603. Then how much did you get in 1859?—I never got anything.

19,604. They promised you the money and you never got it?—Yes.

19,605. That is why you would not vote for them this time?—No, I was compelled to vote that time.

19,606. Why?—By my bread.

19,607. Just explain?—The owner of the ship I was the master of was a Tory, and he compelled me to do so.

19,608. What was his name?—Edward Spratt.

19,609. How did he compel you?—I do not know that he would have turned me out of my situation if I had not. I was not, I dare say, right down forced to do it, but I did do it against my own inclination; but when I voted Liberal I went my own way.

19,610. But you required 20*l.* to coax you to go your own way?—I do not know that, if there had been less given I should have taken less.

19,611. What should you have done if you got nothing?—The same as I did before; went without.

19,612. You would not have voted at all?—Yes I should, the same side.

19,613. Can you tell me of any other man whom old Mr. Rivett gave money or offered money to?—No, I was not much interested in it, for I was after my work at the time when I took the money.

S. Pigney.

SAMUEL PIGNEY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,614. What are you?—A fish curer.

19,615. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

19,616. Where were you paid?—At the "Army and Navy."

19,617. Who sent you up there?—It was talked over by a few of us, that money was being given away there, and we went down and found it was right.

19,618. Had you a ticket?—No.

19,619. Who was it told you to go up to the "Army and Navy?" Somebody must have sent you?—I think it was Mr. Teasdel was talking to me and a neighbour of mine, somebody went to him.

19,620. Were you offered any money by the other side?—I did not give them a chance.

19,621. Did they give you a chance?—No.

19,622. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

R. Barnes.

RICHARD BARNES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,623. What are you?—An engineer.

19,624. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—Nothing at all.

19,625. You have been handed in to us upon Mr. Jones's list as having received 20*l.*?—I do not know Mr. Jones, I have never seen any party at all.

19,626. Did anybody ever offer you money?—No.

19,627. Never?—No.

19,628. On either side?—Not on either side.

19,629. You are quite certain you did not get anything?—Yes, I am quite certain I did not get anything.

19,630. Somebody has received 20*l.* in your name?—I have never seen any of the party; none of the party ever came near me at all.

19,631. I see you voted for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

19,632. Do you belong to the red party?—Yes, I have always voted that way.

19,633. And did you vote that way in 1859?—I had not a vote then, not here.

19,634. Did you not get any money for your vote from the Conservatives?—No, not at all.

19,635. Are you quite certain nobody ever offered you any money at all?—Yes, I am quite certain, neither side. I never mixed myself up with them, neither of them, no further than going to vote.

19,636. Did you promise Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson to vote for them?—Mr. Goodson came the morning of the election and asked me to vote, and I told him I would.

19,637. Was that the first time he canvassed you?—Yes, I was not in the way when Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson came. I never saw him but that once. The other parties never came at all; I never saw them at all, not one of them.

19,638. Do you mean when you say you had always voted that way that you were on the register the election before that?—I did not come to Yarmouth until 1859.

19,639. You mean you voted Conservative at other places?—Yes.

M. Westoby.

MATTHEW WESTOBY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,640. What are you?—A mariner.

19,641. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,642. How much?—15*l.*

19,643. Who gave it you?—Mr. Johnson the builder.

19,644. Mr. E. O. Johnson?—Yes.

19,645. Were you offered any money by the opposite party?—No.

19,646. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

19,647. Did you ask for this money or was it offered you?—It was brought to me.

19,648. Should you have voted that way if you had not had the money?—I always did. It was left on my parlour table.

19,649. You were not in want of 15*l.* were you?—I wanted it as bad as many people—I am only a pensioner.

W. Humphrey.

WILLIAM HUMPHREY sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

19,650. We have got you down as having received 20*l.*?—I never received it, my wife did.

19,651. You received it through your wife?—Yes, at least she received it for me. I did not know anything about it.

19,652. She told you about it?—I did not know anything of it until afterwards. I was told of it in the market place by the party who gave it her. I did not come home until last February, and I did not know anything about it, because after I voted I went away the next morning and joined my vessel down in the north.

19,653. Did your wife tell you to vote?—No, she did not tell me anything about voting.

19,654. You came here to day to say you were not paid for your vote?—I never received it, but the wife did.

19,655. Did you know she had got it?—No.

19,656. Had you not seen Mr. Parker?—I had not seen Mr. Parker at all. She told me when I came up that I had the money for the expenses from the north and to go back again, as I left the vessel to come up—not for voting; I did not know what I was coming for, no more than family affairs—that is what the telegraph said.

19,657. Did she telegraph for you?—Yes, on family affairs.

19,658. When you came up, she told you your expenses would be paid, if you voted?—Yes.

19,659. And the next morning you went up and

voted ?—Yes, for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl, at about half past 9.

19,660. Did she say how much your expenses would come to ?—No, but I knew within a trifle, because I had travelled before—not on that occasion.

19,661. How much would they come to ?—*5l. 7s. 6d.* my expenses cost me up and down.

19,662. Did she say who was going to pay your expenses ?—No, she gave me the money to pay them after I had done it.

19,663. Did she give you *5l. 7s. 6d.* ?—She gave me *5l. 10s.*—a shilling or two for pocket money if I wanted it.

19,664. Did you know whom your wife had got the money from ?—From Mr. Parker—she told me afterwards. He met me in the market and told me about it, and then she said she had received the money.

19,665. How long after the election ?—Not above a fortnight after this inquiry commenced, because I was away, and did not come home until the 9th of February, after the election.

19,666. What do you call family affairs ?—There was one of the family lying very bad. I do not know whether she was dying or not. That was the reason I was sent for. I came home, and the election happened to fall the same time.

19,667. What did the telegram contain ?—That I was to go home immediately on account of family affairs.

19,668. Was that added ?—Yes, there was nothing else added, I would be upon my oath—not a word about the election.

19,669. Was there anything about family affairs put in ?—Yes, those were the words in it.

19,670. Was it put in the telegram that your expenses would be paid ?—No, not a word of it.

19,671. (*Mr. Russell.*) When you found your wife had taken the *20l.* did you offer to return it ?—No.

19,672. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When did you first know that your wife had the *20l.* ?—About a fortnight after the inquiry had commenced.

19,673. This inquiry ?—Yes.

19,674. You did not know it before ?—No, I will be on my oath I did not. I never knew what money she had received.

19,675. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you a vote in the year 1859 ?—I had not.

19,676. Did you vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl because you had *5l.* for your expenses ?—Yes.

JOHN BITTON sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Bitton

19,677. What are you ?—A carpenter just now.

19,678. What did you receive for your vote at the last election ?—I would give a straightforward answer here certainly, but if I were to do so I should say nothing at all. I got *10l.* That was given me as a perfect gift, unasked for.

19,679. Who gave it you ?—I was sent to Mr. Wright's on the Church Plain.

19,680. Who sent you ?—Might I be allowed for a moment to give an explanation.

19,681. Answer the question first. Who sent you ?—Mr. J. W. Neave.

19,682. What do you want to say ?—The circumstances under which I was induced to receive it were simply these. I had recently lost my wife, and the little affairs that she was engaged in were quite in a deranged state, and I was under the necessity of giving up all my affairs, and should have left myself completely destitute. A friend came in and told me that money was being given away, and under my circumstances he thought it would do me some good, and I was induced under that idea to receive it. I always abhorred the system of bribery. I always exclaimed against it, and that is the simple remark I wish to make here. Not for my vote did I receive it, but I received it as a gift.

19,683. Had you ever voted before ?—Yes.

19,684. What did you receive at the last time in 1859 ?—Nothing ; I never received a farthing before.

19,685. (*Mr. Russell.*) You mean you took the *10l.* because you were in great distress ?—Yes, and under that idea I think the friend of mine offered it, or rather induced me to go down there.

19,686. A great many men who were not in distress at all got double what you did ?—I esteemed it so sensibly because I was glad of it.

HENRY KING sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

H. King.

19,687. What are you ?—A mariner.

19,688. What did you get for your vote ?—*20l.*

19,689. Where did you receive it ?—At the "Barking Fishery."

19,690. Who sent you ?—I do not know that any particular person sent me there, I heard that they were giving money away, and I went there and got it.

19,691. How did you know money was being given away at the "Barking Fishery ?"—I heard the people saying so.

19,692. Were you offered any money by the other side ?—No.

19,693. Are you any relation of George King ?—No.

JOHN GARRATT sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Garratt.

19,694. Are you the landlord of the "Angel" ?—Yes.

19,695. The Liberal committee rooms were at your house ?—Yes.

19,696. Had you any cognizance of the grounds on which Mr. Jones came down to the "Angel" ?—Not the least. I had afterwards, but not at the time.

19,697. Did you take any part yourself beyond letting the committee rooms ?—In which way do you mean.

19,698. Did you canvass any voters ?—Yes, I went round with Mr. Brogden two or three times, and Mr. Marshman, to two or three places.

19,699. Were you present when anyone was offered money ?—I never saw a farthing paid, or heard it offered.

19,700. Were you not aware, while Mr. Jones was in your house, that voters were coming to be paid there ?—I never saw anything paid until the Monday or Tuesday night. A stranger came and asked for him, or some one, but I was so busy at the time that I paid no attention to it.

19,701. Did you not surmise what they came for ?—It was a passing thought in my mind, and I thought nothing of it. I do not think he was in my house the night before the election. Mr. Edwards was there.

19,702. What were you paid for the use of your rooms ?—The bill was paid altogether.

19,703. Have you got it ?—I have got it at home. You will see what Mr. Marshman says. There is his letter to me and Mr. Vanderbyl. (*The witness handed two papers to the Commissioners.*)

19,704. Do you know whether the account that was paid to you for your rooms was the same account as was handed in as part of the legal expenses ?—Yes, I believe it was. I gave a paper, I do not recollect of what it was, when I was requested to apportion it, and I gave a receipt, but I do not recollect what it was now.

19,705. Did you receive no money whatever beyond

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the money that was returned?—I received the ordinary inn bill. The bill for living, the same as I should charge you or any other gentleman who came to the place.

19,706. Can you hand us a bill of the items?—Yes, if you will pay some one to copy it, or pay me; it is a long bill.

19,707. The bill from day to day?—It will be a very long affair. There are threepences, and there are a great many items. It is a very long affair. You can see the book if you like, but I cannot part with it, because it is in constant use.

19,708. Did you send in your bill to the agent, or to Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—I sent in no bill at all. They looked at the book, and were satisfied with it, and paid me on the spot.

19,709. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who looked at the book?—Mr. Salmon, Mr. Brogden's agent, and Mr. Marshman did not look at his at all. They thought they ought to pay half. Mr. Marshman came down June the 12th, and left, I think, July the 8th, and Mr. Brogden remaining a longer time paid a larger share of it.

19,710. What we want to know is who paid you?—He says here in his letter he sends his cheque. Mr. Marshman says so; and Mr. Vanderbyl says, he sends a cheque also.

19,711. Mr. Marshman paid you himself?—Yes.

19,712. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did Mr. Brogden pay you?—Mr. Salmon paid me for Mr. Brogden after Mr. Brogden had gone.

19,713. And who paid you for Mr. Vanderbyl?—Mr. Vanderbyl sent me a cheque. I have given you the letter. He says, "Herewith I enclose a cheque for 35*l.*" And here is a letter from Mr. Marshman stating he sends it too.

19,714. In fact, these bills, if I understand, really give us the whole amount paid to you by Mr. Brogden, Mr. Vanderbyl, and Mr. Marshman?—Yes; except Mr. Salmon had a small bill after they left; I cannot say what that was, some five or six pounds.

19,715. What is the amount altogether?—161*l.* 10*s.* I think.

19,716. (*Mr. Slade.*) Give us the three divisions?—Mr. Vanderbyl, 35*l.*; 53*l.* 10*s.*, Mr. Marshman; it was 58*l.* 10*s.* in the cheque, because 5*l.* was enclosed to me to give to the regatta, and Mr. Brogden's 73*l.* You see it extended over a month and a day, from June the 12th to July the 13th.

19,717. (*Mr. Russell.*) That was from the first day Mr. Brogden arrived?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman came on June the 12th; Mr. Marshman left July the 8th, and Mr. Brogden the 13th, the morning after the election. Of course they had many friends come to see them while here, lawyers and so on, and whatever they had was added to the general bill. I had no report of a bill to anybody else.

19,718. Were you in the habit of giving refreshments to the voters who came?—Not to one. If he said let two or three have their dinners, they had it, and it was charged to them; but no one came and had anything there at his expense, not to my knowledge.

19,719. Was anything of that sort that was done included in the bill of 73*l.*?—Everything is in that bill, every item except Mr. Salmon's bill, and I cannot recollect what that was, I did not take the trouble to look over it; but under 10*l.*—6*l.* or 7*l.*

19,720. In fact Mr. Brogden's was the largest bill that was paid?—He was there the longest, and had probably the most friends, and there is a portion of his brother's bill in that as well.

19,721. (*Mr. Slade.*) His brother was there?—Yes, and he had a nurse and child there for about three weeks, I think. But he took very little part in the election, except when his brother was away; but he dined with them.

19,722. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was there a breakfast for the voters the morning of the polling at the "Angel?"—Oh dear no. I think I was the only voter who breakfasted that morning at the "Angel."

19,723. (*Mr. Slade.*) Besides Mr. Brogden's brother, the two Mr. Tabourdins were there?—Yes, I saw them. I did not know their names until since.

19,724. And Mr. Bentham was there?—I never heard his name. I only heard one Mr. Tabourdin's name, and I only heard that a few days ago, when they were here.

19,725. I mean the manager of the Imperial Bank?—So many gentlemen came I did not know them. Sometimes they came by the mail train, or at any time.

19,726. You did not know their names?—I knew Mr. Salmon's name and Mr. Edward's.

19,727. These men are only put down as the number of the rooms they occupied?—Yes.

19,728. No bill was given in to them?—No, I merely headed the book "Brogden and Marshman," when they came down. So it began and so it finished.

19,729. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you here in 1859?—No.

S. Boulton.

SAMUEL BOULTON, sen., sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,730. What are you?—A fish merchant.

19,731. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

19,732. Where were you paid?—At my place, at my house.

19,733. Who by?—Mr. E. R. Edwards, I think it is.

19,734. Edwards the tailor?—No, a brother of his.

19,735. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No. No, no other party; I think it was Mr. E. R. Edwards.

19,736. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

19,737. Had you any money for your vote then?—15*l.*

19,738. Who from?—Henry King Swan.

19,739. Then you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon, and Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

19,740. Were you offered anything by the Liberals in 1859?—No.

19,741. And do you vote whichever side you get money?—No, not at all times.

19,742. How came you to vote for Lacon and Stracey in 1859, and Brogden and Vanderbyl the last election?—I had altered my opinion during the time they were in Parliament.

19,743. But there seems to have been 20*l.* to fortify your opinion at one election, and 15*l.* to fortify your opinion at the other?—Yes, that is what I got at each election.

19,744. You cannot be in want of 20*l.*?—I might have managed to have done without it. If he had kept out of the way I should have done without it.

J. Brown.

JEFFREY BROWN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,745. What are you?—A boot maker.

19,746. What did you receive for your vote?—15*l.*

19,747. Where were you paid?—At the "Army and Navy" tavern.

19,748. Who sent you up there?—I really cannot tax my memory at the moment. It was a tailor that sent me there. I forget his name.

19,749. Was Mr. Edwards the man?—No. Mr. Newman, that is the man.

19,750. Were you offered any money by the Conservatives?—No, none.

19,751. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No, I had not.

19,752 Would you have voted if you had not had any money?—Certainly I should.

19,753. The same side?—The same side.

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SIMON WOOD sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,754. What are you?—A fish curer.

19,755. What did you get for your vote?—20*l.* from the "Blues."

19,756. Where did you get that?—Up at the "Angel."

19,757. Who sent you up to the "Angel"?—Sam Seago.

19,758. What did you get from the "Reds"?—14*l.*

19,759. Who gave you that?—Mr. Lane, the rate gatherer.

19,760. It was Mr. Benjamin Lane, the son, gave it you?—Mr. Lane gave me a glass of liquor his own self, and gave me 14*l.*

19,761. Did you not get 1*l.* from Mr. Kelf?—No.

19,762. Are you sure it was not 18*l.* you got from Mr. Lane?—No, only 14*l.* I asked him for 15*l.*, and he would not give me more than 14*l.* before the election. He offered me 14*l.*, and the night before the election he offered me 14*l.* then.

19,763. You voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—I voted Blue.

19,764. Had you made up your mind to vote for them when you were trying to get 15*l.* from the Reds?—No. If I had I should have voted Red.

19,765. Who paid you first, at the "Angel," or first from Mr. Lane?—From Mr. Lane.

19,766. When you took the money from Mr. Lane you made up your mind to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—No, I thought of voting Red.

19,767. When you got the 20*l.* the other side, you made up your mind to vote Blue?—I was sent for and told I was wanted. And he said "There is 20*l.* for you at the 'Angel.'" I was very poor at the time. I had no bed to be upon. I was left with four bare walls, and I was glad to take what money I could get.

19,768. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

D. D. Carter.

DANIEL DRAPER CARTER sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

19,769. Are you the man living in Seymour Place? Yes.

19,770. What are you?—A Trinity pilot.

19,771. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—I received 18*l.* to remain on shore for loss of time.

19,772. Who gave you that 18*l.*?—Mr. Benjamin Powell.

19,773. Of King Street?—Yes.

19,774. When did Mr. Powell give you this money?—I think about two or three days before the election.

19,775. At the time he gave it you, did he say anything about your voting?—He asked me whether I was going to vote. I said "No;" and he asked me the reason why, and I said, "Because I had not been paid for loss of time. I had remained on shore to please the parties and they would not pay." He said "If you will remain on shore I will repay you for loss of time." He said "What is it?" I said "18*l.*;" and he paid me.

19,776. For whom did you vote?—Lacon and Goodson.

19,777. Were you canvassed on the Liberal side?—No.

19,778. Did you receive any other money besides 18*l.*?—Not a farthing. I see I am set down for 10*l.*, but I never received anything.

19,779. Is Rising a shipmate of yours?—Yes.

19,780. What is his christian name?—Thomas.

19,781. Did he get anything at the last election?—Mr. Livingston was to give us 15*l.* each, and Rising was to pay me. He would not do so. He told me to go down to Mr. Downing. I told him I would not, I would have nothing to do with Mr. Downing, and Mr. Downing offered me money and I refused him.

19,782. Did Rising get anything on your side?—I think not, I should say not.

19,783. Was Rising with you when Mr. Powell gave you this 18*l.*?—No. I never was with Rising only once, that was when Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman said they could retain their seats for 15*l.*, and put us on to Mr. Livingston, and from that to Mr. Clowes; and Mr. Clowes asked Rising to pay me. Rising refused. Livingston said "Take him to Mr. Downing," and I refused to go, and refused to vote at all then.

19,784. Had you a vote in the year 1859?—No.

H. T. Humfrey.

HENRY THOMAS HUMFREY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,785. What are you?—A carpenter and joiner.

19,786. Did you get 20*l.* from Mr. Shattock at the last election?—Yes.

19,787. Did you get any money from the other side?—No.

19,788. Were you offered any money by the other side?—Yes.

19,789. By whom?—Mr. Bunn.

19,790. How much?—15*l.*

19,791. Did you take it?—No.

19,792. Why not?—I had no particular reason why I did not. I said I would not have it.

19,793. Did Mr. Bunn offer you the money after you had got the 20*l.* from Mr. Shattock?—No.

19,794. Before?—Yes.

19,795. Whom did you vote for?—Not anyone.

19,796. How is it you did not vote?—I do not know of any reason.

19,797. You got the 20*l.* from Mr. Shattock to vote?—I do not know what I got it from him for. He did not ask me to vote for anyone.

19,798. You knew why he gave it you?—I might suppose so. He brought it into my shop and laid it on the counter, but he did not ask me to vote for anyone.

19,799. Why did you take it if you did not mean to vote?—I do not know particularly why I did take it, but I did take it.

19,800. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

19,801. Is this the first time you had a vote?—Yes.

19,802. Are you quite certain the reason you did not vote was this, that you had taken money on both sides?—I do not understand you exactly.

19,803. Did you know old Mr. Rivett?—Yes.

19,804. Did he give you any money?—No.

19,805. Did he offer you any?—No. He never came to me at all.

19,806. Will you swear you did not get any money from that side?—I am sworn.

19,807. Will you swear that 20*l.* was all the money you got?—Yes.

19,808. And you took the 20*l.* and did not vote?—Yes.

19,809. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Give us the reason you did not vote?—I do not know any particular reason why I did not.

19,810. Are you a master carpenter?—Yes.

19,811. Whom do you work for?—For various people, too numerous to name.

19,812. (*Mr. Slade.*) What day did Mr. Shattock give you this money?—On the morning of the election.

19,813. And you had not agreed with Mr. Shattock before?—No.

19,814. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What did he say to you when he gave it you?—I believe all that passed was, he said "Here is 20*l.* for you."

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19,815. Did you know him before?—Yes.

19,816. Had you any conversation with him before about the election?—Not any.

19,817. Did he know how you were going to vote? I do not suppose he did.

18,818. Did you ever tell anybody how you were going to vote?—No.

19,819. Were you never asked?—I was canvassed.

19,820. What did you say when you were canvassed?—I told them I did not know that I should vote at all.

19,821. You did not know how you would vote?—I did not know that I should vote at all.

19,822. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you any political opinions at all?—No.

19,823. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you promise anybody your vote?—No.

19,824. Who canvassed you for Sir Edmund Lacon?—Sir Edmund Lacon came himself, and Mr. Goodson.

19,825. They canvassed you themselves?—Yes.

19,826. Did you promise them?—No.

19,827. Did you promise anybody on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon?—No.

19,828. Did anybody else besides Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson canvass you upon that side?—No, I do not remember anyone.

19,829. Nobody at all asked you for your vote?—No.

19,830. Did you communicate to anybody that you intended to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—No.

(*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You must come here again.

C. Diver.

CHARLES DIVER recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

19,831. Look at the name of Henry T. Humfrey in that list?—I see it.

19,832. I see he is entered there as having promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

19,833. Can you explain that at all?—He did not promise me, nor did I see him.

19,834. You heard the evidence that he gave, that he was canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and did not promise them, and was canvassed by nobody else on your side, and therefore promised nobody else?—Yes, I heard him.

19,835. I see he is entered there as having promised?—It is Mr. Reynolds' book. It is not a book to which I had access.

19,836. I only want to know, as Mr. Reynolds is away, whether you can tell us upon what information Mr. Reynolds made that entry?—I think I may say that entry was made before I had anything to do with the matter at all.

19,837. It was an early promise?—I fancy so. I did not see the man. I did not go after the man at all, because he was returned to me as promised. I certainly had some reason for not going to see him, or I should have done so.

19,838. You would have gone to see him otherwise?—Certainly.

J. Sharman

JOHN SHARMAN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,839. Do you live at 76, George Street?—Yes.

19,840. What are you?—A tailor.

19,841. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

19,842. Who from?—I do not know.

19,843. Where were you paid?—At the committee-room.

19,844. At the "Angel?"—At the committee-room across the market, where I voted.

19,845. Thompson's?—Yes.

19,846. Who sent you up there?—Mr. Thompson came to me a night or two before, and he asked me, had I a vote; I told him that I believed I had. He asked me, Had I promised it? "Have you seen anyone?" I said, "No, I have not spoken to any of them." Then he said, "If you like to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl, you can have 15*l.*" "Very well," I says, and I did.

19,847. Mr. Thompson said that?—Yes.

19,848. Were you offered any money on the opposite side?—No. I never spoke to any of the parties, not a soul.

19,849. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

J. Gillings

JOHN GILLINGS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,850. What are you?—A carpenter.

19,851. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

19,852. Where were you paid?—At Wright's on the Plain.

19,853. Who sent you to Wright's?—Mr. Edwards.

19,854. Which Edward's? The tailor?—I do not know what his other name is; only Edwards, that is all I know.

19,855. Do you know what Edwards it is?—The tailor.

19,856. Had you a ticket?—No.

19,857. Were you offered any money by the Conservatives?—No.

19,858. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

19,859. And what did you get for your vote then?—10*l.*

19,860. Who gave you that?—Mr. Stolworthy.

19,861. I see you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson at the last election?—Yes.

19,862. Though you got 20*l.* from the Liberals?—Yes, this time I did.

19,863. At the election before, you voted for Watkin and Young, because you got 10*l.* from the Conservatives?—No. Sir Edmund Lacon I voted for.

19,864. You are right. Were you offered any money on the other side in 1859?—No.

J. H. Harrison

JAMES HARGRAVE HARRISON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

19,865. What are you?—I hardly know how to describe myself. I am a town councillor.

19,866. Did you take an active part at the last election?—I think not.

19,867. Did you canvass any voters?—Well, I think I saw some half-a-dozen persons.

19,868. Which party did you interest yourself for?—Well, I voted Conservative.

19,869. Do you know a man named Pope?—A person who gave evidence here?

19,870. Yes?—I do; I know him by sight.

19,871. George Pope?—I do not know his christian name.

18,872. Did you offer him some money?—Certainly not.

19,873. Mr. Pope was asked, "Were you offered "anything?—*A.* Yes. *Q.* Who by?—*A.* I cannot "say whether it was Mr. Harrison. It was someone "called in the afternoon. I refused them, because I "was going to vote the other way. *Q.* Is it Mr. Har-"grave Harrison?—*A.* It is Mr. Hargrave Harrison?" —He thinks that some one offered him the money,

but he cannot tell whom. He does not say positively it was me.

19,874. He seems rather hazy about it?—I am quite certain I never offered him a penny.

19,875. Nor anybody else?—Yes; I think I may say that.

19,876. There seems to be some doubt about that?—No, it arises in this way. Some of those men, knowing that I have taken an interest in the public matters of this town, have frequently stopped me on my way home or out, and have asked me if I knew what was going on, and some of them I have known for many years. One man you had before you of the name of Carrier. My impression is that that man has never voted in his life without being paid, and that man frequently waylaid me. He was not the only one. I cannot remember precisely what took place; but this I will swear, that persons might have asked me whether I knew what money would be afloat, and what they were likely to get, and so on, but I swear I never gave them any.

19,877. When they asked you to tell them whether there was money what did you say?—I might have turned round, and put this question to them, "What do you want?" but I never gave a penny, nor was the means of anyone getting money that I am aware of.

19,878. When these men waylaid you some of them told you that they wished for money before they would vote?—I did not catch the last observation; I am rather hard of hearing.

19,879. When you met men in the streets, who stopped you, and said they wanted money for their votes, did you represent to any people at the head of your party that those men wanted money?—I think I did; I may say I did.

19,880. To whom did you mention the fact?—I have mentioned it to a Mr. Cooper for one.

19,881. Have you looked over, or have you ever heard mentioned the list that Mr. Cooper handed in to us?—Some time since?

19,882. Yes?—Well, I saw the account in the newspapers, but I did not wade through the whole of it.

19,883. Can you give us the names of any men you mentioned to Mr. Cooper whom you think we have not got already?—I have not the slightrst idea. I have never seen the poll book till this morning.

19,884. It is no use hampering our notes with names that we have already. Will you undertake to confer with Mr. Cooper in giving us as many names as you can remember, so that we may see if they are names handed in already?—I will do anything to facilitate this matter. I can remember one name, I do not know if you have it down, a person of the name of Pye. It was the son of the old man who called upon me. He was anxious to get 20*l.* The man was not a voter, but his father was. I saw him. He waited about the house for a very long while, and eventually he thought I was playing him a trick; and he went and voted on the other side, and got the money there.

19,885. Did you take an active part in the election of 1859?—I took no part in that election, nor did I take any particular part here beyond attending a meeting or two. I was asked to take the chair at the ward meeting in the Nelson Road. I knew very little of it. I may tell you Carrier, the baker, voted Liberal. I frequently saw him. He wanted 15 sacks of flour, I remember that very well.

19,886. I see you voted for Watkin and Young in 1859?—Yes; my father was alive at that time, and I was under the influence of my father up to the time of his death.

19,887. Had you arranged with Mr. Cooper that you would give him any names of men that you could get?—Most assuredly not. It was mere gossip. I am frequently in Mr. Cooper's shop. Perhaps I call in three or four times a day. I will be bound to say during the last week or ten days I have been there 20 times; I think I may say that; and I may say hardly for any purpose whatever beyond the fact that Mr. Cooper is doing some printing for me. Once would have done for that; but I have called in for mere gossip sake.

19,888. I suppose you were aware that Mr. Cooper was a very convenient person to tell these names to?—I knew it most assuredly.

19,889. Will you give me the name of any one man whom you mentioned to Mr. Cooper that wanted money?—I have not been in the room more than 10 minutes. I have been engaged all the morning in another room of this building. I came in, and I asked Mr. Livingston to lend me his list. I was going through the register for the purpose of taking the names out, thinking you would put some questions to me upon it; and I have found two after going down three or four columns of the register; but until I saw the register from the day of the election till now I have never seen one. I even question whether I have seen a register at all since the last election.

19,890. Will you give me those two names?—Samuel Balls is one.

19,891. Do you mean Balls who keeps the "Victoria?"—In Kimberley Terrace. No, I beg your pardon, I have made a mistake. I think you will find another Balls in Brandon Terrace; they are adjoining terraces.

19,892. Is it Henry Charles Balls?—I do not think that is the name.

19,893. Is it Camperdown Place?—No; it is Brandon Terrace; I am certain of that. I ought to know the name, but I have really forgotten his christian name.

19,894. Will you look at the register?—I may say this, that the person is at present living in Brandon Terrace, but what his christian name is I do not remember.

19,895. What is he by trade?—Well, he is a man that has got some property, a man of independent circumstances. He is a carpenter by trade, but he keeps a large lodging-house, one of the largest lodging-houses on the Terrace.

19,896. And who is the other?—I must tell you when first I saw him I think he asked me what I was up to. Of that I will not be sure. However, he told me he had been offered money; that he could have 20*l.*; and he afterwards told me that he had either got 15*l.* or 20*l.*, I do not remember which. That is one name.

19,897. Who is the other?—I have given you Balls and Carrier; those I have given you already. There was a person named John Baker.

19,898. Where does John Baker live?—He lives upon the Denes. He is a very respectable man. He told me he had been offered 20*l.*

19,899. (*Mr. Slade.*) What is his number on the register?—49.

19,900. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did he tell you that he had been offered money?—Yes; that he had been offered 20*l.*

19,901. And did you tell him that he could get money on your side?—Certainly not. He is a highly respectable man. He is a man who has risen by his own industry, but he would scorn the idea of a bribe; and whenever I have offered myself for any place he has always supported me.

19,902. That may be a proof of his respectability, his supporting you; but what I want is the names you may have mentioned to Mr. Cooper as men who wanted money for their votes?—I thought you wanted the names of such persons as I had seen. I understood you to ask me, "Will you see Mr. Cooper, and arrange with him, and go through the register of the names that you gave to Mr. Cooper." Then I thought that you wanted the names of persons that I had seen.

19,903. No; the names of men whom you saw who told you that they wanted money for their votes. You told us you met several?—Some half dozen.

19,904. Those are the half-dozen I want?—I have given you three. I will go over the register and see if I can find any more.

19,905. Will you kindly go through the register,

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and hand in the list to us?—Yes. So far as Mr. Baker is concerned, having brought up his name, I should mention this, that he did vote and that he had nothing.

19,906. As you have the register in your hand, perhaps you might conveniently run through it?—Yes; if you will take another case, I will go through it.

JOHN QUINTON sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

J. Quinton.

19,907. Are you down upon the register as Henry Quinton?—I am upon the register as Henry Quinton, but John Quinton is my name.

19,908. What are you?—A sail maker.

19,909. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl. I tendered my vote and they objected to it when I tendered it, and I went to a magistrate and he went with me and I voted.

19,910. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes, I had 15*l.* left at my house.

19,911. Who by?—By Downing.

19,912. Do you keep an alehouse as well?—Yes.

19,913. Did you get any other money for your vote?—No.

19,914. Were you offered any other money?—I was not offered any other money, but Mr. Cooper called me one night and asked me if I would vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and I said, "No, it is no use persuading me, I am inclined the other way." That was a week before the election.

19,915. In the year 1859 had you a vote?—No.

19,916. Where did you get the 15*l.*?—He left it with my wife for me.

J. Francis.

JOHN FRANCIS sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

19,917. You live at Gorleston?—No, I live in Yarmouth now?—I had a vote before for Gorleston.

19,918. Are you upon the register for Gorleston?—Yes.

19,919. What are you?—A spinner and ropemaker.

19,920. What did you get for your vote?—20*l.*

19,921. Where at?—At Wright's upon the Church Plain.

19,922. Did you get any other money?—No.

19,923. Were you offered any other money?—No.

19,924. Who took you to Wright's on the Church Plain?—Several of us went together, but a man of the name of Edwards told us.

19,925. Thomas Edwards, the tailor?—I am sure I do not know the name, but I may say he is a tailor.

19,926. Had you a vote in 1859?—No, I never had a vote before.

W. Ling.

WILLIAM LING sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

19,927. What are you?—I call myself a gentleman; I am in no trade or profession.

19,928. You are Mr. William Ling?—Yes.

19,929. There must be some mistake here. You have not been summoned?—Yes I have, but you will not find that I have been bribed, or anything of that kind, if you are looking for that.

19,930. I was looking to see if you had been summoned. Did you take any part in the last election?—Not any.

19,931. Were you upon any committee?—I am not aware that I was. It was said that I was upon the Gorleston committee. It is true that I went two or three times into the room, but I was not aware that I was on the committee.

19,932. What did you go into the room for?—Merely to hear what was going on; to know how they got on in canvassing.

19,933. Who did you find on the committee?—Mr. Teasdel was in the chair, as I suppose, and there was Mr. Rivett, Mr. Spratt, Mr. Rolfe, and a Mr. Martin was one that I saw there.

19,934. At whose house was this committee room?—It was a house that was unoccupied. Whether the house belonged to Mrs. Morison or Mr. Wightman I do not know. Mr. Wightman lived in the house, but he had left it, and it was unoccupied at that time. I do not know who it belonged to.

19,935. Did you canvass Gorleston?—No, not at all.

19,936. Was Mr. Rivett taking an active part in the election?—Not that I am aware of. I have heard his name mentioned, but I was not aware of it till I heard it here. I saw him there as an old Conservative. I saw that he was merely there as I was, to inquire how the canvass was going on, and nothing further, as I thought.

19,937. I have nothing more to ask you?—I really know nothing. I should be most happy to tell you if I knew of anything.

19,938. Did you take any part in the election of 1859?—I took rather a more active part at that time than I did at this, indeed I took none at this. I did ask two or three voters at that time if they would vote for the Conservatives, but nothing further than that.

19,939. Did you canvass?—I asked two or three people; I knew who they intended to vote for. I forget who were the candidates at that time; I think Lacon and Stracey.

19,940. And Watkin and Young?—Yes. I had heard at that time there was bribery, but I never knew anything about it, and that is why I asked people how they were going to vote and how they would vote.

19,941. Had you heard that bribery was going on before the polling day?—In 1859 you are talking of?

19,942. Yes?—No, I do not know that I did. I knew at the election previous there was bribery.

19,943. You mean 1857?—Yes, Watkin and Mr. McCullagh. That is the first of my knowing anything of bribery in Gorleston. I knew a friend of mine who did live at Gorleston about 18 years ago; he went from Gorleston to Grimsby, and he came over from Grimsby to bribe for Mr. Watkin. I did not know that at the time, in 1857—which I am talking of—I did not know that at that time, but at 1859 he was here again, and I suspected what he was here for in 1857; and I said, "You have come here again for the old fun." "No," he said, "I do not mean to have anything to do with it this time." I said, "I know you did at the last election," and he said, "I had done a little of it then." He is since dead. He was an old friend of mine, or else perhaps he would not have told me that.

19,944. What was his name?—Mr. Rundell.

19,945. Did you learn from him what money had gone through his hands in 1857?—No, that you will find from parties the names of whom I have heard mentioned.

19,946. The parties mentioned to us before?—Parties named whom you will have before you, I have no doubt. You will get at it in that way.

19,947. Are you aware that bribery had been practised in Gorleston before this last election?—Yes, I was aware of what I have told you.

19,948. And knowing that, did you anticipate that bribery would be resorted to this time?—I had heard a week before the election, or more than that, that there were sovereigns coming down here in oyster barrels.

19,949. That was in 1859?—Either it was in 1857 or 1859, I do not remember. It was said they came down in oyster barrels at that time.

19,950. In 1865, I mean, last year?—I heard a week

before that that there was to be bribery, and there was money coming down here that would come down in oyster barrels. That is what I heard in 1865. Of course I did not believe it, but that was the talk.

19,951. Which side was the money to come down for?—I heard that Mr. Brogden was so rich ; that is what I heard at the time.

19,952. Did you hear anything about money being prepared to be spent upon the Conservative side?—I did not, and of my own knowledge I was not aware of a sixpence being spent till this inquiry.

19,953. I want to know if anything was talked about?—No, I never heard a sentence of anything of the kind.

19,954. In this committee room, where you met in this unoccupied house, I suppose the prospects of the election were discussed?—Not a word of bribery did I hear. Perhaps I stopped a quarter of an hour; and I said to Mr. Teasdel, "How is Sir Edmund Lacon and the canvass getting on to-day?" and he would say, "Very well," perhaps, or, "Do you know if such a person, so and so, is going to vote?" Of course as I never asked them I did not know.

19,955. Were you in the room when Christopher Steward was examined this morning?—Yes.

19,956. You heard the names of the agents he gave to us?—Yes.

19,957. Were you aware of those gentlemen having distributed money in 1859?—No, I was not; one I was, at least I thought so ; it was said so, but I did not know it of my own knowledge. I know it was said so, and I have no doubt you will get a great deal of information from them.

19,958. Which is the one you know of?—Mr. Reynolds.

19,959. Can you give us the names of any other gentlemen who were employed in distributing money at that time?—George King.

19,960. Any other?—Mr. Rundell was there, but whether he did anything of the kind I do not know.

19,961. Mr. Rundell is dead?—Yes, and a friend of mine told me he had promised Sir Edmund Lacon, that Clark, who is dead, and Mr. Nathaniel Sterry went to his house and offered him money. The money was laid down on the table and they asked him how much he wanted, and he said, "Go on, you have not come to half enough yet." Which of the two had the money I do not know. He went on as long as he chose, and the voter said, "If you will lay me down a "thousand pounds I will not break my word. I have "promised Sir Edmund Lacon and I will vote for him."

19,962. Who was the voter?—Joseph Lowne was his name. I do not know if it was in 1857 or in 1859. I am not sure whether he is a voter now or not; he is not living in the same house at any rate.

19,963. Is the Clark you mentioned a man of the name of William Thomas Clark?—Yes, he is dead.

19,964. George King, I presume, is the person we have had before us?—Yes, he was a relative of Mr. Rundell's. Mr. Rundell used to lodge at his house.

19,965. Do you know at all who Mr. Rundell got the money from?—That I do not know at all. I did not ask that question ; he would have told me if I had, I daresay, a year or two after 1857, because him and I were great friends when he lived at Gorleston, but he removed from Gorleston to Grimsby.

19,966. What connexion had Mr. Rundell with Mr. Watkin?—That I do not know, but Mr. Watkin got him into some employ there, but what I do not know, it was something to do with the docks. I fancy Mr. Watkin got him into that employ, but I do not know.

19,967. What was Mr. Rundell when he was at Yarmouth?—He was a pilot and had something to do with the fishing when he lived at Gorleston, then he removed from Gorleston and went to Lowestoft, and he was there a few years. Whether he went from Lowestoft to Grimsby I do not know or whether he came back to Gorleston first for a year or two and went to Grimsby after I am not aware. It is 20 years ago since I knew him at Gorleston.

19,968. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Rundell when you saw him here in 1859?—Yes, he took care not to let me know anything about what he was doing. I laughed at him and said, "What have you come here for?" And it was generally known or thought in Gorleston what he was there for, of course I knew nothing about it, he never told me he was here for that purpose at the time.

19,969. You laughed with him on the subject?—Yes I was friendly with him and I could do that.

19,970. Did he acknowledge it?—No, he would not acknowledge anything of the kind at the time I laughed at him about 1857. I of course knew nothing about it then, but then of course in 1859 when he was here again he said he had done a little of it in 1857, and then in 1859 I knew he was here for the same purpose, at least I told him so. I did not know it.

19,971. Did you ever hear how much money was spent at the election of 1859?—No, I never heard anything about that.

19,972. I mean at Gorleston itself?—No, I never heard it.

19,973. You never heard any common rumour?—No, I do not know that I heard that at all.

19,974. Can you give us any information as to the elections of 1857 or 1859?—No, no more than what I have now told you I cannot. I know of no money being given at any of the elections personally.

19,975. You cannot give us any names whom we can apply to?—No more names than what you have got ; you will get about 1857 and 1859 from the names you have now got.

19,976. Did you know old Mr. Rivett?—Yes very well.

19,977. Were you aware he was taking a very active part at the last election?—No, I was not aware of it at all; I saw him in the room.

19,978. You did not know that he was trusted with a large sum of money?—Certainly not, I never knew that.

CHARLES VEALE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *C. Veale.*

19,979. What are you?—A gardener.

19,980. Did you get 20*l.* from Mr. Shattock at the last election?—Yes.

19,980*a*. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

19,981. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

19,982. What did you get for it then?—15*l.*

19,983. Who gave you that?—Mr. Green gave me 10*l.* and he said he would send me 5*l.* by George King and that I received.

19,984. Were you offered any money on the other side in 1859?—Not any. When Mr. Shaltock gave me that money he said he gave it to me for Mr. Jones.

ROBERT S. ARCHBOLD sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *R. S. Archbold.*

19,985. What are you?—A baker.

19,986. Did you receive 15*l.* for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

19,987. Where were you paid?—At the "Army and Navy."

19,988. Who sent you up there?—I was up there in the evening, and I saw the thing going on, and I went in and got it.

19,989. Who was it sent you?—No one.

19,990. How did you know money was going there?—I saw what was going on and I judged that was the case.

19,991. Had you got a ticket?—No.

19,992. Were you offered any money on the other side?—Not particularly ; a party promised me he would get me some; I did not intend to vote that side.

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R. S. Archbold.

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19,993. Who offered you money on the other side?—Mr. Cooper.

19,994. How much?—He said something about 10*l.* he promised me, that was a fortnight or three weeks before the election, I should think quite a fortnight before.

19,995. And you refused that?—I did not intend to vote that way.

19,996. Would you have voted Liberal if you had not had the money?—Yes; in fact I told Mr. Livingston so.

19,997. Were you canvassed by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—No, I was not. I told Mr. Livingston which way I was going to vote on the Saturday before the election. I did not ask for anything.

19,998. I suppose you had not a vote in 1859?—Yes, I had.

19,999. Who did you vote for then?—Watkin and Young.

20,000. What did you get for your vote then?—I got 10*l.* then.

20,001. Who gave you that?—I do not know, I found it put in my hat and left on the counter.

20,002. Who had offered you money in 1859?—Not anyone; I had not seen anyone about the money at all. The party next door to me, the fact is, took my hat away; whether he brought it back I do not know, he took it off my head.

20,003. Who took it off?—Humphrey.

20,004. What Humphrey?—George Humphrey.

20,005. Did Mr. Humphrey take your hat off, and when you went to put it on again you found 10 sovereigns in it?—He took it away from me. I said, "Never mind, you must buy me a new one;" and then saw it on the shop, and when I picked it up my handkerchief was in it, and when I lifted it out I found the 10*l.*

20,006. Were you offered any money by the Conservatives in 1859?—No, I do not recollect being offered any money.

A. Wightman.

ABEL WIGHTMAN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

20,007. What is your second name?—Abel Woods Wightman.

20,008. What are you?—A publican.

20,009. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

20,010. Who gave it you?—Charles Bunn.

20,011. Were you offered any money by the opposite party?—Not to me; they thought I was held rather fast.

20,012. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

20,013. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was there a committee room at your house?—It was not at my house; it belonged to my mother-in-law.

20,014. Was there a committee room there?—Yes.

20,015. Who paid for that?—Mr. Reynolds.

20,016. What did he pay?—Well I do not exactly know altogether what it was; there were my services in attending on the committee, the room and refreshments and luncheon were included in the same bill; it was paid altogether in one bill.

20,017. Can you tell me what the amount was?—Something like 9*l.* or 10*l.*, I cannot exactly say.

20,018. What is the name of the public-house?—That I now keep?

20,019. No the other house?—It is shut up at this time there is no public-house there now, it is a private house now or a shop rather.

20,020. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you see the list that Mr. Bunn gave us of the men he bribed?—No, I never saw anything of the sort; I was only attending on the room to see that the room was kept in proper order for the gentlemen to come to.

20,021. Do you know Mr. Harmer?—Yes.

20,022. Do you know if Mr. Harmer got any votes?—I am sure I do not know.

20,023. Were Mr. Bunn and Mr. Harmer much at your house?—Well, Mr. Harmer was there more than Mr. Bunn, Mr. Bunn was there sometimes, perhaps three or four times during the canvass.

20,024. Did you know Mr. Harmer was engaged in buying votes?—Well I do not know, I could not say that.

20,025. We have been told you can tell us a great deal about the doings of Mr. Bunn and Mr. Harmer?—I think the man who told you that put himself rather forward; I had no interest in it whatever. I was only put there to keep the place in order, to keep the door open and shut for those who came that were interested in it. I know nothing of the election at all.

20,026. Who employed you to watch the door?—Mr. Harmer and Mr. Diver, solicitors of Yarmouth.

20,027. Were you instructed only to let in voters?—Well I do not know what it was for I am sure.

20,028-9. What were your instructions?—That I was to be there when the parties came, and I was to show them up into the room, and afterwards I was to put the things in order for them to come again; that was all I was there for I assure you.

20,030. You never let anybody in you did not know?—No; I knew everybody who was present.

20,031. They were all voters?—That I do not know whether they were voters or not, or what they were; it was not my business to ask them.

20,032. Were Mr. Bunn and Mr. Harmer together at this time?—Well, I could not say I saw them together.

20,033. Were either Mr. Bunn or Mr. Harmer together sitting in a room at your house?—Do you mean at the committee-room?

20,034. Yes?—I do not know that I can say so.

20,035. I mean, were Mr. Bunn and Mr. Harmer, at the time you were employed to keep the door, sitting there?—I could not say I am sure.

30,036. They were in your house?—They were; but whether they had any conversation together that I cannot say.

20,037. You let those men enter your house, and they went up and saw Mr. Harmer or Mr. Bunn?—Yes, if Mr. Harmer was there they went up of course.

20,038. You can give us the names of the men?—Who formed the committee?

20,039. No; the men that you let in?—Yes, I can.

20,040. Will you sit down and make us out a list?—I will.

20,041. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was Mr. Hammond there?—John Hammond?

20,042. Yes?—Yes.

20,043. Was he there with Mr. Bunn?—I saw him there with Mr. Bunn.

20,044. What was it you were put at the door for?—It was merely to be there when they came, so far as I know. That was what they hired me for.

50,045. There is the register; it is not very long; just to give us the names you showed in to those two gentlemen?—John Hammond, junr., William Ling——

20,046. That cannot be right. There is only one William Ling. I do not want the names of the gentlemen who attended the committee room. I understood you to say you were employed by Mr. Harmer and Mr. Diver to keep the door, and voters were shown into the room?—No; the only voters that I know of were shown in were only those that sat on the committee, that is all; that is what I said. I said I could tell you the names of those gentlemen.

20,047. Can you give us the names of any men in Gorleston to whom old Mr. Rivett gave money?—I could not.

20,048. You never heard of anybody?—No; I never heard of anybody taking money from Mr. Rivett.

20,049. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did Mr. Rivett attend the committee room?—Yes; he attended the committee room.

JAMES HARGRAVE HARRISON recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

20,050. Have you now made out a list of the names you gave to Mr. Cooper?—I beg to tell you that is a mistake. I never gave a list of names to Mr. Cooper. If you so understood me I must withdraw it. I incidentally mentioned by way of gossip what I had heard in the streets to the best of my knowledge. I have read every name, and the only names that I can remember, in addition to those which I gave you, are those of Charles Botwright and William Smith, the former 165 on the register and the latter 1,148.

20,051. Are those all the names you gave to Mr. Cooper?—They are all the persons that I can remember. I have no doubt other persons spoke to me during the election; but I have no recollection of anyone but the persons I have named coming to me, and speaking to me upon the question of bribery.

20,052. You were aware that Mr. Cooper had or would have money to distribute?—No; I beg to say certainly not. I am fully aware at all elections during the last 15 years Mr. Cooper has been engaged in that peculiar business, but I had no knowledge of his having money.

20,053. You and Mr. Cooper coming together on these occasions was a fortuitous circumstance?—Yes.

20,054. (*Mr. Slade.*) What were you going to say about Botwright?—I knew him to be a very bad man. He took money on a former occasion. I heard what he had to say, but I said nothing. He said what he had done before, but that he intended to be good for the future. I said, "I am very glad to hear what you say;" but I thought from that that he wanted money.

20,055. I thought you recommended him to go to Mr. Cooper?—No; I never recommended a soul to go to Mr. Cooper. What I said was this, that I told Mr. Cooper persons whom I had met and wanted money; I never sent anyone to Mr. Cooper.

20,056. (*Mr. Russell.*) You happened to hear casually that a certain number of men wanted money for their votes, and you fortuitously hit on Mr. Cooper?—I spoke of it in the same way I might mention anything in the evening. I might go out, and take my pipe and glass, and mention what I had heard here.

20,057. (*Mr. Slade.*) Then as regards William Smith?—As regards William Smith, he was a person I had known for many years. He had removed from the ward in which I resided, and had become a tenant of mine. I do not remember if he was a tenant of mine at the time of the election. I think at that time I had sold the house; I will not be positive about that. I met him on the Quay, and he gave me to understand what he wanted, and I lectured him. I told him he was exceedingly wrong to take money at all. He got nothing out of me, neither in the shape of a bribe or a promise of a bribe.

20,058. Do you know whether William Smith got any money?—Yes; I think I have heard since this inquiry took place that he had money. I think I have seen it in the newspapers; I think I heard it in this room; I do not know which. You must be aware that almost every day during the inquiry I have been in this room; and therefore whether I read it in the papers or whether I heard it here, I am sure I cannot charge my memory.

20,059. And he also got money on the Conservative side?—I think so; I think it has been proved so. I really do not know whether he did or not. All I know is, I had a conversation with the man. By-the-by, I am inclined to think this same man was up in London, and gave evidence there before the Committee of the House of Commons.

20,060. Do you know that Mr. Botwright had 15*l.*?—No. I think I heard at the time of the election that Mr. Botwright had 12*l.* for his rooms. I think they put it in that shape. I think at that time he was living in Regent Street. They hired his rooms under the pretence of wanting them for a committee room, and he got 12*l.* I think. I remember that at the time of the election; I am not positive.

20,061. I have got him down as having had 15*l.* for the use of his shop?—It may be so; I was in no way mixed up with those affairs.

DANIEL LARK sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *D. Lark.*

20,062. What are you?—A tailor.

30,063. What did you receive at the last election for your vote?—20*l.*

20,064. Where were you paid it?—At the "Army and Navy" tavern.

20,065. Who sent you there?—Mr. Fill or Mr. Moore; I will not positively say.

20,066. Had you a ticket?—No.

20,067. Were you offered any money by the other side?—Yes.

20,068. How much?—15*l.*

20,069. Who by?—Mr. Cooper.

20,070. Did you take it?—No.

20,071. Was that before you received the 20*l.* at the "Army and Navy" tavern?—Yes, a week or 10 days before.

20,072. Do you belong to the Blue party?—Yes.

20,073. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

20,074. Would you have voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl if you had not had the 20*l.*?—Yes.

JOSEPH WRIGHT sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *J. Wright.*

20,075. Do you live in Howard Street?—No; I live at Gorleston.

20,076. What are you?—Well, I call myself a fish-owner.

80,077. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

20,078. Where were you paid it?—At my own house.

20,079. Who by?—By Mr. Shattock, from Mr. Jones.

20,080. Were you offered any money by the Conservative party?—No.

20,081. Had you got a vote in 1859?—I do not remember.

EDWARD WRIGHT sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *E. Wright.*

20,082. Do you live in Providence Place?—Yes.

20,083. What are you?—A beachman.

20,084. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—10.

20,085. Where were you paid it?—At home.

20,086. Who gave you the money?—A tailor.

20,087. Was it Newman?—Yes.

20,088. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

20,089. Had you got a vote in 1859?—I do not know.

WILLIAM CROWE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *W. Crowe.*

20,090. What are you?—A coal porter.

20,091. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—10*l.*

20,092. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Cooper.

20,093. Did you get any money on the other side?—No.

20,094. Were you offered any?—No.

20,095. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

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H. Soanes.

HENRY SOANES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

20,096. What are you?—A fish buyer.

20,097. What did you receive from the Blue party at the last election?—20*l.*

20,098. Where were you paid it?—At Wright's shop.

20,098. Who sent you up there?—I do not know anybody particular, I heard they were paying money there and that is why I went—it was Mr. Edwards sent me there.

20,099. Which Edwards, the tailor?—Yes the tailor I believe.

20,100. You got something on the Red side as well?—Yes, 20*l.* from the Red side.

20,101. Who paid you that?—Mr. Watson.

20,102. Who paid you first?—Mr. Watson I believe.

20,103. You voted I see for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

20,104. That is what you got the money from Mr. Watson for?—Yes.

20,105. How came you to take the 20*l.* at Wright's afterwards?—I had not made up my mind which side I was going to vote then.

20,106. Were you canvassed by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—I believe I was.

20,107. Did you promise to vote for them when you were convassed?—No, I did not particularly promise them at all.

20,108. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

20,109. It is a great pity you had one in 1865?—I do not think so—I found it very useful.

T. W. Clements.

THOMAS WILLIAM CLEMENTS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

20,110. What are you?—A publican.

20,111. What did you receive for your vote?—20*l.*

20,112. Where were you paid?—At Thompsons, I think the name is across the market-place.

20,113. Who sent you to Mr. Thompson's?—Mr. Edwards, the tailor.

20,114. Did you get any money on the opposite side?—No.

20,115. Were you offered any?—Yes.

20,116. Who by?—Blyth, a painter.

20,117. What did he offer you?—15*l.*

20,118. Was that before you got the money at Thompson's or after?—I think it was the same morning or the day before. I cannot say.

20,119. You do not know whether it was before?—Yes it was before, on the Friday I think he called.

20,120. Did you refuse it?—Yes, I refused it.

20,121. Why did you refuse it?—Because I would sooner vote for the Liberals.

20,122. Would you have voted for them if you had not had any money?—No.

20,123. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

20,124. (*Mr. Slade.*) What relation are you to George Clements?—He is my father.

20,125. Is he in Yarmouth?—I believe so, I have not seen him this month, but I think he is in Yarmouth unless he has been out of town.

20,126. You have not seen him for a month?—No, I have not seen him for a month.

G. Burton.

GEORGE BURTON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

20,127. What are you?—A fisherman.

20,128. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

20,129. Where were you paid?—Mr. Edwards brought it to my house.

20,130. Mr. Edwards, the tailor?—The fish agent.

20,131. Where you offered any money by the opposite party?—No.

20,132. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

20,133. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know Godbolt?—Yes.

20,134. Did you and he go together?—No.

20,135. You got his ticket?—No, I had no ticket.

T. W. Moss.

THOMAS WILLIAM MOSS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

20,136. What are you?—A beachman, a fisherman, —sometimes one thing and sometimes another—a seafaring man.

20,137. Did you get 15*l.* from a man named Nockles?—Yes.

20,138. Did you receive any more money besides that?—No.

20,139. Were you offered any money?—Yes.

20,140. Who by?—I do not know the gentleman's name; he came to my house the election morning.

20,141. How much did he offer you?—25*l.*

20,142. Whom were you to vote for if you took the 25*l.*?—For the Blue party.

20,143. Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—Yes.

20,144. Did you refuse the 25*l.*?—Yes.

29,145. Why?—Because I pledged my word to one gentleman and that was sufficient.

20,146. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

20,147. If you had not promised anybody when the 25*l.* was offered to you would you have voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes, anybody was my man.

Mr. J. Clowes.

Mr. JOHN CLOWES recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

20,148. You have been examined before?—I have.

20,149. I believe we have not much to ask you now. We have heard so much of the proceedings of the illegal agents, that the proceedings of the legal agents are comparatively of small importance. When were you first appointed?—I think I was appointed the evening before the nomination.

20,150. Had you acted as agent to the candidates on the Liberal side in former elections?—Always. I had received my appointment in writing the evening before the nomination for all the former elections.

20,151. And previously to receiving a written appointment were you acting as agent to Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—Merely in this way—that I had it forced upon me in this way; "Mr. Clowes, you must be agent," I felt disinclined to be agent, but it came to that, that I was forced to act in that way.

20,152. You accepted it?—Yes.

20,153. The evening before the election?—The evening before the nomination.

20,154. That was the Monday night?—That was the Monday night, but previously to that I had found that the Saturday evening before, which was on the 12th of July, a meeting would be held at Mr. Savory's, the "Steam Packet Hotel," on the quay—a public meeting was going to be held there, and in order to secure the use of the balcony and the house, a contract was required to be entered into with Mr. Savory. I entered into a contract with Mr. Savory on the 8th. It was a written contract, and it was this—it was agreed between Henry Savory and the undersigned John Clowes, that he lets to the said John Clowes a room in the "Steam Packet Hotel" for this day, the 8th instant, also the sole use of the leads and the balcony of the said hotel this evening, and on the 11th instant for election purposes, for the sum of 12*l.* 12*s.*, on a sixpenny stamp signed by myself and Mr. Savory. That was to secure a committee room at his house, and the use of the rooms for a meeting on the 8th, a public meeting. That was an open air

meeting, to speak from the leads, and on the 11th the sole use of the leads, it adjoining the "Crown and Anchor" leads, for the nomination, so that we had our partizans there. I think Mr. Savory has stated that I paid him 2*l.* more than he asked; for what purpose he does not know, and that I paid him the day of the election, when in point of fact I paid him the 13th of July, for which the receipt is in my hands from the returning officer, as one of the vouchers for the payment; therefore I wish to explain so much with regard to Mr. Savory.

20,155. Did you know at the time you engaged Mr. Savory's rooms that he belonged to the other party?—I do not know anything about his voting. It was a contract made purely for the purpose of getting those rooms, whether he was a partizan on our side or not.

20,156. Nothing to do with his purchase?—Nothing at all.

20,157. And you paid him the 12 guineas you agreed to?—I paid him the 12 guineas I agreed to as one of the contracts made for the necessary management of the election.

20,158. And nothing else?—And nothing else; and you see I entered into it as an individual and not as an agent then, for I had not the appointment then, and the voucher is with the returning officer.

20,159. You told us before you did not canvass much with the party?—I only canvassed one day.

20,160. And you knew that if the election was proceeded with, that you would probably be asked to be the agent?—I always had been and I felt they would wish me to be so again.

20,161. On the Monday about what time were you asked to be the agent?—I think it was quite late in the evening, because on the Monday evening we had a meeting at Gorleson, at which I was present.

20,162. On the Monday morning?—No, Monday evening, a public meeting there.

20,163. Did you know that Mr. Brogden had any idea of retiring?—I was quite privy to the meeting we had on the Wednesday, between 1 and 2 o'clock at the "Angel," when Mr. Hammond, Mr. Mainprice, Mr. Fill, and Mr. Livingston and myself were present and were informed of the result of their canvass. I went in rather late and found Mr. Hammond had reduced them to figures, and it was found that there was a certain amount of unpromised votes, and it was desirable no further steps should be taken, because it appeared impossible to gain the election without improper means.

20,164. That was the Wednesday previous?—That was the Wednesday previous.

20,165. Was it at that meeting when Mr. Marshman announced his intention of leaving the town?—I believe Mr. Marshman acted under advice, it appeared to me; but Mr. Brogden said, "Gentlemen, I should like two hours to consider." In those two hours he went off to Ormesby to consult Mr. Costerton. After that he came back with Mr. Garratt, and he said "Gentlemen, I wish another attempt to be made at a compromise with Sir Edmund Lacon, Mr. Costerton will do it to morrow." That brought on the Thursday. On Thursday Mr. Brogden went away to Peterboro; Mr. Costerton did not come into the town till 11. Sir Edmund Lacon went away by the 12 o'clock train to Lowestoft to some opening dinner there was there, and Mr. Costerton could not get at him, so the negociation appeared never to have taken place. On the Thursday evening Mr. Brogden came back, having telegraphed he had missed the train and was coming by a special engine to a public meeting at the "Bull." In the meantime I was with Mr. Marshman during the day, and he had prepared a joint address for them to retire, an address which Mr. Marshman has produced and in which such suggestions as I thought would be carried out were introduced, and I went with him to consult Mr. Shelley. After that Mr. Brogden said, "I cannot go on with the public meeting, Mr. Livingston, you must go and put it off." I left him and found he afterwards went to that public meeting, and Mr. Brogden came and was received with great enthusiasm. The next I heard was that Mr. Brogden was gone to London for a colleague, when I fully expected to have gone up in the morning and seen the address printed. That is all I know of the intention of retiring.

20,166. Did you know on the Monday morning that Mr. Brogden was going to the poll?—I knew he was going to the poll because on the Friday he announced a colleague was coming.

20,167. Were you at all cognizant of what Mr. Brogden has told us, that it was not until the middle of the day of Monday, it was determined to proceed with the election?—I was not in their confidence as to the conversations between Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl when they met; I had no communication with them.

20,168. You had no reason to believe but that it was always intended to go on with the election?—Always intended after he found a colleague, though our people about us said it appeared to be little or no use. Time was lost, and no canvassing was going on for three days.

20,169. You did not know that in Mr. Brogden's mind, proceeding with the election was the same thing as undertaking to bribe?—No, I did not understand anything of the sort, that Mr. Brogden had made up his mind to bribe or proceed with the election *bonâ fide*, that was in their own breasts.

20,170. At all events they did not communicate to you what had taken place.—Nothing, except out came the address of Mr. Brogden, that they were going to the poll; that gave me the assurance that they were going to act together.

20,171. After the election were the accounts sent in to you?—The accounts kept coming in day by day. As soon as the polling was over, on that evening I drew 100*l.* out of the bank in silver that I might pay the runners, all the men who required 5*s.*, and 10*s.*, and so on, and clerks, and those small amounts where no bills came in.

20,172. Were the clerks and runners appointed by you?—No; the clerks and runners were not appointed by me. There were only the persons that I knew, and who really appeared with their names on the notice papers at each polling place, because the right of *entrée* was to each of those clerks, and I could pay those, knowing they were there.

20,173. Who was it appointed those people?—The selection appears to have been made by Mr. Edwards or somebody who knew about them. I was not at all consulted about that.

20,174. How did you know what men to pay?—Because I had a man of the name of Page who was the principal superintendent of the card carriers, and so on, and men who knew they had been correct, and I took his statement that they had been employed.

20,175. But their employment covered the whole time of the canvass?—No, only the day's work.

20,176. Did you pay no expenses of the canvass previously?—Yes, I paid bill distributing week by week during the canvass, and those I returned.

20,177. Those you paid before you were appointed election agent?—Those I paid before I was appointed election agent, because I found the money for them myself.

20,178. You found the money?—I found the money out of my own pocket, as I have done in many other things, registration matters, and so on, out of my own private resources, and given work and time as well.

20,179. Did you pay those men yourself?—I paid the men myself, on this man, Page's account, that they had been doing the work during the week; it was about 5*l.* a week or something of that sort during the four weeks of the canvass going on. There is one other thing I suppose the Commissioners will allow me to state, which is this, that when Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman were first named to me through Mr. Watkin, I wrote to him a letter in which I said I hoped he fully explained to them the state of Yar-

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Mr. J. Clowes.

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mouth, the amount of influence and corruption which existed here, and if they came to Yarmouth they would be prepared to meet it as they found it, leaving them to judge of that.

20,180. To whom did you write that?—To Mr. Watkin. Mr. Watkin is the person who had before him the requisition to come down again. On that requisition he did not feel inclined to act, but he appears to have selected Mr. Brogden as a suitable person in his stead. I reminded him of his requisition, but if he preferred having Mr. Brogden as his substitute, of course I would submit that to our friends. Having received from him the names of Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman, I then called at Mr. Hammond's and some more of our friends at the "Angel," and it was then determined that they would so far accept them as to request them to come down to Yarmouth and canvass the borough.

20,181. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is that the same request that was made by Mr. Livingston?—Yes. I had gone up from Mr. Livingston previously, and reminded him of that. And I wish to say this, that having so far warned them, I was no more cognisant of the spending of money than any stranger to Great Yarmouth, for I was not at all intimate with the proceedings at the Angel." I did not go there and devote the whole of my time, or any time hardly at all. I was only out one day canvassing, and that day, although Mr. Marshman says he was younger than I am, he could not stand it longer than 6 o'clock, and I stood it up to 9. I mean to say this, that Mr. Marshman's confidence in me was fully as much in my mind as Mr. Marshman's, and as Mr. Shelley's to retire from the field, and leave the unpromised men to their deserts, for I felt confident they would be so disappointed that we should poll more votes at another election, or I thought this, that they would be so disappointed that they would put up Sir Edmund Lacon, and make him spend his money, and I have told Mr. Marshman of it; and he said, "It is no use calling sour milk now." I had no more idea of their spending money than any stranger. And I wish, so far as an agent, that I may not be made a party to Mr. Brogden's being fleeced in the town, for it appears to me Mr. Brogden's money was given to anyone who liked to ask for it. Then Henry King says I paid him some money on the day of the election. There are two receipts, one for 10*l.* 10*s.*, which is in the hands of the returning officer. And that is, "To "services rendered as canvassing and check clerk (six "days and nights) from the 8th to the 13th July inclu- "sive), 10*l.* 10*s.*" The other is Mr. G. R. King for wages for watchers, amounting to 15*l.* There is "William Harris, one night watching, 5*s.* James Rant, one day delivering papers, 5*s.* Francis Chamberling, one day ditto, 5*s.* Nineteen men two days and one night watching, and messengers, 14*l.* 5*s.* That is paid the 18th of July, "Received 15*l.*" That is all in the hands of the returning officer. I wish that may appear, because King has been under an error in stating I paid him any sum of money the day of the election. I merely paid the clerks, who were entitled to their wages, as soon as the election was over. And the runners. I believe that corrects as far as I wish to correct any evidence that has been given, though there are some observations made by Mr. Livingston and Mr. Cooper relative to Mr. Watkin, which have been already answered in Committee of the House of Commons, and therefore it is not necessary to make any observations here. He did not bring his money down in oyster barrels. And then with regard to the 1500*l.*, which it was said was furnished as Mr. Cooper says in his evidence, that Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young prepared each 1,500*l.* to fight the election. I only know that Mr. Young's friends never paid 500*l.* for him, and I never heard that Mr. Mellor or Mr. Young ever furnished the 1500*l.*, or any money whatever, save and except the legal expenses. Those they paid, and they sent them down to me in cheques.

20,182. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is the election of 1858?—Yes, those observations came out.

20,183. That was where there was no contest?—Yes. I also state that Mr. Young's friends never paid 500*l.* for him to Mr. McCullagh, now Mr. McCullagh Torrens, because I having heard some remarks of that description, summoned a special meeting of our friends at Mr. Owles. I invited Mr. Young down, and I had him face to face with our own friends, in order that we might have ascertained the truth, or the probability of the truth, before he stood again for Yarmouth with Mr. Brogden. And he gave the most flat denial that either he, or himself, or his friends had either given, or promised to give, or in any way were going to give, or would give to Mr. McCullagh Torrens, a penny for the introduction to the borough. Then with regard to the fact that Mr. Watkin sent the money by Mr. Ashurst, that quite contradicts what Sir Edmund Lacon said; Sir Edmund Lacon said, "Mr. Watkin brought down the money in oyster barrels himself. Now Mr. Cooper's evidence was that it came down by Mr. Ashurst. I do not think there is anything more I have to make an observation upon. I am obliged to the Commissioners for having heard my contradiction, so far as they have done. I think it is only due to certain gentlemen who are taking a high stand in this borough that it should be so.

20,184. You were not aware that Mr. Brogden brought the 6,000*l.* to spend in Yarmouth?—I was not aware of at.

20,185. Things may be done then without your knowing it?—It might be, but I wish to contradict any rumour of that description, because I have no belief in it. It is part of the evidence that certain money was spent; but, that money should be wanted for the contest of Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor I deny, because Sir Edmund Lacon had no colleague, and I had the opportunity of applying to Sir Edmund Lacon personally, just before the nomination. I asked him seriously whether he intended to withdraw, because we understood the address was in the press. Sir Edmund Lacon said, "I will let you know in two hours." We waited two hours, and in came a note from Sir Edmund Lacon to retire from the contest. That was before any expense was gone to. Rather than go to the expense of erecting hustings, I pressed Sir Edmund Lacon on the point, and there was no necessity for Mr. Mellor or Mr. Young to have sent a penny more than the expenses.

20,186. Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young can make their own statements?—Still if they do not do so, I am quite as competent as Mr. Cooper, knowing a little of the circumstances of that election.

20,187. (*Mr. Slade.*) The question is, had you ever heard of that rumour?—I had never heard of that 1,500*l.* This is the first time I ever heard of it. May I ask whether you have possession of the vouchers at the last election from the returning officer, because I think there you refer to everything.

20,188. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) We have everything handed in by the returning officer.—Then they will bear out what I have stated.

20,189. When you handed in a statement of accounts, how came you not include, or not to advise Mr. Brogden to include his own personal expenses?—Because I had no account of personal expenses at all.

20,190. You are not bound to have the account of the personal expenses, but the candidate is bound to hand in to the returning officer, with the legal expenses, an account of his own personal expenses?—It never had been done here before.

20,191. It never was required to be done before the passing of this Act of Parliament?—Under the old form it was never sent in.

20,192. This Act was passed in 1863?—It is a repeal of the other Act, and a re-enactment.

20,193. This is a very peculiar clause "A detailed "statement of all election expenses incurred by or on "behalf of the candidate, including such excepted "payments." And those excepted payments being in respect of the personal expenses of the candidate?

—All those Mr. Brogden and Mr. Edwards, who conducted the election, were quite as competent as I could be to give. I could only get in at the last moment these accounts, because Mr. Brogden being so far away, I could not get a final answer as to what I could do with regard to the division of those between him and Mr. Vanderbyl. Therefore I had to put those in without consulting him.

20,194. It seems to me it was your duty, as the election agent, to advise Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl as to what they ought to do in the matter of returning the expenses?—My duty is merely to act legally, not to advise. I do not see that I was to advise on this subject.

20,195. Was your attention ever called to this clause in the Act?—I only saw it incidentally at the time of the election, from Mr. Edwards.

20,196. Did Mr. Edwards call your attention to this particular clause?—No, not particularly.

20,197. You say you before heard of it from Mr. Edwards; then Mr. Edwards' attention had been called to it?—Because he first of all introduced that Act to me, and he ferretted out how it was it had repealed the auditor, and then at that time it appeared to me that I had nothing more to do under the Act than render the accounts.

20,198. You, knowing that Mr. Brogden was bound by law to return an account of his personal expenses, did not consider it was your duty to inform him that such was the case?—Because he had his own figures here.

20,199. Did you not consider it was your duty to call Mr. Brogden's attention to the Act of Parliament under which the election was carried on?—Not as to his personal expenses.

20,200. Not as to sending in an account of his personal expenses to the returning officer?—No, not as to sending in an account of his personal expenses; as to sending in an account of the election expenses in the time, it must be done.

29,201. You knew by the Act of Parliament it was your duty to pay the bills, and send the vouchers to the returning officer?—Yes.

20,202. And you knew it was Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl's duty, to send in an account of their personal expenses?—Yes.

20,203. And knowing the Act of Parliament, did you not consider it was your duty to call their attention to this clause of the Act?—No more than I had done before in the former elections.

20,204. What had been done before had nothing to do with the matter, because this is an entirely new Act of Parliament, and this election was the first under it, to which it could apply?—It did not strike me as being a new enactment.

20,205. It did not strike you as any part of your duty that he should send in his personal expenses?—Not his personal expenses.

20,206. You say Mr. Edwards called your attention to it?—He called my attention to the alteration in the appointment of auditor, and how it had arisen, and it was some time before we could find it out.

20,207. You said he called your attention to this particular clause?—Not particularly to that one clause of the Act embodied in the Act. I had not been particularly drawn to that by anyone, or even by my own reading.

20,208. I can readily conceive your not paying much attention to it, because you had nothing to conceal?—I had nothing of the sort, and more than that, the personal expenses I understood had been paid by Mr. Brogden with his own cheques through Mr. Salmon.

20,209. The Act of Parliament requires him to do so, but requires him, when he has paid it, to send in an account of how much the personal expenses have been to the returning officer, and surely it was your duty to advise him to do that?—It did not strike me. I did not think I was the agent to advise when he appointed Mr. Edwards to come and manage it for him.

20,210. Mr. Edwards was not a lawyer and you were?—I did not know he was not a lawyer. I presumed he was, and I do not know he is not now. I did not know what he was. He was here managing the election.

20,211. You must have been of opinion that the Act of Parliament was treated as a perfect farce?—No. And more than that, the returning officer asked me afterwards to send in an account of Mr. Marshman's expenses. I said, I was not his agent, and knew nothing of it, Mr. Marshman was to return it. Then he wrote to me to ask if I would do so as a matter of friendship; and then I sent in what I thought was the proportion of Mr. Marshman's expenses. I did not know what his personal expenses were.

20,212. The Act of Parliament does not require Mr. Marshman to send in any account at all, because he did not go to the poll?—However, he persisted in doing that.

20,213. But it was necessary that Mr. Brogden should send in an account of his own personal expenses?—He was away in Lancashire, and I had only correspondence with his clerk; and I presume they were as well aware of their legal liabilities as I was personally, and my attention was not drawn to their personal expenses. I only know this, that I stood in a good deal of jeopardy during the time, and I am very glad that I went straight as I did, for it was only the day after that I sent the account in to the returning officer, when he said, "Why did you not send in "your accounts in a better way? Mr. Reynolds has "sent them in four times as large as yours. You can "withdraw them, and amend your accounts;" and a nice state I should have been in. The returning officer of that election was the man I make this allegation against, Mr. Steward, who met me here, at this police court, the next morning.

20,214. It is to be understood, if Mr. Brogden had sent in an account of the expenses incurred by him, that he must have sent in an account of 6,000*l.*; and no doubt, the Act of Parliament, with that object, required him to send it; and it seems to me, you were the person that should have advised him he was bound to send it in?—A person who takes upon himself a duty merely to please another, and would be glad to shirk it, is steering in the right course to pay only what is legal, knowing nothing about these other parties, not the slightest.

20,215. That may be a reason why you should not undertake the duty?—If it was part of my duty to have advised Mr. Brogden, I am only sorry I did not advise him to send his personal expenses in.

20,216. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you aware it was necessary?—It did not strike me as being so necessary now under this new Act of Parliament, having always had in my mind it was necessary for them to make, as members, a declaration, and therefore, it did not strike me there was a new enactment making it a penalty.

20,217. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you know what the amounts of Mr. Brogden's and Mr. Vanderbyl's personal expenses were?—I never heard anything about them.

20,218. What do you consider would be the proper amount of legitimate expenses for a candidate at Yarmouth?—They vary very much in the length of time the contest has been going on. We have had them 800*l.*, or 900*l.*, or 600*l.*; and one election, I had them as low as 180*l.* for a contest.

20,219. I suppose a fortnight would be ample time for a canvass?—That is the best time, and quite sufficient time I think.

20,220. Taking a fortnight as the estimated period of canvass, what do you consider the legitimate expenses for each candidate?—I should think each candidate ought to pay about 300*l.*

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J. T. Frosdick.

3 Oct. 1866.

JAMES THOMAS FROSDICK recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

20,221. What are you?—A fish merchant.

20,222. You have been examined before?—Yes. I merely made a statement here before, to deny an allegation; that is all.

20,223. Is William Frosdick your brother?—Yes.

20,224. What is he?—A fisherman.

20,225. Do you know whether he got 15*l.* for his vote at the last election?—He got 15*l.* to pay his expenses. If you will allow me to state it in my own way, you will be able to come at it.

20,226. Do you know who paid him the 15*l.*?—A ticket was given to me to give to him at the "Angel."

20,227. Who gave you the ticket?—I could not swear positively, but I think the Mr. Edwards who was here.

20,228. Do you know that your brother got the money for the ticket?—I believe he did.

20,229. Did you hear him say he did?—Yes; I think he told me he did.

20,230. Why did you say it was for his expenses? Was he away at the time?—He was away at the election on a mackerel voyage, fishing off the coast of Holland. The parties asked me to send for him. I sent for him, and got him ashore.

20,231. That brought him away from his business?—It brought him away from his business.

20,232. Who were the people who told you to send for him?—Some of the party; I could not say who it was.

20,233. Tell me one person who did?—I will not be positive who it was. It was some of the committee who did it. Mr. Livingston knew it was the wish for me to send for him.

20,234. It was Mr. Edwards who gave you a ticket for him?—I do not know what it was. He gave me a piece of paper, and I took it down for him. They made me a messenger for him.

20,235. Do you know whether your brother had any money for his vote in 1859?—He had not a vote in 1859. He was ashore here nearly a fortnight I think. It was rather an expensive affair for me, and he only took it as his expenses.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, at half-past 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 4th October 1866.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

B. Powell.

4 Oct. 1866.

BENJAMIN POWELL sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

20,236. What are you?—I am a merchant.

20,237. Residing in Yarmouth?—Yes.

20,238. Did you take any part at the last election for members of Parliament?—I did; very little. I did a little.

20,239. What part did you take?—I took no part; only with one man, that is all, for I was laid up with the gout almost all the time of the election.

20,240. When you say you took part with one man you mean you gave money to one man?—I gave money to one man.

20,241. What man was that?—Dan Carter.

20,242. What did you give him?—Either 16*l.* or 18*l.*, I do not know which; I think it was only 16*l.*, but I would not say whether it was 16*l.* or 18*l.*

20,243. On what day did you give Carter the 16*l.*?—I do not know; it might be two days before the election, I cannot say. I would not swear to say; it was either one or two days before the election; I cannot say.

20,244. How came you to give Mr. Carter that money?—It was through his father-in-law; he sent him to me.

20,245. What is his father-in-law's name?—Rackham; he lived close to my house, both of them. No, Carter did not live very close then.

20,246. Did Rackham tell you that Carter wanted money?—No; he said, "There is my son, Carter, has not promised, I will send him to see you." "I said, "I do not want to see him if he has not promised;" and he said he considered it was not a bribe; he took it as lost time. I asked him what he wanted. He said he wanted 20*l.*, and it was either 16*l.* or 18*l.*, I will not be positive which, I gave him. He said he would not vote at all, he should go to sea.

20,247. Were you and Rackham talking about the men that wanted money?—No; it was a day or two before that that Rackham happened to mention it to me. I was going past his house; he lived right opposite to my house, his father-in-law did. He called me, and told me that Carter had not promised anyone, and he would not vote for anybody without he got something for loss of time. He said the other parties had been to him but he would not promise them.

20,248. What made Rackham call you?—That I do not know; that I must leave to you. I do not know why he should call me.

20,249. Where did you get the money from?—I had the money from John Lummis. He was a close neighbour of mine.

20,250. Did you go to John Lummis and say you wanted 16*l.*?—No; he told me the evening before he had some money if I knew of anybody. I did go after the 16*l.*; I went to his fish-office yard and had it there of him.

20,251. Mr. John Lummis asked you if you knew of anybody who wanted money?—He said if I wanted any for anybody he had some. I said I should not trouble myself about the election for I had got the gout so much, and I did only this one.

20,252. How long before that had Lummis told you he had money?—I do not know; it might be three or four days before the election; two or three days, or something of that sort. I think it was the night before I saw Carter, I am almost certain it was.

20,253. What made Lummis ask you that question?—I do not know; being neighbours and friends, and smoking a pipe together of an evening sometimes.

20,254. Did Lummis tell you to go and find out men that wanted money?—No, he did not tell me that; he never told me that.

20,255. How much money did you draw from John Lummis?—If I had 18*l.* I drew 18*l.*; if it was only 16*l.* I drew that.

20,256. How much more?—Nothing more.

20,257. Upon your solemn oath, did you not pay anybody else any other money for that election?—No.

20,258. Do you know a man named Thomas French?—Yes, very well.

23,259. Where did he live?—In Chapel Street; I knew him well.

20,260. In King Street, that is?—Yes.

20,261. Do you know whether he got money for his vote?—No, I do not; I do not believe he did.

20,262. Did you ever speak to him about his vote?—No; I did not want, for I knew which way he would vote.

20,263. How did you know?—Because he always did vote for the Conservatives; never voted any other way since he had a vote. I never mentioned it to him nor he to me.

20,264. Did you ever hear of his receiving a bribe for his vote?—Never.

24,265. Do you know John King?—King, the carter?

20,266. Of South Quay?—Yes.

20,267. Did you ever speak to him about his vote?—No; never asked him for his vote.

20,268. Do you know John Henry Lott?—Yes.

20,269. Did you speak to him about his vote?—No.

20,270. Do you know a man named William Burling?—No, I do not.

20,271. Of St. Peter's Road?—The tobacconist?

20,272. Yes.—Yes, I know him to see him.

20,273. Did you ever speak to him about his vote?—I never spoke 10 words to him in my life.

20,274. Do you know Joseph Powell, of King Street?—Yes.

20,275. Did you ever speak to him about his vote?—He is my son.

20,276. Which way did he vote?—The same as I did, and all my family always did; they never did vote any other way.

20,277. Benjamin Powell, of the "Newcastle Tavern," is he any relation of yours?—He is my son, too, and they never had a glass of grog for their votes in their lives.

20,278. Do you know a man named William Balls?—Yes.

20,279. Where does he live?—He never had a vote, not the William Balls that I mean.

21,280. Is this the only case, that of Daniel Carter, that you had anything to do with?—That is the only one I had to do with, the only one.

20,281. And you account for that because you say you had the gout at the election?—Yes, I had.

20,282. And could not get about?—I could not get about, and I have not been about much since Christmas.

20,283. You had been an active partizan had you not?—I used to do a little at one time. I was always for the party ever since I had a vote; I never did much though.

20,284. Did you take any part in the election of 1859?—I did a little but I do not know what now. I could not say about 1859 more than this stick.

20,285. More than that stick you can?—I do not think I could, very little.

20,286. Did you give anybody any money in 1859?—Yes, I did.

20,287. Can you give us the men's names?—James Haylett.

20,288. He is not on the register now?—No, he is dead; and Henry Brown and James Turrell. They used to do business with me very largely.

20,289. How much did you give Haylett?—I gave him 15*l.*

20,290. I do not see any Henry Brown who voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey?—Not in 1859.

20,291. No.—He had 15*l.* I forgot who he voted for; I am sure I do not know who he voted for now; I forgot all about it.

20,292. He did not vote at all it appears?—I am sure I forget. He had it. I am sure I cannot say now whether he voted or not, but he had it.

20,293. James Turrell?—He had 15*l.*

20,294. Turrell acknowledges that himself?—Does he?

20,295. Whom did you get that money from?—Mr. William Green.

20,296. How much did Henry Brown have?—15*l.*

20,297. Then they each had 15*l.*?—Yes.

20,298. And you got that money from Mr. Green?—Yes.

20,299. Is that all the money you had from Mr. Green?—That is all to the best of my knowledge. I do not recollect any more.

20,300. Do not say that, because you must know. I do not like those saving clauses—to the best of your knowledge. You are here to speak upon your oath?—I know that.

20,301. Do not give us any of those equivocations?—I took 45*l.* of him in the "Newcastle" parlour.

20,302. What more money did you get from Mr. Green?—No more.

20,303. You take your oath you only got 45*l.* from Mr. Green?—That is all I had.

20,304. You are sure? You cannot have forgotten it by this time?—I have forgotten a great deal in that time. It is seven years ago, and I have had a great deal on my mind besides.

20,305. We shall have plenty of witnesses here, and I daresay some of them will tell us they received money of you in 1859, so try and recollect it?—I have tried, and been trying, and cannot recollect.

20,306. I do not want you to tell us the names of the men, but tell me whether you received more money?—I do not recollect receiving any more.

20,307. In the year 1857, did you bribe men?—No, I do not recollect doing anything at all. I cannot remember anything of who came forward then.

20,308. Were you in Yarmouth at the election of 1857?—Oh yes. I might be away, but I was at home at the election. No, I never did anything then. I cannot remember anything of 1857; not a thing.

20,309. The candidates were Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin, and Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr Vereker?—I cannot remember anything about 1857 at all; no, not a soul. I do not know, and I cannot bring anything to memory at all about 1857.

20,310. Can you say whether you spent any money or not at that election?—I cannot. I do not remember spending anything but what I spent for myself.

20,311. Do you recollect what you spent for yourself?—I mean in grog, or anything of that sort.

20,312. Do you recollect what you spent in grog?—I do not recollect how much. I do not know that there is anything I can bring to memory in 1857. I may, but I never gave it a thought.

20,313. Just give it a thought now?—I cannot.

20,314. You can recollect whether you bribed any voters?—I am sure I cannot, and I do not know more about it than if it had never been.

20,315. Did you vote at that election?—Yes, I did; I always did vote ever since I have had a vote, which is a great many years.

20,316. Did you get any money from Mr. Green at that election?—No, I do not remember getting anything.

20,317. Do you remember whether Mr. Green had any money to spend at that election?—No, I am sure I do not. I do not remember anything at all about it. I never heard it mentioned that I knew of. I do not know that I ever heard it mentioned that he had any money at that election.

20,318. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say you were very intimate with Mr. Lummis?—Yes.

20,319. At the time of the election, were you constantly in the habit of seeing him?—I used to see him every day.

20,320. And discuss the affairs of the election with him?—I much doubt that. We used to talk of it sometimes.

20,321. Did he ever tell you what amount of money he had?—No, he never did.

20,322. Did you ever discuss with him the amount of money that was required?—No, never. He never breathed it.

20,323. Did you ever hear him say to whom he had given money?—No, I did not.

20,324. Do you know who were the people employed by him to distribute money?—No, I do not. I was about but very little, and I took very little interest in it.

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B. Powell.

4 Oct. 1866.

20,325. I am asking what you heard from Mr. Lummis, and what you knew about Mr, Lummis?—I never heard anything particular from him. I knew nothing about him. I knew he was a very honest, industrious man, and making money very fast.

20,326. I am not talking about that?—We never discoursed much about the election.

20,327. You have no idea yourself whom he employed to distribute the money?—No, I have not. I never heard him mention it, and I never asked him.

ROBERT BARNARD sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

R. Barnard.

20,328. What are you?—A mariner.

20,329. Do you live in St. James' Terrace?—Yes.

20,330. Do you look after the floating light?—Yes.

20,331. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,332. How much?—10*l.*

20,333. Where were you paid?—At Mr. Fill's office on the quay.

20,334. Did you go up there alone?—No.

20,335. Who went up with you?—William Cotton, a master from the other light.

20,336. Anybody else?—No.

20,337. Who sent you and Cotton up to Mr. Fill's?—Mr. Clowes, Lawyer Clowes.

20,338. What did Mr. Clowes say to you when he sent you up to Mr. Fill?—We had made out our bills, and we took them to Mr. Clowes, and he told us to take them to Mr. Fill, and he would pay us.

20,339. Had you told Mr. Clowes you would not vote unless you had the money?—No; nor anyone else.

20,340. The invitation for money originated from Mr. Clowes?—No; Mr. Brogden was the first gentleman canvassed me upon it in our warehouse.

20,341. Did Mr. Brogden say anything about money?—No; nothing was mentioned about the money, only my expenses should be paid for being on shore a month.

20,342. Did you mention that to Mr. Brogden when he canvassed you?—I did. It was distinctly understood between Mr. Brogden and me, that my expenses should be paid. I told him I should not stop on shore on my own account; and he said, "That "will be all right for you."

20,343. Was Mr. Clowes present when Mr. Brogden said that?—No.

20,344. Who was with Mr. Brogden at the time?—A Mr. Edwards and a Mr. Thompson.

20,345. What Edwards?—I do not know his christian name, but I think he is a tailor.

20,346. It was Edwards the tailor?—I think so.

20,347. Where does your friend William Cotton live?—At Rose Cottage, Apsley Road.

20,348. William John Cotton?—Yes; William John Cotton.

20,349. What day was it that you came to this understanding with Mr. Brogden?—I cannot name the day but I should say it was at least a week before the election. I might say 10 days, but a week I will say.

20,350. Was Cotton with you at the time the arrangement was made?—No.

20,351. Are you aware that the same arrangement was made with Cotton?—No. I do not know what was transacted with Cotton, or who canvassed him; I do not know.

20,352. All you know about him is, that you went up with him to Mr. Fill's?—Yes.

20,353. And you both received your money there? Yes; we both received our money there; not from Mr. Fill, but in Mr. Fill's office.

20,354. Who paid it?—Mr. George Moore.

20,355. Was Mr. Fill present?—No.

20,356. Was anybody else present?—Not when the money was paid. Mr. Fill was there when we carried our bills in of the expenses, and he took them of us.

20,357. Did he direct you to go to Mr. Moore?—No. Mr. Moore happened to be in the office when we went in. It was on the Saturday before the election. He took the bills and told us to call in again, and whether it was the Monday or the Tuesday before the election I cannot say, but we met Mr. Moore on the Quay, and he said, "If you come in I will pay you your bills." We went in to Mr. Fill's office, and he gave us 10*l.* each.

20,358. That was either the Monday or the Tuesday before the election?—Yes.

20,359. What was the work you should have been doing if you had not been on shore during the election?—I should have had charge of the Lemon and Ower light.

20,360. Who took charge of the floating light while you were ashore?—The senior lamp-lighter.

20,361. What is his name?—Joseph Lugg.

20,362. Did you pay him?—Yes.

20,363. How much?—1*l.* 8*s.*

20,364. Then you made 8*l.* 12*s.* by the transaction?—No, begging your pardon, I had two more men to pay; the man that did his work; I had to pay a seaman to do the lamp lights.

20,365. How much did you pay him?—5*s.*; and there is the seaman that was put on board to do the seaman's work. I had him to pay 31 days, at 1*s.* 6*d.* a day.

20,366. It did not take you 30 days to vote?—No. But it would have cost Mr. Brogden a great deal more to have put me on board and have brought that man ashore than it would to keep me ashore the whole month.

20,367. Those men you paid out of your own pocket?—Yes, out of this 10*l.*

20,368. How much of the 10*l.* remained over when you had paid them?—6*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* I think that will agree with the statement I have given in.

20,369. Do you know if Cotton is in Yarmouth?—He is not at present, but I expect him in every tide. The steamer is out to bring him home. We are looking out for him every tide. As soon as he comes in I am off.

20,370. I suppose you received your wages all the same, did you not?—Yes.

20,371. Do you know of any other men besides yourself and Cotton, who were paid in this way?—Yes; two more; two, if not three. I think three.

20,372. Who were they?—There was one ashore, and two were detained on shore the same as we were. One was William Miller.

20,373. Where does he live?—I do not know where he lives.

20,374. Do you know whether he keeps an alehouse?—I do not.

20,375. Do you know whether he has got a house in the Apsley Road?—No.

20,376. Who were the others?—John Robinson was one.

20,377. Do you know where he lives?—He lives on the drive. I think the next house to the "Steam-boat Tavern."

20,378. The Marine Parade?—Yes.

20,379. And who is the third man?—William Littlewood. He was at the time on shore as lightsman. It was his month to be on shore. He had no man off for him.

20,380. Are those three men in Yarmouth now?—No. One went away on Monday.

23,381. Which of them?—Miller. Robinson is in Yarmouth now. That is all.

20,382. And Littlewood?—No; he is away. He is afloat now.

20,383. Did they tell you that they were paid?—No.

20,384. How did you know it?—I knew they were detained on shore the same as we were, because the men were all sent off at one time in our place.

20,385. That is how you knew they were paid?—I do not know whether they were paid as far as that

goes. They were detained the same as we were, but who paid them, or when, or where, I do not know.

20,386. Did Mr. Fill say anything to you about your getting this money?—No.

20,387. What did he say?—When he looked the bills over, he said, "There are no expenses for yourself "for being on shore." I said "No." He said "What "are you to have?" I said, "That rests entirely with "you." He said, "That is only what we will pay the "people you have." "But," he says, "how much are "you to have for your expenses for being on shore?" I said, "It rests entirely with you." He asked me if 10*l.* would pay all the expenses for myself and the people on board, and I said, "Yes, it would quite; "plenty;" and we parted, and I did not see Mr. Fill any more.

20,388. Did Mr. Fill say you should have the 10*l.*?—No. He did not say whether we should or not.

20,389. But the sum Moore paid you was the sum you had told Mr. Fill would cover all your expenses?—Yes.

20,390. Did you tell Mr. Fill you had made this arrangement with Mr. Brogden?—No; I do not recollect saying anything about Mr. Brogden to Mr. Fill at all.

20,391. Was Mr. Vanderbyl with Mr. Brogden at the time?—No.

20,392. Did you ever see Mr. Vanderbyl?—I saw him just before the election, not to speak to him. I only saw him as he moved about the town at a distance.

20,393. Did Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson canvass you?—Yes.

20,394. What did you say to them?—I told him I should not vote for him, nor neither should I be on shore. They both of them told me they would detain me on shore if I would vote for them.

20,395. They did?—They did, Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

20,396. Did they tell you that personally?—They did at my own door.

20,397. Can you recollect what they said?—I cannot say the words. When they asked for the vote I told them I should not be on shore. Sir Edmund Lacon told me I should be detained on shore if I would only vote for him, and I said I would not.

20,398. When Sir Edmund Lacon said you should be detained on shore, did he add you should be paid for being detained on shore?—No; but I suppose that is what he meant. Of course he would not detain me without he paid the expenses, for I should not stop to vote for anyone at my own expense.

20,399. He did not say you should be paid?—No.

20,400. Did Mr. Goodson say anything?—Yes; Mr. Goodson and Sir Edmund Lacon both at one time. At least one after the other; they met me at the house together.

20,401. You understood them to say that if you remained on shore you would be paid for it?—I understood them as this. If I was detained on shore all my expenses would be paid, and neither should I have stayed on shore to vote for anyone unless I was paid. I could not afford to lose a month.

20,402. But you understood that they did not actually say that?—No.

20,403. Was anything said about an application being made to the board for leave for you to remain on shore if you would vote for them?—By Sir Edmund Lacon?

20,404. Yes.—No; I do not recollect anything of the sort being said.

20,405. Who was with Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson at the time?—I think Mr. Reynolds was one gentleman who came, Lawyer Reynolds.

20,406. Anybody else?—Yes; I think Dr. Norman.

20,407. Anyone else?—There were one or two gentlemen; Mr. Hunter, I think, was one, the rate collector.

20,408. (*By Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you mean us to to understand that you got 6*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.*?—Yes.

20,409. To put in your pocket?—Yes.

20,410. Do you consider that a bribe or not?—I do not know. I leave that entirely to you gentlemen.

20,411. What did you mean just now when you told us it would have cost Mr. Brogden a great deal more to put you on board than to pay the money?—It is so much per hour in a steamboat, but it would have cost more than 10*l.* to have put me on board.

20,412. To take you from Yarmouth out to the Light?—Yes; to the "Lemon and Ower."

20,413. How far is that from Yarmouth?—39 miles off the pier-head.

20,414. What could you have hired a boat for in Yarmouth to be put on board?—I do not know; and, another thing, I do not know that it is prudent to go off in a boat that distance.

20,415. Do you say there are no boats in Yarmouth that would have gone out there?—Yes; there are boats that would have gone out there, but what they would have charged I cannot say.

20,416. Do you think they would have charged as much as 10*l.*?—Yes.

20,417. Do you think that?—I think at that time they would charge 10*l.*

20,418. That election time?—Yes; or any other time to put me on board at the "Lemon and Ower." I believe it would.

20,419. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

20,420. Did you take any part in the election of 1859?—No.

20,421. Do you know of any men who were bribed in 1859?—No, I do not.

HENRY JAMES BUTCHER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

H. J. Butcher.

20,422. What are you?—An agent.

20,423. What sort of agent?—A general agent for vinegar and so on; a general agent.

20,424. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—No, I did not.

20,425. Do you know a man named Hickling?—No, I do not know him.

20,426. Do you know Mr. Fowler?—Yes.

20,427. Did not Mr. Fowler give you 10*l.*?—Yes, for the use of my rooms.

20,428. Where are your rooms?—They were in the market-place then.

20,429. What were your rooms used for?—Electioneering purposes.

20,430. In what way?—Parties were sent who called there across to the "Angel Hotel" to the committee room.

20,431. What day was it engaged?—They were engaged in June and July.

20,432. What day was your room first engaged?—I think it was about the 20th of June.

20,433. Until when?—About the 10th of July.

20,434. One room?—There were two rooms.

20,435. Do you mean to tell me that your rooms were really used at all as committee rooms?—They were.

20,436. How many sitting-rooms have you got in your house?—I let part of the house then. There were two low rooms as offices.

20,437. During the time that you let these two rooms did you not use them yourself all the time?—Sometimes.

20,438. Whenever you liked?—Whenever I liked.

20,439. And were you once during the whole time ever turned out of those rooms?—Once or twice I was.

20,440. Who by?—By the different parties.

20,441. Tell me the names?—Mr. Fowler was one.

20,442. Do you know whether your rooms were returned as part of the expenses?—No, I do not.

20,443. Do you know that it was not?—I do not know that. I only know that I received 10*l.* from Mr. Fowler.

20,444. Was it Mr. Fowler that engaged your room?—It was.

20,445. Who did you vote for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

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H. J. Butcher.

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20,446. When did they canvass you ?—On the first part of their arrival here. I do not remember what day it was.

20,447. Did you promise them to vote for them when they came to you ?—I did directly.

20,448. Did Mr. Fowler tell you why he wanted your rooms ?—For electioneering purposes.

20,449. Did you not know perfectly well when you took the 10*l.* that it was in reality for your vote ?—I did not.

20,450. How far from your house were the nearest committee-rooms ?—Just across the market.

20,451. Which was that—what committee-room ?—The "Angel."

20,452. How far were you from Thompson's ?—About 20 doors I should suppose.

20,453. And there were rooms engaged there ?—I do not know anything about that at all.

20,454. What were these two rooms; were they both sitting-rooms ?—Sitting-rooms for office purposes.

20,455. Are they the rooms you were in the habit of using yourself—your own rooms ?—Yes.

20,456. And you admit that you continued to use them as your sitting-rooms ?—I did. I have moved my offices now.

20,457. Does the house belong to you ?—No.

20,458. How much of it ?—I lived in the house.

20,459. What rent did you pay ?—30*l.* a year.

20,460. And you let off part of it ?—Yes.

20,461. What rent did you receive for the part you let off ?—I think it is 20*l.*

20,462. In fact that leaves 10*l.* a year that you pay, and you let these two rooms for 10*l.* from the 20th of June to the 10th of July ?—Yes.

20,463. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—Not by Sir Edmund Lacon, by Mr. Brogden I was. Mr. Brogden canvassed me.

20,464. But not by Sir Edmund Lacon or Mr. Goodson ?—Mr. Goodson canvassed with Mr. Reynolds.

20,465. And did you refuse ?—I refused.

20,466. At once ?—Yes.

20,467. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

20,468. Who did you vote for then ?—Mr. Brogden and Sir Edmund Lacon.

20,469. There is James Henry Butcher of the "White Lion" Opening. Is that you ?—That was me. Henry James was my name.

20,470. You voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey ?—No, I did not. Mr. Watkin and Sir Edmund Lacon.

20,471. You are down in the poll-book as having voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey ?—I did not. I only voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Watkin.

20,472. How came you to vote differently this time to the last ?—I cannot tell you why. I always voted in the Whig interest before.

20,473. What inducement to vote did you get in 1859 ?—Nothing at all.

20,474. That you swear ?—That I swear.

20,475. If you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Watkin, as you say you did, how came you to divide your vote then ?—I cannot tell why I did so. I cannot tell you at all why.

20,476. You swear you received no inducement ?—No inducement at all.

20,477. Not a farthing ?—Not a farthing.

20,478. Did you let your rooms ?—No.

20,479. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did Mr. Brogden come to your house to canvass you ?—Yes.

20,480. This house where the rooms were ?—Yes.

20,481. Were the rooms let at that time ?—They were.

20,482. Mr. Fowler had hired them ?—Mr. Fowler had hired them.

20,483. What did he say to you when he hired the rooms ?—He wanted them for electioneering purposes.

20,484. Was anything said about your vote at that time ?—Nothing at all. I promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl directly they came.

20,485. I am talking of the time previous to that. You just now told me that Mr. Brogden canvassed you at your house, and your rooms were let at that time to Mr. Fowler ?—Yes.

20,486. I want to know what took place between you and Mr. Fowler when the rooms were let ?—He merely hired them for electioneering purposes.

20,487. Do you know on which side Mr. Fowler was ?—Yes.

20,488. Was nothing said at that time about your vote ?—Nothing at all.

20,489. Do you think Mr. Fowler would have gone to a supporter of Sir Edmund Lacon, to hire committee-rooms ?—No.

20,490. How came he to know you were going to vote for Mr. Brogden ?—Because I told him.

20,491. You told me nothing was said about your vote ?—He knew my principles.

20,492. Your principles are in the book as having voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Watkin ?—I only voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Watkin then.

20,493. Were you acquainted with Mr. Fowler ?—Yes.

20,494. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was there any written agreement made out about these rooms ?—Yes, 10*l.*

20,495. Written ?—No.

20,496. Why did you say yes ?—I did not say yes.

20,497. Was there any written agreement made about these rooms ?—No.

20,498. Merely verbal ?—Yes.

20,499. When was Mr. Fowler to pay you this ?—After the election.

20,500. Where was he to get the money ?—I do not know.

20,501. Was he to pay you out of his own pocket ? I do not know where he was to get it from. He was to pay me. I had no conversation about that, as to where he was to get it from.

20,502. Why did you not send some account of your rooms to the agent ?—I did not require to do that because Mr. Fowler paid me.

20,503. I will tell you what Mr. Fowler says about your rooms. "I saw a man by the name of Hickling, "who I knew had been engaged in buying voters. I "asked him 'What money have you left' ? He said, "about 12*l.* Then I said, 'I want 10*l.* for Butcher's "rooms, and therefore you may as well give it me.'" And the rooms were not used at all ?—Yes, they were.

20,504. Not as a committee-room ?—People called there, and I sent them across to the "Angel."

20,505. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were not these two rooms the only two rooms you had ?—Yes. A family living in the house occupied the other part.

20,506. Upon your oath do you mean to tell me you paid 30*l.* a year rent ?—Yes.

20,507. What is your house assessed at ?—I really forget, but it is sometime since I lived there.

20,508. Should you be surprised to hear it was assessed at 9*l.* 10*s.* ?—I think that was about it.

20,509. The whole house that is ?—The whole house.

20,510. And you paid 30*l.* a year rent ?—Yes.

20,511. If you believe that, I do not ?—That is what I paid.

20,512. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was your vote ever questioned in the Revising Barrister's Court ?—No, I think not. I cannot remember it.

ROBERT JOHNSON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

R. Johnson.

20,513. What are you ?—A carpet warehouseman.

20,514. Where do you live ?—South Quay my name is down for; I am not living there now.

20,515. Where was your residence at the time of the election ?—South Quay.

20,516. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—No, certainly not.

20,517. Who did you vote for?—I did not vote at all.

20,518. There must have been a mistake made?—I think so; that is my object in coming here.

20,519. In Mr. Jones's list there was a query as to whether you were the person intended?—It was not me.

20,520. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

20,521. Did you receive anything then?—No.

20,522. Did you vote then?—No.

20,523. Somebody has drawn money from Mr. Brogden in your name?—Anyone who knows me would not have thought I could have taken anything in the shape of a bribe.

20,524. (*Mr. Russell.*) You are down in the poll-book of 1859 as having voted for Watkin and Young?—Is it Robert Johnson?

20,525. Robert Johnson, South Quay, in 1859 that is,—not the last election?—In the last election I am sure I did not vote, and my present impression is, I did not vote the previous election.

20,526. Robert Johnson, South Quay, must be you?—No question about it.

20,527. You are down as having voted for Watkin and Young?—I did not vote.

20,528. In 1859?—I know what you are referring to.

20,529. Have you any political views?—My views are Liberal.

20,530. May I ask why you did not vote?—From a feeling towards Sir Edmund Lacon.

20,531. A personal feeling?—A personal feeling towards Sir Edmund.

20,532. By personal feeling do you mean a personal feeling of regard, or that Sir Edmund has influence over you?—Not in the least. He has no influence whatever, merely from regard to Sir Edmund.

PETER ADAMSON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

P. Adamson.

20,533. What are you?—A fish-curer.

20,534. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes, I got 5*l.*

20,535. Who from?—I do not know. I got it from a gentleman at the "Angel Hotel." I never saw the man before.

20,536. But at the "Angel" you got it?—Yes.

20,537. How came you to go to the "Angel"?—A person, I think, that calls himself Juler told me to go.

20,538. Miles Juler?—I do not know his name; I forget. I understood it was for my day's wages. That is what I understood it was.

20,539. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

JOHN DAVIES sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Davies.

20,540. What are you?—I am a lodging-house keeper.

20,541. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

20,542. Where did you get it?—At the "Army and Navy" tavern.

20,543. Who sent you to the "Army and Navy"?—A man by the name of Thomas Fox, a builder. He gave me a ticket.

20,544. Did you get anything at the election of 1859?—I was not on the register.

HENRY BAMBRIDGE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

H. Bambridge.

20,545. What are you?—A jeweller.

20,546. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

20,547. Who did you receive it from;—A Mr. Humphrey of Gaol Street.

20,548. Which side were you to vote for that money?—The Liberal side.

20,549. Did you receive any money from the opposite party?—No.

20,550. Were you offered any money by them?—Not any.

20,551. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

WILLIAM BALLS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

W. Balls.

20,552. What are you?—A publican.

20,553. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—Not anything.

20,554. Do you live at Duncan Place?—Yes, Duncan Place.

20,555. Are you sure you did not get any money?—Never.

20,556. Who did you vote for?—Not at all.

20,557. Were you canvassed?—Yes.

20,558. Did you promise?—No. I promised that I would not vote the other side.

20,559. Why did you promise that?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson were the first that canvassed me, and I gave them a decided answer that I should not vote on either side.

20,560. Did you say the same to Mr. Brogden, Mr. Marshman, and Mr. Vanderbyl?—Yes, I did to Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman, but Mr. Vanderbyl I never saw in my life.

20,561. And you did not receive any money for abstaining from voting?—Not a farthing in my life. There is no man in Yarmouth who ever knew me to take a farthing in my life, and no man can come and say I stopped back for receiving a farthing.

20,562. But somebody has said so?—I should like to know the man that can come forward and say I ever took a farthing. I do not know who the man can be. I know most of the people that canvassed in Yarmouth, and if there is a man I should like to know him, that can come and say I ever held back for that purpose. I do not know who it can be.

20,563. Do you know any of the agents or sub-agents who were about canvassing?—I know a great many. They were about with Sir Edmund, and the other party too, but I do not know their names.

20,564. Do you know Mr. Downing?—Yes.

20,565. Do you know Mr. Hickling?—No, not Mr. Hickling. I do not know him personally.

20,566. Did Mr. Downing ever speak to you about your vote?—Mr. Downing never called on me unless he was with the parties when they canvassed.

20,567. Did any of the Liberals call upon you?—No, none of them, after I gave the answer that I should not vote.

20,568. Then somebody has got 15*l.* from Mr. Brogden in your name?—I can assure you on my oath I never took a penny in my life.

20,569. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you say you had not a vote in 1859?—Yes. I had in 1857 and 1859.

20,570. But you say you did not vote?—I voted both times. I did in 1857 and 1859. I meant I did not vote this last election.

20,571. I see you voted for Watkin and Young in 1859?—Yes.

20,572. How is it you did not vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl this time?—I promised Sir Edmund Lacon I would not. He said to me, "Balls, you voted against me the last election." I said, "I did, Sir Edmund." But I said, "I shall not vote this election." That is the answer I gave him, and I daresay some of the parties are here that I said it before.

20,573. Does your house belong to Sir Edmund Lacon?—No; it belongs to Messrs. Stewart and Pattinson, of Norwich.

20,574. You do not have Sir Edmund Lacon's beer?—No, not at all.

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T. Duffell.

4 Oct. 1866.

THOMAS DUFFELL sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

20,575. What are you?—A greengrocer.

20,576. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,577. Who for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

20,578. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Yes.

20,579. How much?—15*l.*

20,580. Whom did you get that money from?—I got it at the "Angel;" I do not know who from.

20,581. Was it given to you by a gentleman in spectacles?—That I do not know. I did not notice whether he had spectacles on or not.

20,582. Was that all the money you received?—Yes.

20,583. Were you offered money on the other side?—No.

20,584. Were you canvassed?—Yes.

20,585. Who canvassed you?—Sir Edmund Lacon, I think, in company with Mr. Reynolds.

20,586. Had you a vote in the year 1859?—No.

J. Mainprice.

JOHN MAINPRICE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

20,587. What are you?—A wine and spirit merchant, and also engaged in fishery.

20,588. Did you take part in the last election?—Very little indeed.

20,589. Did you canvass any voters?—To the best of my belief I never canvassed at all. I never canvassed a single voter personally, nor did I attend the canvass at all that I am aware of.

20,590. Did you attend at any of the committee-rooms?—Yes, I was backwards and forwards at the "Angel" two days before the election, but not until two days.

20,591. What did you do at the "Angel?"—I I attended different meetings—if they were called a committee—I do not know whether it was a committee or not, but I looked in at the "Angel" to see what was going on a few days before the election. I felt an interest in the election, but I took no active part.

20,592. Why did you not take an active part at the last election?—I was anxious that a contest should be avoided at the last election; that was, I believe, the principal reason. I believe my feeling was pretty well known to those who acted with me.

20,593. Had you expressed that opinion?—I had on more than one occasion.

20,594. Had you made any overtures to anyone about that?—To the opposite party, do you mean?

20,595. To the opposite party.—Certainly not.

20,596. You merely expressed your own feeling?—I merely expressed my own feeling.

20,597. You mean you wished that there should be one and one returned?—I was anxious to avoid the recurrence of what had taken place at the previous election.

20,598. Had you taken an active part at all in the previous election?—I had more so than on this occasion.

20,599. I suppose when you found there was going to be a contest you had little doubt that bribery would have to be resorted to?—Those were my own feelings. I felt that the opposite party would not lose the election without resorting to bribery if necessary, and knowing what had taken place at previous elections, I did foresee that that would be the case, certainly.

20,600. Was that question discussed at the meeting at which you were present at the "Angel?"—I do not know that any general discussion took place. I had discussed it with different members of the party, but I was not present when any decision was come to on that point.

20,601. Are you aware there was a meeting at the "Angel" at which a decision was come to that bribery would have to be resorted to?—I have heard it, and I heard after that it had occurred.

20,602. You were not at that meeting yourself?—Certainly not.

20,603. Were you one of the gentlemen who asked Messrs. Brogden and Marshman to come forward as candidates for Yarmouth?—I did; I think I signed the requisition. My impression is that I did, but there was some discussion took place before it was decided on. My views were very well known.

20,604. Mr. Brand merely says he thinks you were present at that meeting?—I was not present; I was at the "Angel" a short time afterwards, and I understood the meeting had taken place, but I never knew who was present at that meeting.

20,605. I understand you from the first set your face against having anything to do with corrupt practices at the election?—You are alluding to the last election?

20,606. Yes.—I was anxious to avoid a contest for the reason I gave, to avoid a recurrence of the corrupt practices I foresaw would occur. I have always been a strong partizan, and always been a supporter of the Liberal party. I may add it was stated in Mr. Livingston's evidence that I assisted in the distribution of tickets. I beg to say that was not the case. I knew nothing of the ticket system. I could not shut my eyes to the fact that I believed bribery was going on. I could hardly conceive that the active parties on either side could be ignorant of it, but I had nothing to do with the distribution of tickets and did not know the system adopted.

20,607. Will you tell us, if you please, what part you took in the election of 1859?—I kept the canvass book, that is one part; the only canvass book that was kept by the Liberal party. That canvass book I am prepared to hand in to the commissioners. It has never been out of my hands.

20,608. We should like to have it?—I have lost the key, but I forced the lock two or three days back. I searched for it; I thought it was in my possession, but I cannot find it. (*The witness handed in the canvass book*).

20,609. Besides keeping the canvass-book, what other part did you take in the election of 1859?—I took no active part beyond that some money passed through my hands, which I believe was stated in evidence yesterday by Mr. Steward. I am prepared to give it, and make every explanation I can with regard to that.

20,610. Do so, if you please?—I was sent for to the "Star" a few days before the election one evening. It was two or three days before the election—as far as my memory serves me it would be about that time—and I left my great coat in a small room, I think, called the "Victoria," and I was called into another room; and on leaving the hotel and putting on my great coat, I found something weighty in the pockets.

20,611. Was this in the "Star?"—Yes.

20,612. We understand you left your great coat in the "Victoria?"—A message was sent to me one evening that I was wanted at the "Star." I went up without any previous communication with anyone, and I was shown into a room. I was asked to leave my coat there. I went into another room where some few heads of our party were, and on returning I found the parcels in my coat pocket.

20,613. The room was called the Victoria, in the "Star Hotel?"—Yes, to the best of my belief that was the room.

23,614. You found the parcels in your pocket, parcels containing gold?—Parcels containing gold, and those parcels passed from me to Mr. Steward.

20,615. Mr. Christopher Steward?—Yes.

20,616. When you say passed from you to him, did you walk off to his house and give them to him immediately?—No; I was rather annoyed at being made use of in the way I was. No consultation had taken

place, and it was some little time before I would leave the hotel. I believe I mentioned it to one or two of the party who were there, and I was induced to take them home. I was told they would be sent for, and they were sent for.

20,617. How much money was it?—I never knew the contents of those parcels; I purposely avoided knowing; I may add, that I received some other parcels that were sent to me.

20,618. Of a similar character?—Some in gold; not all in gold; some paper was with it.

20,619. Sent to your house?—Yes.

20,620. How many days before the election was this?—I think it would be three or four days before the election; I would not speak to a certainty for that length of time.

20,621. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect the day of the week?—I do not.

20,622. The election was on Friday; was it in that same week?—I should think it would be in the early part of that week.

20,623. It was not on the Sunday?—Certainly not.

20,624. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who were the gentlemen who were at the "Star Inn," in the other room?—I cannot charge my memory; I have applied to one or two gentlemen, and they tell me they were not present; I have an impression Mr. Hammond was there, and I mentioned the matter to him, but he tells me that was not the case, and I believe he is correct; I assure you I cannot positively state the names. I have an impression Mr. Hammond was there; he says he was not, and, moreover, he says I was the last person he should have recommended to have been placed in that position.

20,625. Mr Hammond said?—Mr. Hammond said to me; I went and saw him; I was anxious to ascertain who were the parties.

20,626. Having failed in your recollection as regards Mr. Hammond, are you afraid to venture on any other guess?—There were some friends there of the candidates that I did not know; they were strangers to me.

20,627. Strangers to Yarmouth?—Strangers to Yarmouth; there would not be more than two or three, I imagine.

20,628. Would Mr. Livingston be likely to be there?—I think not; Mr. Livingston had a portion of the money from me.

20,629. It appears that Mr. Steward tells us he got a quarter of the money from Mr. Livingston, and the remaining three-fourths from you?—I do not know at all what portion each had, but Mr. Steward had the major portion of it—that I am confident.

20,630. What you had you gave to Mr. Steward or Mr. Livingston?—Every shilling that I received passed to Mr. Steward or Mr. Livingston; I never rendered any account, for I did not know; my friends knew very well; I would not know what it was; I had nothing to do with it beyond what I have stated.

20,631. Then I understand you did not open the parcels to know what was in them?—Not the two large parcels, but the other was not sent in that way; they were merely tied up in paper.

20,632. The parcels you found in your coat pocket at the "Star," did you open those?—Not the two first parcels I received.

20,633. What sized parcels were they? What should you guess to be the number of sovereigns in each?—I really do not know; they were tied up, I think, in wash leather bags, but I really cannot say; they might probably contain 400*l.* or 500*l.* each; they were very weighty.

20,634. You opened the money that came to you afterwards, that was sent to your house—the money and the notes you opened?—I really forget how they came exactly; I will not be positive how they came, but I know the other parcels were not given all at once; they were given in two or three times; I fancy I received it in as many as three or four times after the first bulk.

20,635. Can you tell us how much money you received in driblets?—I cannot tell only from guess, 400*l.* or 500*l.*

20,636. Of the entire money you received?—I could not; my impression would be, supposing the bags to contain what I estimate, and what I received afterwards, I received some cheques; but I really do not know the amount of a single cheque; I was anxious to get rid of them as soon as I could; the cheques I handed to Mr. Livingston.

20,637. Independently of the cheques, what money did you receive?—I really cannot say; I have not the least idea closer than what I have stated; I would tell you instantly if I had.

20,638. When you say you cannot give an approximation within 400*l.* or 500*l.*, it must have been a very large sum?—I do not think the sum would be in excess of what I state; certainly not.

20,639. The first two parcels together would contain about 1,000*l.*?—Yes.

20,640. What would you put down as the remaining sum?—That would be the larger portion of what I received, in the whole; of that I am convinced.

20,641. It would not amount to 1,000*l.*?—No; I should say under 2,000*l.* certainly; I want to state that I am not positive, because I never counted it, and I told our parties so; I believe Mr. Stewart was requested at the time to furnish an account; whether he did or not, I cannot say; I requested him and others too.

20,642. You requested him at the time to furnish an account of the disbursements?—Yes; he knew very well that I did not know the contents of the parcels; it was generally known I would not know what they contained.

20,643. How many cheques did you receive?—I do not know whether it was three or more, but I received three, if not more.

20,644. Whom were those cheques drawn by?—Two of them, if not the third, was by Mr. Young.

20,645. The member?—The candidate.

20,646. Can you recollect on what bank the cheques were drawn?—I do not; they were on a London bank; but I do not know, nor do I know in what names they were drawn; they were not payable to me.

20,647. Were they payable to bearer?—I never endorsed the cheques; so they would be payable to bearer.

20,648. And you cannot tell what amounts they were drawn for?—I really cannot.

20,649. You gave those three cheques to Mr. Livingston?—Two of them I gave to Mr. Livingston, and the other one I destroyed in the presence of Mr. Young. I sent for him; he said he was in my hands; and I said if that was the case, I would put it in the fire in his presence.

20,650. What was that cheque for?—I do not know; I could not tell you the amount of either of the cheques.

20,651. Could you say whether it was for a large sum of 500*l.*?—No; my impression is, it was not 200*l.*; certainly I think the cheques were all for small amounts.

20,652. When was it you destroyed this cheque?—On the morning of the election, in my own office, in the presence of Mr. Young.

20,653. Were these cheques that were sent to you at this time sent to you by the same hand that brought the parcels of money?—I do not know who brought the money at all; my impression is, that the cheques were sent to me in an envelope, and the parcels were sent to my office; I do not know by whom they were sent.

20,654. Both were sent by private hands?—Both were sent by private hands.

20,655. From conversations you had with Mr. Young, do you imagine the money came from him as well as the cheques?—I cannot say that they did. I had no conversation with him about the money. I sent for him at the time I destroyed the last cheque, because the cheques were drawn in his name, and I

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was aware, although I had no direct knowledge to what purposes the money was applied; of course I could guess.

20,656. You knew he would be liable for the cheque if you did not destroy it?—Certainly.

20,657. Had you spoken to Mr. Young previously to that about electioneering matters?—Oh yes; I kept the canvass book, and the only parties that had access to it were the two candidates and Mr. Hammond, they were frequently backwards and forwards.

20,658. Mr. Richard Hammond? — Mr. Richard Hammond.

20,659. You discussed the prospects of the election with Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young?—I have no doubt of it. I have no distinct recollection of it, but I have very little doubt I did.

20,660. Have you any idea where that larger sum of money that you found in your coat came from?—I have no knowledge where it came from. Of course, the natural inference is, it would be furnished by some friends of the candidate.

20,661. Is it your own idea that it was furnished by Mr. Watkin?—I have no reason to think it was furnished by him exclusively, certainly not. Of course, they would perhaps avoid letting me know where it came from.

20,662. Of course you could not apportion the sum at all, but the entire sum came from from Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young ultimately?—I have my own opinion about that, but I have no ground for saying so.

20,663. Give us your opinion if you can as to what proportion they paid?—I have not the slightest knowledge of that. I should think, probably, they would pay in equal proportions if they paid at all. I think most likely, I believe that was the understanding; I fancy it was.

20,664. Have you ever heard or have you any reason to believe that there was any other money provided by those gentlemen for the purposes of the election?—My belief is there was, but it all passed through my hands in the way that I state.

20,665. Then you put the sum at under 2,000*l.*?—I should say certainly under that. I should think probably some 300*l.* or 400*l.*

20,666. Can you give us an idea on what day the bribery commenced before the election on your side?—Are you speaking of 1859?

20,667. Yes?—No. I should imagine it would be some two or three days before the election; I should think it would be three or four days before the election when I received the first parcel, and it passed out of my hands the next day.

20,668. Can you recollect this, at the time, whether you received a parcel on Sunday?—I really cannot.

20,669. You cannot say whether the Sunday intervened?—I did not even know what day the election took place till I saw a memorandum, a summary of the poll, cast up on the morning of the election.

26,670. Can you recollect at that time whether bribery was going on upon the other side when you began to bribe?—I think there is no doubt of it. I think that is the impression.

26,671. That they were in the field before you?—No doubt of it.

20,672. It was a hard contest in 1859?—Not so close as the 1857 election if I recollect right. My impression is, that the Liberal party were too late in the field in 1859.

20,673. Had you told your party at that election that you thought you were too late in the field?—I may add that that induced me in a great measure to send for Mr. Young. I saw, the first hour of the polling, that many of the voters that were looked upon as shaky had been polled upon the other side, and I would not let the money pass out of my hands, the cheque that I had.

20,674. Did you understand from Mr. Young at the time you received this money from him that he was prepared to spend more money if necessary?— No, I did not. I do not think I had any conversation with Mr. Young personally about the matter till the time I spoke of.

20,675. When you destroyed the cheque?—When I destroyed the cheque; I think not.

20,676. Was it at all understood by you as to what sum the Liberals were prepared to spend at the election?—No. I think it was in the first instance. I imagined the amount provided was all they contemplated spending, or they probably would have been provided with more. I imagine such to be the case, I cannot speak of my own knowledge.

20,677. Did you ever after the election was over hear how that was brought down to Yarmouth?—Never.

20,678. Did you ever hear whether it was drawn out of any of the banks in Yarmouth?—No. I made no inquiries about it, and I do not remember hearing the subject mentioned as to the mode in which it was conveyed here, or from what source it came.

20,679. Was Mr. Steward at that time understood to be the gentleman who was the distributor of money for bribery?—I took no active part in the arrangement, from the fact of my keeping the canvass book. I have no doubt it would have been so or he would hardly have known of the money being in my hands.

20,680. Did he come to you personally for the money?—I think he did. My impression is that he did.

20,681. He came to you because you knew him well enough to know he was the man to give money to?—Yes.

20,682. Did you act in this way in the election of 1857?—I had nothing to do with money matters. I kept the canvass in 1857 in conjunction with the late Mr. Neale, who was a printer here and an active partisan.

20,683. No money passed through your hands then?—Never before that. Unintentionally I was drawn into it the last time.

20,684. Had you understood or had you heard that Mr. Steward had been acting in the election of 1857?—I am inclined to think he was not the agent in 1857; I think not, but I really do not know.

20,685. You are inclined to think he was not the agent?—No, I think not.

20,686. He says in 1857 he had 1,500*l.* or 1,600*l.*?—Then he would have been, but I was not aware of it; I had nothing to do with it.

20,687. Does your experience extend beyond the election of 1857 with regard to keeping the canvass-books?—That is the first time that I kept the canvass-books. I have taken an active part in the elections here for the last 20 years.

20,688. In the year 1857, you first kept the canvass-books?—I think the reason was, at the previous election there was some little jealousy as to the splitting of votes between the candidates, and Mr. Neale and myself were appointed to keep the canvass and to split the votes according to what we considered to be the interest of the party.

20,689. Can you give us any information as regards that agreement we have heard of between Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young, and Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin?—I do not know of any agreement myself at all; I do not believe an agreement of the kind existed.

20,690. You know to what I allude?—Yes; it has been alluded to in the evidence during the inquiry, but I am not aware of any such agreement.

20,691. You have heard of it?—I have heard it hinted at, chiefly from the opposite party. If such an agreement was in existence, it was entirely unknown to myself.

20,692. I presume you, as an active partisan upon the Liberal side, probably would have heard of it?—I think I should have done so.

20,693. I suppose, next to Mr. Hammond, I may say you are the most active partisan upon the Liberal side?—No, I do not think that. I perhaps enjoyed the confidence of the party, or I should not have been selected for the position I was; but there were more active partisans than myself.

20,694. In your opinion was there no such agreement made?—I should say not, certainly. I did

hear of it from some of our own friends, and I think it was put to some of the candidates here, to one of the supposed parties to the agreement, and he denied it, I think.

20,695. Do you mean upon the hustings?—No; at a private meeting of the party.

20,696. Without having been mixed up with spending money yourself in 1857, can you tell us of your own knowledge, whether something was spent or not at that election?—Not of my own knowledge. I have very little doubt of it, but nothing passed to my knowledge.

20,697. Who is the gentleman to whom we have to apply, in your opinion, who had the distribution of the money in 1857?—From what has been stated by you, I should think Mr. Steward.

20,698. I suppose Mr. Steward would be the conduit-pipe, as he was before. He would receive it from some gentleman like yourself?—I really do not know; I have not the least idea from what channel it came to Mr. Steward in 1857.

20,699. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) At this election in 1859, when was your canvass considered as completed?—Upon the evening prior to the election. I see there is a summary here which was made up the evening before in a book.

20,700. It had been decided three or four days before that to commence bribing?—Yes.

20,701. Was that decision come to looking at the state of the canvass at that time?—I really cannot say; I took no active part in that election beyond keeping the canvass book.

20,702. You can tell us, at the end of the previous week, the election being upon the Friday, what was the state of the canvass then?—There were a great many votes open; no doubt about that.

20,703. A great number of voters had abstained from promising on either side?—No doubt of it.

20,704. Do you consider that you had a majority of the canvass at that time?—The majority of promises.

20,705. At that time you had the majority?—We considered so.

20,706. When did you first hear that bribery upon the other side had commenced?—I really cannot say as to what day, but it was rumoured about several days before. There are a class of voters who make use of that early enough upon all occasions.

20,707. You kept the canvass book in 1857?—Yes.

20,708. Do you recollect at that election when it was decided to spend money?—No. I had an impression that a very little was spent in 1857. I really do not know when it was commenced.

20,709. In 1857, had you any idea that money was spent upon the other side?—It was generally rumoured, but I had no direct knowledge of it. It was generally rumoured that money was spent upon the other side.

20,710. You mean that it was rumoured before the election took place?—Yes.

20,711. That money was being spent by the "Red" party in 1857?—Yes. I did not know of any being spent at all.

20,712. We have been told here there was none spent by the Conservative side in 1857?—It may be so; I am not in a position to contradict it.

20,713. Was it in 1859 the conviction of your party, that is your side, that money was being spent upon the other side, which induced you to commence bribing in 1859?—I have no doubt it was so; I took no part in the discussion when the decision was come to, but I have not the slightest doubt that it was so.

20,714. (*Mr. Russell.*) Can you remember who it was who sent for you to come to the "Star" in 1859?—No. A message was sent that I was wanted at the "Star," immediately. It was in the evening, but I do not know who sent for me.

20,715. A verbal message, or by letter?—A verbal message.

20,716. When you got there, was it a large or a small meeting?—There were not more than three or four persons present.

20,717. When you got into the room, it was proposed to you that you should be the conduit pipe?—The proposal was not made to me in the room. I knew nothing of it till I found this parcel in my pocket.

20,718. Am I to understand that nothing occurred in that room while you were in it which induced you not to be surprised when you found the money in your coat pocket?—No; I was very much surprised, and I refused to leave the hotel for some time.

20,719. When you found the money in your pocket, you at once inferred what it was intended for?—I did.

20,720. Are you of opinion that nothing occurred in that room previously that induced you to undertake it?—Certainly.

20,721. And after you found the money in your pocket, did you return into the room from which you had come and state that you were unwilling to distribute the money?—I did so; I said I was unwilling to have anything to do with it.

20,722. Was Mr. Watkin or Mr. Young there?—My impression is that they were in the house at the time, I did not mention it personally to them; I avoided doing so for reasons.

20,723. Then I understand you to say that you very strongly objected and only gave way upon great pressure?—As much as this, that it would not do to make any talk about it, and I was only to take it home till it was sent for.

20,724. You would not have undertaken such a position unless the gentlemen had some influence with you?—I do not know that they had any particular influence with me; in the position in which I was placed I did what I thought was for the best; I did not like the position, certainly.

20,725. Cannot you call to mind who the gentlemen were with whom you remonstrated?—I think there were two gentlemen there who were staying there who were strangers; and, as I told you before, I had an impression that Mr. Hammond was there, but within the last two or three days I have inquired of him, and he said that he was not there.

20,726. Is the impression upon your mind still, however painful it may be to say so, that Mr. Hammond was the gentleman who induced you to take that position?—Certainly not, after what he has stated; I fully believe my impression is wrong. I have that confidence in Mr. Hammond, that I am sure he would not say so if it was otherwise.

20,727. And your conclusion that Mr. Hammond was the gentleman having failed, are you enabled to arrive at any other conclusion?—I do not know whom to apply to; I assure you I would not conceal it; I would state it to the best of my conviction if I could.

20,728. Were the two gentlemen, the strangers, gentlemen whom you subsequently got to know?—I really do not recollect now the names of any of the parties there. I know there were some friends of the candidates there, but I never did know from what source the first parcel came.

20,729. What was the discussion that took place when you did go into the room?—I really forget what it was, but it was mere casual discussion; I was satisfied by what parties I had been sent for that it was merely an excuse.

20,730. The message was that you were earnestly wanted at the "Star?"—That was it.

20,731. And when you got there you found the business for which you were wanted was no business at all?—I found out afterwards that there really was nothing that I was wanted for beyond being the medium of conveying this money.

20,732. How did you know to whom to deliver this money?—Mr. Steward applied to me for it, and knowing him as an active partisan of the party I had no hesitation in giving it up to him.

20,733. Did Mr. Livingston apply to him or you to him?—I really cannot tell you at this time; probably Mr. Livingstone and I may have had some discussion about it, but I cannot say whether he applied to me or I to him.

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20,734. And you do not believe that either Mr. Watkin or Mr. Young personally asked you to undertake the distribution of the money?—I am certain they did not.

20,735. Do you know who the strange gentlemen were?—I do not know their names; they were friends, as I understood, of the candidates. I really do not know the names of anyone who was present.

20,736. If, on reflection, or in the course of conversation, you can ascertain the names of the gentleman or gentlemen who induced you to undertake this office, perhaps you will kindly communicate it to the Commissioners?—I will endeavour to do so; I have endeavoured to do so, and I will still endeavour to do so.

20,737. (*Mr. Slade.*) We will keep your canvass-book and return it to you.

(*The witness.*) Any explanation that I can give you I shall be most happy to give with regard to it.

T. Coleman.

THOMAS COLEMAN sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

20,738. Do you live in St. George's Road?—Yes.

20,739. What are you?—A cab proprietor.

20,740. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,741. How much?—20*l.*

20,742. Who from?—George Watson.

20,743. Were you canvassed upon the other side?—Yes.

20,744. Who by?—Mr. Edwards, and several of them called.

20,745. Were you offered any money?—No.

20,746. Did you receive any other money besides that 20*l.*?—No.

20,47. Had you a vote in the year 1859?—No.

T. Bee.

THOMAS BEE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

20,748. What are you?—A bootmaker.

20,749. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Certainly not.

20,750. Miles Juler gave us your name as having been bribed by the Conservatives?—I saw by the report he stated that he heard I was bribed.

20,751. But it is not true?—Certainly not.

20,752. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

20,753. And did you promise them to vote?—Yes.

20,754. At once?—At once.

20,755. Were you canvassed by the opposite party?—Yes.

20,756. Did you refuse to vote for them?—I did.

20,757. At once?—At once.

20,758. Were you offered any money by that side?—Not in a direct way.

20,759. Were you offered any in an indirect way?—This same Juler came to my shop, and I had an impresssion that he wanted to offer me money; he did not positively do so, but from his manner I had an impression, and I told him at once that I was going to vote for the other party, and that it was no use his saying it.

20,760. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

20,761. Did you vote upon the same side then?—No.

20,762. Why did you vote for Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young in 1859 and for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson in 1865?—My political views and sentiments had undergone a change.

20,763. What was the cause of the change?—I did not approve of the conduct of the Liberal party. I never was a strong partizan, and certain things which they did in Parliament I disapproved of. I thought they were very insincere, and although professedly Liberal, very illiberal.

20,764. Do you know a man named Steward?—I know two or three Stewards, which do you refer to?

20,765. Christopher Steward?—I know him by sight.

20,766. Did he give you any money in 1859?—Certainly not.

20,767. Did anybody else give you any money?—No. I never gave anyone the slightest reason to suppose that I was open to take a bribe.

20,768. You will not swear you received no money for your vote in 1859?—I will.

20,769. From neither side?—From neither side.

20,770. Your change of vote was entirely the result of your change of political principle?—Entirely so.

20,771. (*Mr. Slade.*) And you voted in 1857 too?—I believe I did. I think I had a vote then. If I had a vote I voted.

20,772. You voted for Mr. Watkin?—Yes.

20,773. Did you make a complaint to Mr. Watkin that you had not been paid some expenses at the election?—Do you mean in 1857?

20,774. In 1857 or 1859?—I believe not; I think I mentioned something about it to Mr. McCullagh. I think that was in 1857.

20,775. And what did you say to him?—I told him that I was engaged as a clerk at the previous election, and had never been paid for my services.

20,776. And did he pay you?—No.

20,777. Had that anything to do with your change of politics?—That was in 1857. I have voted the same way since that.

20,778. Have you made any complaint since you mentioned it to Mr. McCullagh? Have you made any subsequent complaint to anyone?—No, none whatever.

20,779. Have you ever been employed as a clerk since?—No.

20,780. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you canvassed by anybody at this last election besides the candidates themselves?—No, only this Juler, and Scott came with him.

20,781. Who?—James Scott came with Juler.

20,782. Upon the Liberal side?—Yes.

20,783. Were you canvassed by any of the agents or under-agents upon the Conservative side?—No. From the time I was canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson up to the present time, I have not spoken personally with any of the leading men upon the Conservative side.

20,784. Previously to Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson calling upon you, were you canvassed by any of the under-agents?—No, certainly not.

20,785. Do you know any of them?—I know by sight many of the gentlemen who were mixed up with Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson; but none of them called upon me to ask me anything about the election.

20,786. Who canvassed you first; Sir Edmund Lacon or Mr. Brogden?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

20,787. They came first?—They came first.

20,788. And you immediately promised them?—I did.

20,789. You had not seen any of the under-agents previously to seeing Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—No.

20,790. Did you know Mr. Lummis?—I knew him by sight.

20,791. Only by sight?—Only by sight.

20,792. Had you spoken to him?—I may have just said, "How do you do?" or that like, but I never had any conversation with him.

20,793. Did you never have any conversation with him upon the subject of the election?—Not one word. I did not even know which party he belonged to.

20,794. (*Mr. Slade.*) When you were canvassed in 1859, by Mr. Watkin, did you repeat your complaint about not having been paid in 1857?—No, it was only just a remark at the moment, and it passed away from

my mind. In fact, it is almost a wonder I remembered it at all. It has been brought to my recollection. It made no great impression upon my mind.

20,795. You are sure you did not say to Mr. Watkin you had not been paid?—I am quite sure.

20,796. You never alluded to it at all?—I never alluded to it all. You mean in 1857?

20,797. That you are sure of?—Yes, quite sure?

20,798. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did the opposite party ever pay you that money?—No.

20,799. You were never paid that money at all?—No.

20,800. Did you mention the fact to the Conservatives when you were canvassed by them?—No.

HENRY GOOCH sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *H. Gooch.*

20,801. What are you?—A grocer.

20,802. Did you receive any money at the last election for your vote?—Yes.

20,803. How much?—15*l.*

20,804. Who gave it you?—Some stranger at the "Angel." I do not know who it was.

20,805. Who sent you up to the "Angel"?—Mr. Fox.

20,806. Mr. Thomas Fox?—Yes.

20,807. And were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

20,808. Never?—No.

20,809. The 15*l.* is all that you got?—Yes.

20,810. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

20,811. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you a brother named Thomas Gooch?—No.

20,812. Have you a brother?—I have a brother; I have two or three.

20,813. Mr. Fox sent up two Goochs; who is the other Gooch?—I cannot say.

20,814. Whom did you go up with?—I came up with Fox.

20,815. Whom do you understand to be the other Gooch?—I cannot say, there are so many Goochs.

20,816. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is Thomas Gooch, Nelson Road, your father?—No.

20,817. Is he any relation of yours?—Yes.

20,818. What?—Uncle.

20,819. Is Thomas Gooch, of Church Plain, a relation of yours?—No.

20,820. Is Thomas Gooch, of South Quay, a relation of yours?—No.

20,821. He is not?—No.

THOMAS EDWARD GRAY sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *T. E. Gray.*

20,822. What are you?—An ironmonger.

20,823. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—No.

20,824. For whom did you vote?—For Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

20,825. Has your name been mentioned upon this inquiry?—No, I never heard it before till I received a subpœna this morning. I was rather surprised at it. I did not know what it meant. It was about half-past 9 this morning. That was the first I heard of it. It must be some mistake.

20,826. I think it must have been a mistake. You received nothing for your vote, I suppose?—No; I have heard nothing of it before.

20,827. Did you vote in 1859?—Yes.

20,828. Whom did you vote for then?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

THOMAS GOOCH sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *T. Gooch.*

20,829. What are you?—Well, I am a beershop keeper, a beer drawer I mean to say.

20,830. Did you get 15*l.* for your vote at the last election?—I took 15*l.*

20,831. Where did you get it at?—At the "Army and Navy" I went.

20,832. Where do you live?—I live in the Nelson Road, the "Prince of Wales' Feathers."

20,833. Who sent you to the "Army and Navy?"—I went with Mr. Fox. He took me down there.

20,834. Thomas Fox?—Yes.

20,835. At the election of 1859, did you have any money then?—No, not a farthing.

20,836. Had you a vote?—I had a vote then, but I never took anything of it.

20,837. Whom did you vote for?—Who put up then? I have no recollection, so as to say whom I voted for, not then. Who were the members?

20,838. Did you vote for the Liberals or the Conservatives?—I voted for the Liberals.

20,839. Watkin and Young?—Yes.

20,840. Were you offered any money upon the other side?—No. In fact, I was not solicited, because my principles are always I vote for the Liberals, and so I was not solicited at all.

SHEARMAN BAYFIELD sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *S. Bayfield.*

20,841. What are you?—A fish curer.

20,842. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

20,843. How much?—15*l.*

20,844. Who from?—At the "Angel."

20,845. Who sent you up there?—I went up of my own accord.

20,846. What induced you to go up to the "Angel?"—Because I heard there was money.

20,847. You heard that money was going?—Yes.

20,848. Was that all the money that you received at that election?—Yes. When the other parties canvassed me I told them that I always voted Liberal, and that it was no use I was sure to vote Liberal. I took this money the day before the election.

20,849. Would you have voted for the Liberals without the money?—Yes; I never voted only Liberal.

20,850. Did you vote in the year 1859?—Yes. I took 7*l.* then.

20,851. Who gave you the 7*l.*?—A man of the name of King, John King.

20,852. Are you sure it was John King?—No, Henry King.

20,853. Was that to vote for the Liberals?—Yes.

20,854. You always voted Liberal, but you always voted for a consideration, did you not?—I always was of Liberal principles. I stood in need of money very much. It was very useful to me.

20,855. Tell me which King it was that gave you the money in 1859; is he a gardener?—No; he is a carter.

20,856. That is Henry King?—Yes, Henry King.

20,857. Did you receive any money in 1859 except that 7*l.*?—Yes; 8*l.*, I think.

20,858. Who from?—Mr. Downing.

20,859. Then you received money in 1859 on both sides?—Yes.

20,860. Did you receive money on both sides at the last election?—No. I told Downing when he came in 1859 I should not vote for him if he left me a parcel from them. I told him I should vote against him.

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20,861. Downing was a Conservative then?—Yes. If he had left 100*l.* I should have voted the other way.

20,862. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who was it really sent you up to the "Angel" to get your money?—I went up myself.

20,863. How did you know that you would get money there?—Because I heard them talking of it upon the nomination day.

20,864. Who was it you heard talking of it?—I do not know who it was. It was talked among the public.

20,865. You cannot remember anyone in particular that you heard it from?—No one in particular. I only heard them talking.

J. Benslyn.

JOHN BENSLYN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

20,866. Where do you live?—Bath Place.

20,867. What are you?—A carpenter.

20,868. Did you get 10*l.* from E. O. Johnson?—15*l.*

20,869. For your vote?—Yes.

20,870. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

20,871. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

H. C. Balls.

HENRY CHARLES BALLS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

20,872. What are you?—A carpenter.

20,873. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

20,874. Who from?—At the "Army and Navy Tavern," I do not know who it was gave it to me.

20,875. Who sent you up to the "Army and Navy Tavern?"—I was going past, and I saw a quantity of persons about there, and I called in and I asked the landlord what they were doing of, and he asked me if I was a voter, and I said, "Yes." He said, "There "is a gentleman here giving away money for their "votes," and I said, "Is there a chance?" and he showed me up into the room.

20,876. That was at Cattermole's?—Yes.

20,877. Had you been canvassed by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—Well, I do not know. I was not at home at the time. I daresay they did call on me, but I was across the water at work.

20,878. You had never been asked for your vote before?—No.

20,879. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—I daresay I was, but I am never at home until 6.

20,880. Were you offered any money on that side?—No.

20,881. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

T. Barber.

THOMAS BARBER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

20,882. What are you?—A Birmingham and Sheffield dealer.

20,883. In cutlery?—Yes.

20,884. Where do you live?—In Regent Street.

20,885. Thomas Robert Barber?—Yes.

20,886. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—20*l.*

20,887. Where were you paid?—On the Church Plain, at Wright's.

20,888. Were you offered any money by the Conservatives?—Yes.

20,889. How much?—At different times from 10*l.* to 15*l.* and 25*l.*

20,890. Who offered it you?—Mr. Aldred, the auctioneer, in my street. He used to come in perhaps two or three times in a day, I am sure eight or nine times in a week.

20,891. What Mr. Aldred is it?—Aldred, the auctioneer, Samuel.

20,892. And he lives in Regent Street?—Yes.

20,893. Was he the gentleman who offered you as much as 25*l.*?—Yes; I believe it was 25*l.* He came in several times, and I believe he offered me as much one time as 25*l.*

20,894. And kept on raising the price every time he came?—He commenced at 10*l.*

20,895. And gradually worked up to 25*l.*?—Yes.

20,896. You did not take that money?—No.

20,897. Do you belong to the Blue party?—Yes; I always voted Blue.

20,898. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes, and before that. I voted once or twice before.

20,899. What did you get for your vote in 1859?—7*l.* 10*s.*

20,900. Who gave you that?—Mr. Edwards.

20,901. Edwards the tailor?—Yes.

20,902. Is that all you had?—Yes.

20,903. Did the Conservatives offer you any money that time?—Yes, I believe they did. Mr. Reynolds said he would send Mr. Buston to me. I think it was at that time. I think it was in 1857 when Mr. Reynolds said he would see about it and would send in Mr. Buston. I would not say whether it was 1857 or 1859.

20,904. What Reynolds was that?—In Regent Street, Reynolds and Palmer.

20,905. You are sure that was either in 1859 or 1857?—Yes; I am sure it was either in 1859 or 1857; not this last election.

20,906. And did he say he would send Mr. Buston to you and that Mr. Buston would give you some money?—Yes. I refused to give Sir Edmund Lacon and the other my vote, and they said, we can make that right with you, we will send somebody in; and they sent Mr. Buston in. I think, I will not be sure, but he offered me either 15*l.* or 20*l.*, and I told him to walk out.

20,907. Did Mr. Reynolds mention any sum of money?—No.

20,908. He said he would send Mr. Buston to you and he would make it all right?—Yes.

H. Greenhow.

HENRY GREENHOW sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

20,909. What are you?—A labourer.

20,910. Is your name Henry?—Yes.

20,911. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—Nothing at all.

20,912. Did you get no money on either side at the last election?—No, I never got any money in my life at elections.

20,913. Were you offered money?—No.

20,914. How did you vote at the last election?—I promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson in the South Town Road the first time.

20,915. The first time you saw them?—The first time I saw them.

20,916. You took a very active part in the election of 1859, did you not?—Yes, I did.

20,917. You say you did not get anything for your own vote in 1859?—No, I never took a penny from anyone.

20,918. You took money to give to others?—I have done that both in town council and borough elections too.

20,919. We will take the borough elections; how

much money did you have in 1859?—That I cannot tell you. I can tell you the names I gave the money to. I did not get it all in one sum; if I got any names I went to Mr. Steward saying, here are such names, and he gave me the money.

20,920. All the money you received was from Mr. Steward?—No; that is wrong. I had first 50*l.* from Mr. Danby Palmer, who is now deceased; that was the first money I received.

20,921. This is the borough election?—Yes, the borough election.

20,922. What Palmer was that?—Henry Danby Palmer; he is deceased now; he got it from Mr. Steward, so it is all the same.

20,923. When did you receive that money?—Well, I dare say it was very near a fortnight before the election. We used to go out early at that time and not leave it to the eleventh hour.

20,924. Can you remember the names of the men to whom you gave that 50*l.*?—Yes, Minter was one.

20,925. Robert Minter?—Robert Minter, Southtown Road.

20,926. How much?—8*l.*

20,927. The next?—Hurron I think his name is; he lives in Southtown as well.

20,928. Was that George Hurron, Ferry-boat House?—Yes, Ferry-boat House.

20,929. How much did he get?—5*l.*

20,930. I see he voted for Watkin and Young?—Yes, that is quite right.

20,931. Then you were acting for the other party in 1859?—I was acting for Watkin and Young. When I say acting for Watkin and Young, they did not employ me, but Mr. Steward and Mr. Henry Danby Palmer did; they were my two men as far as money went.

20,932. Did you vote for Watkin and Young?—Yes.

20,933. How came you to vote for Watkin and Young?—I was always a very active party for that side.

20,934. How came you to work for Lacon and Goodson in 1865?—I will explain it. There was no work to be had on the other side; I was thrown on my beam ends; the money I spent I had never received; I never received one farthing not for Watkin and Young's election; then I charged 14*l.* for my trouble. That is all the money I ever received on the Liberal side.

20,935. You wanted work and wanted to get paid for your work?—Of course; if I do a day's work I expect to be paid for it.

20,936. When did you first make up your mind to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson this time?—I should say a long long time before that, for I had promised faithfully I would never vote for the other side again. I happened to be in a little trouble, and I found no one to assist me, and when I asked for work on the other side I got it directly, and I thought those that served me well I was a right to return the compliment.

20,937. Do you know a man named Owles?—I do.

20,938. You had a difference with him, had you not?—I cannot say much of a difference with that gentleman at all; he was a man that did not oppose me when I went through the court. I cannot say I had any particular difference with the man. I always treated him as a gentleman as far as I know.

20,939. Mr. Owles had lent you some money?—25*l.*

20,940. And you would not pay him back again?—I had not the opportunity. I might have paid him back if I had got my money which I had spent.

20,941. Have you ever paid him?—No; I paid him the interest upon it. I went through the court, and I suppose he got his dividend the same as the others.

20,942. Now we will go on with the names of the men you gave the money to. We have Minter and Hurron?—There was Libbis, 10*l.*

20,943. The next?—Rand, 10*l.*

20,944. William Rand?—I cannot tell you his christian name.

20,945. High Road?—Southtown.

20,946. The next?—Marjoram, 13*l.*; he lived in Blind Middle Street.

20,947. The next?—A Mr. Mason, 10*l.*; he split his vote and I drew 5*l.* from him again.

20,948. Is that William Mason, Bath Hill Terrace?—That is the one.

20,949. How much to him?—10*l.* I drew 5*l.* back again because he split his vote.

20,950. The next?—Was a Mr. Balls in Queen Street; but I did not do him over, not exactly, because Mr. Steward walked across my ground in that way. When I went to the man, he said, Mr. Steward has left me 15*l.*; that is not enough; he says the price is going up, and he said he will have to take it back; and I saw Mr. Steward and he said, "Give him the other 5*l.*," and that made up 20*l.*

20,951. You gave Balls 20*l.*?—I gave him 5*l.*, that made up 20*l.*

20,952. Robert Balls?—He kept a public-house.

20,953. Who was the next?—Really, I cannot think of any more, that is the truth, just at this present time; if there was any more I really do not remember it; I do not know if there was any more; I do not think there was; there might be.

20,954. Were all these men that you bought with the 50*l.* you got from Mr. Palmer?—Certainly not. When I got any names I saw Mr. Eagleton first, and when I saw Mr. Eagleton I went to Mr. Steward, and there of course I drew more money whatever I wanted.

20,955. How much did you get beyond 50*l.*?—I can tell you that.

20,956. Then do so?—80*l.* I had; 45*l.* I returned back to Mr. Steward.

20,957. Who gave you the 80*l.*?—I think it was 80*l.* that I got from Mr. Steward; I cannot say exactly to a 5*l.* now.

20,958. It was within 5*l.* of 80*l.*?—Yes, it might be so.

20,959. What did you do with that 80*l.*?—I kept 14*l.* for my own expenses, and 45*l.* I returned to Mr. Steward. I think 45*l.* 10*s.*, if I mistake not, but I will not be certain to 10*s.*

20,960. You say you returned 45*l.*?—Yes.

20,961. You kept 14*l.* for your own expenses, that makes 59*l.*?—Yes.

22,962. But you received 80*l.*; what did you do with the other 21*l.*?—I think I can give an account of a little more when I come to think.

20,963. I think you had better?—There is 1*l.* I paid to a Mr. England for his expenses from Norwich, and there was a sovereign to young John Storey, jun., not senior.

20,964. What was that for?—Well, for some little difference; I think there was one of the party owed him something for work he had done, and his father did not feel satisfied about it, and so I paid the sovereign in the shop to him.

20,965. Yes, the next?—I cannot recollect any more at the present time.

20,966. Do you know a man named Starling?—Yes.

20,967. Did you give him some money?—No. I did want to buy him, but I lost him.

20,968. Do you know a man named Duffield?—Yes. I did not have any dealing with him.

20,969. You did not?—No.

20,970. You received 130*l.*?—Yes.

20,971. You received 80*l.* and 50*l.*?—Well, it might have been 80*l.* and 50*l.* I think that is the sum.

20,972. You said within 5*l.*?—Yes.

20,973. And you have accounted 102*l.*; then you returned 45*l.*?—45*l.*; whether it was 10*s.* or no I cannot say, but 45*l.* I am certain I returned.

20,974. According to your account the money you spent and the money you returned amounts to 147*l.*, and you only received 130*l.*, so that you must have been out of pocket 17*l.*?—No, I was not out of pocket not at all at that election.

20,975. Accounting for everything you spent and the 45*l.* that you returned, you have accounted for

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115*l.*, and you received 130*l.*; that leaves a balance of 15*l.* to account for. Can you remember any other man that you bribed?—Not at the present time. I think it is very likely there might have been another, but I cannot think at this moment of his name.

20,976. Are you quite sure you only retained 14*l.*?—14*l.* is all the money I kept, and I returned 45*l.* I told Mr. Steward at the time. I said, "I am not "going to charge this for the election, but to keep it "for the last."

20,977. Did you retain this 14*l.* for having bought these voters?—There is a deal of expense attached to it; there is plenty of treating; you cannot get them without.

20,978. The 15*l.* you have not accounted for is the expense in treating?—Yes; there might have been another man I bought, but I cannot think of his name at the present time.

20,979. Do you know John Durrant, of Fenn Street?—Yes; I did not bribe him.

20,980. He said he got 15*l.* from you?—I know. I was after the man, but I do not believe I gave him any money. I do not believe I did.

20,981. That would make your amount come just right?—I cannot believe I gave that man any money. I know I was after him till rather late on the day of the election, but whether I gave the man any money or not I do not know. I offered it to him, but I do not believe he took it.

20,982. (*Mr. Slade.*) He says he got 10*l.* from Greenhow in the year 1859?—Durrant?

20,983. So he says.—Which Durrant is it; there are two?

20,984. John Durrant, gardener?—If I gave him 10*l.* I forget it; I know I was after the man. It is very likely I gave the man 10*l.*, but I forget all about him.

20,985. (*Mr. Russell.*) He is asked, "What did you get in 1859? 10*l.* Who from? Greenhow?"—It is quite true. I really did not recollect his name.

20,986. That brings you within 5*l.* of your sum?—If there was 5*l.* I daresay it was spent, and a little more at the end of it.

20,987. I am reminded you gave 2*l.* away to England and Storey?—England was a voter, he came from Norwich; but Storey junior was not a voter, only there was some little dispute about money which he had not got at the election time, and he thought he might get it.

20,988. That leaves only 3*l.*, and that you may have spent in treating?—Yes, and a good deal more to the end of it.

20,989. Where does England live?—In the Southtown Road; he has got a wherry of his own, one of those things that takes coal or marl, or anything of that kind.

20,990. Did you take an active part in the election of 1857?—Yes; in fact ever since McCullagh and Napier. I was always up to my eyes in it, but I never did any bribery.

20,991. You did not have any money in 1857?—No, they did not trust me with any money then. In fact I do not think there was any spent at that election.

20,992. In 1857 you do not think there was any money spent?—I am speaking of McCullagh and Napier's election.

20,993. That was in 1852?—Of course we know that money must be spent if you want to get returned.

20,994. That is your belief?—I believe it is every one's belief in the town, not only mine.

20,995. Did Mr. Palmer and Mr. Steward come to you and offer you the money, or did you go to them?—No; I was in the Nelson Road. I daresay it was a fortnight before the time I was appointed for Southtown, that was my district, and they asked me whether I would do such and such a thing for them, and I said yes, I had no objection. Then Mr. Palmer brought me the 50*l.* to start with. I said, "It is no use of us "waiting here till the last day of the election; if you "want to try and win you must go on." I think it was a fortnight before the time, or something like that.

20,996. Had you changed your political feelings between 1859 and 1865, or did you change your party because of this quarrel?—The quarrel had a little to do with it; I could not get my money, and as I had robbed my family as I had done, I thought it was high time to do something.

20,997. If it had not been for this quarrel you would have remained a member of the party?—If they had acted to me as men ought to have done I should.

20,998. And you punished Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl to spite Mr. Owles?—No such thing; I did not do anything of the kind; I did not know anything of Mr. Brogden, nor yet of Mr. Vanderbyl, and I never spoke to either one of them.

20,999. You would not vote for them?—No, I did not vote for them; I had my own reasons for so doing.

21,000. Where did you get your money in 1859 from; where was it given to you?—I told you just now at the "Star Hotel," where I took the 50*l.*, and the rest I got at Mr. Steward's own house.

21,001. Who was present when you got the 50*l.*? There is no one present at these times; they are all single-handed.

21,002. Nobody but Mr. Palmer was present?—Nobody but Mr. Palmer and myself was present.

21,003. And nobody present, of course, when you got the money at Mr. Steward's?—No, no one.

21,004. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Steward told us yesterday that he gave you 150*l.*?—I cannot help what Mr. Steward says. What I state to you is this, that I never took any lump sum without it was the 80*l.*, and that I drew, as I told you, first, the 50*l.* from Mr. Palmer. With that I bought my votes, I suppose, at least ten days before. I gave them 5*l.* and 3*l.*, and that like, to secure them. Then I went to Mr. Steward and gave him a list or showed him a list of the names and the prices, and then the money was advanced. I do not know whether I got 150*l.* from Mr. Steward or not. If he has put me down at 150*l.*, very likely he will correct me.

21,005. He said about 150*l.* Who was Henry Danby Palmer?—He was a timber merchant, of the Southtown Road?—He is dead now.

21,006. You worked principally in Gorleston did you not?—In Southtown. They said they had got such a lot of muffs in Yarmouth, they wanted me to come here; and I came here, but then I found it was too late when I came to Yarmouth.

21,007. You worked first of all in Southtown?—Yes, that was my district. I can tell you another voter now. I daresay Mr. Steward is very right in his reckoning. There is a Mr. Rushmer, of Gorleston; he lived upon the hill. I gave him 15*l.* I think of it now.

21,008. Did you give him that money?—I paid it through Mr. Page, at the "Buck." He does not live there now.

21,009. Is that Charles William Rushmer?—It was Charles William Rushmer; at least I say Charles, but it is Rushmer I am sure; I cannot exactly say the christian name.

21,010. He lived in the Pier Road?—He lived very near on the hill, I know.

21,011. Mr Page kept the "Buck Inn?"—Yes, he kept the "Buck Inn."

21,012. Do you know Mr. Reynolds, the postmaster down there?—Yes, he was one of our bribers.

21,013. He took Gorleston and you took Southtown?—Yes, he took Gorleston, but he dare not touch this man Rushmer, so I took him for him.

21,014. Did you canvass at all this time?—No, I had nothing at all to do with the canvass neither one way nor the other. If there was a shilling or two to be earned on the quay, I was there earning it. I had nothing to do with it. I recollect there was another 5*l.* I got done out of. I did not think of it before; that was Mr. Colthorpe. I gave him 5*l.*; I

was to give him 20*l.* He took the 5*l.* and I never heard anything more of him. He kept a house called the "Chip and Chisel," in Gorleston.

21,015. Is he dead?—I do not know; I know nothing about him now; that is all I know of him.

21,016. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you keep an ale-house now?—No.

21,017. You are down on the list as such?—It is very likely; but I do not. I have not kept one these two years.

21,018. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know where Mr. Palmer got his money from; the 50*l.* he gave you?—It came through the same source I suppose I got mine from, Mr. Steward.

21,019. Do you know Mr. Clark?—Do you mean Mr. Clark, a solicitor, was a briber?

21,020. Yes.—I should say not. I should say Clark did not bribe. There were several at Gorleston waiting for his assistance, although Mr. Clark was a man well respected down there. He could command a good many votes himself.

JAMES CLAXTON, jun., sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

J. Claxton.

21,021. What are you?—A baker.

21,022. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

21,223. Who from?—Mr. Hickling.

21,024. Did Mr. Hickling say where he got it from?—No, he did not tell me.

21,025. Did you get any other money besides that?—No.

21,026. Were you offered any money?—No.

21,027. Were you canvassed?—I was not at home when the canvassers called.

21,028. You were never canvassed for your vote? No; the canvassers called, but I was not at home when they called.

21,029. Did you arrange with Mr. Hickling about this 15*l.*?—No, he came and brought it to me. I never saw him till he came with the money.

21,030. And that is all the money that you received?—Yes.

21,031. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

21,032. Did you get any money then?—Yes.

21,033. How much?—10*l.*

21,034.—Who gave it you?—A man of the name of Clements.

21,035. Did you get any other money in 1859?—No.

ROBERT CHASE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

21,036. What are you?—A shoemaker.

21,037. Did you get any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,038. How much?—15*l.*

21,039. Who from?—I did not know the gentleman, but I received it through Thomas Edwards, the tailor, at the "Angel."

21,040. Did he give it you at the "Angel?"—No, not Mr. Edwards; an unknown gentleman to me. I did not know the man.

21,041. But Edwards sent you?—Yes, he sent me.

21,042. Did you receive any other money for your vote?—No.

21,043. Had you a vote in the year 1859?—No.

JAMES BARBER sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

J. Barber.

21,044. You live in Howard Street?—Yes.

21,045. What are you?—A greengrocer.

21,046. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,047. How much?—15*l.*

21,048. Where at?—At the "Angel."

21,049. Who sent you there?—I do not know. I was come for by a strange man.

21,050. You were come for at your house?—Yes.

21,051. Had you a vote in the year 1859?—No.

21,052. Did you receive any other money for your vote at the last election?—No, not any.

21,053. Were you offered any on the other side?—No.

JOHN BELL sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Bell.

21,054. What are you?—A baker.

21,055. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—10*l.*

21,056. Who from?—I do not know.

21,057. Where did you get it?—At Thompson's house, from a stranger.

21,058. Who sent you to Thompson's?—Thompson came to me.

21,059. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

21,060. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No, not anything.

21,061. Had you promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl before?—No.

JOSEPH GEORGE FLOWER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. G. Flower.

21,062. What are you?—A shopkeeper.

21,063. Where do you live?—Market Row.

21,064. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—No.

21,065. (*Mr. Slade.*) What shop is it?—A fruiterer's.

21,066. Did you take any part in the last election?—A very small one.

21,067. What did you do?—Merely to remind those parties who had promised their votes it was the day of the election.

21,068. Did you bring them up to the poll?—Only in one case.

21,069. Which was that?—George Hawkins; he walked up with me.

21,070. How many people did you go round to, to remind that the election was coming on?—Perhaps eight or ten.

21,071. Who asked you to do this?—I was standing about near the committee room, and some of the partisans gave me a slip of paper with the names on it, and asked me if I would stop at their houses, and say the day of the election was on, and they would be obliged if they would come up.

21,072. Do you recollect who it was gave you the slip of paper?—I cannot distinctly remember anyone but Mr. Nuthall.

21,073. Charles Christopher Nuthall?—Yes; I do not at present remember any other person.

21,074. Did you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

21,075. Had you canvassed any gentlemen before for their votes?—No.

21,076. Is that the only part you took in the last election?—That is the only part.

21,077. Had you taken any part in the election of 1859?—No.

21,078. Were you a voter?—For the last 20 years I have been a voter.

21,079. Then you did nothing in 1859?—I do not remember doing anything.

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J. G. Flower.

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21,080. Did you bring up voters to the poll in 1859?—I do not remember doing so, and only one in 1865.

21,081. And you reminded nine or ten?—Yes, I did. I do not remember anyone coming with me but Mr. Hawkins.

21,082. Is Mr. Hawkins a friend of yours?—Yes.

21,083. What made you so accurate in picking him out?—I had no particular reason; he said he intended voting for Lacon and Goodson, and he said, "Will you walk up with me," and I said, "Yes, if you like."

21,084. Did Mr. Hawkins receive any money on the Conservative side do you know?—I do not know.

21,085. Do you know whether he was a man who wanted money?—I should not think he did. He is a man in a respectable way of business.

21,086. Is it Hawkins of Charlotte Street?—No, Broad Row. It would be the same, but he lives in Broad Row now and did then.

21,087. Did Hawkins ever tell you he had been offered money on the Liberal side?—I think he did.

21,088. Who did he tell you had offered him money?—I do not distinctly remember whether it was Mr. Eastick or Mr. Kelf. I think Mr. Kelf, but one or the other.

21,089. When did he tell you that?—I think it was the day of the election, in the morning early.

21,090. When you went to bring him up to the poll?—It might have been before that, I am very frequently in his shop. I think it was before that.

21,091. Before the day of polling?—No, before he went up to the poll.

21,092. Did he say how much Mr. Kelf had offered him?—I do no remember that he did.

21,093. Do you know whether Mr. Hawkins had received money on your side?—I do not know.

21,094. He never told you that?—No.

21,095. He told you he had been offered money by the Liberals?—I do not suppose he would have done that, but I saw this party, whichever it was, with him. I called him by name, and I said, "What is so and so doing with you," and he says, "He has been offering me some money." I do not suppose he would have told me but for that.

21,096. That was on the morning of the election?—Yes, I believe it was. I feel sure it was.

21,097. Did you lose sight of him from that time till he polled?—Yes.

21,098. You went away?—Yes. I do not distinctly remember but I should think it was between 11 and 12 that he polled. I fancy so, that was between 9 and 10, before the poll opened. I do not remember exactly what time it was, but it was much earlier that I saw him with this party.

21,099. Did you go round to him?—I live close to him and am very frequently in his shop.

2,100. You left him and went back and fetched him?—I saw him first in the market, then I went down to his shop afterwards and he was engaged with customers. I called a second time upon him, and then he said, "If you will walk up with me I will go with you now."

21,101. Did you ever offer any man any money yourself?—No.

21,102. Did you ever know of any money being paid on the Conservative side?—No.

21,103. To any voter?—No.

G. Byford.

GEORGE BYFORD sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,104. What are you?—I am a cigar merchant and fruit merchant.

21,105. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—No.

21,106. Do you know Mr. Downing?—Yes.

21,107. You did not get a ticket from him?—No.

21,108. Were you offered any money?—No.

21,109. By neither side?—No.

21,110. Who did you vote for?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

21,111. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmnnd Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

21,112. Did you promise them when they canvassed you?—Yes.

21,113. At once?—At once.

21,114. Were you canvassed by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—Yes.

21,115. And did you refuse to vote for them?—Yes.

21,116. Had you got a vote in 1859?—I think I had.

21,117. You voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey in 1859?—Yes, I never voted only one way.

21,118. Did you get anything for your vote then?—No.

20,119. Do you know of any men whose votes were bought in 1859?—All I can go by is hearsay.

20,120. You did not then buy any yourself?—No.

T. Deeks.

THOMAS DEEKS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,121. What are you?—A musician.

21,122. Did you have any money for your vote at the last election?—No.

21,123. Who did you vote for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

21,124. Did you promise to vote for them when they canvassed?—Yes.

21,125. Your name has been given in to us as having received money?—I received it only of one person.

21,126. You did receive from one person?—Yes.

21,127. Who was that?—Mr. T. Edwards.

21,128. What did he give you?—8*l.*

21,129. Edwards the tailor?—Yes.

21,130. Do you know a man named Gravener?—No.

21,131. After you got 8*l.* from Edwards did you not get 5*l.*?—No, I received 8*l.* I was not promised any from any other party.

21,132. You never received any money beyond the 8*l.*—No.

21,133. That you swear?—Certainly.

21,134. Did you tell Edwards that 8*l.* was what you wanted?—That is the money I received of Mr. Edwards, nothing more. I was not promised any money. That was the sum I received.

21,135. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

21,136. Did Edwards tell you what he gave you the 8*l.* for?—No.

21,137. Why do you think he gave it you?—I expected what it was for.

21,138. For your vote?—Yes.

21,139. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

E. Davy.

ELIJAH DAVY, jun., sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,140. What are you?—A watchmaker.

21,141. Did you receive any money at the last election for your vote?—Yes.

21,142. How much?—20*l.*

21,143. Who gave it you?—I got it at the "Angel." A stranger gave it to me.

21,144. Who told you to go up to the "Angel?"—Mr. William Hewitt gave me a ticket and told me to go.

21,145. Do you remember if there was a "D" upon the ticket?—No, I do not.

21,146. Were you offered any money by the Conservatives?—No.

21,147. Were you canvassed by them ?—Yes.

21,148. Did you refuse to pledge your vote to them ?—No. I did not give them any positive answer at all.

21,149. And did you do the same by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl ?—Yes.

21,150. Promised nobody ?—Promised nobody.

21,151. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—No.

William Diboll Baldwin sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

21,152. What are you ?—An accountant.

21,153. Did you receive a summons to appear before us to day ?—Yes.

21,154. Why did you not appear ?—I was out of town when the summons was brought, and I did not get home time enough.

21,155. Have you been in Yarmouth to-day ?—Yes I was in the town to day.

21,156. What time did you come to town to-day ?—About half-past 9.

21,157. And now it is half past 3 ?—Yes.

21,158. And you had not time to come before ?—I have been busy at the office and could not be here before. They left word, if I could not attend to-day, to come up on Friday.

21,159. What did you receive for your vote at the last election ?—Not anything.

21,160. Who did you vote for ?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

21,161. Who asked you for your vote ?—I think Mr. Brogden drove up to mine three or four days before the election in a cab.

21,162. Did you promise your vote to Mr. Brogden ?—Yes. I promised Mr. Brogden.

21,163. Did you promise him as soon as he asked you ?—Yes.

21,164. Did you make up your mind as soon as Mr. Brogden asked you ?—Yes.

21,165. We have got Mr. Brogden's canvass book here, or rather Mr. Edwards', and you do not appear to have promised ?—He was all alone when he called at mine; it might be about 8 o'clock, he drove up in a cab.

21,166. On what day was it ?—I do not think it could be above two days before the election. It was not above a day or two before the election I know, but I cannot recollect the time now. He had not his book with him. He told me he had not had the opportunity of calling on me before.

21,167. Had you not been asked for your vote by any person on that side before ?—Not any one.

21,168. Had no one called upon you ?—No, one called at my house.

21,169. Had you seen anyone else who asked you ?—No. Except Sir Edmund Lacon on the other side.

21,170. Anybody on Mr. Brogden's side ?—Not anyone.

21,171. Do you know Downing ?—Yes, I know Downing.

21,172. Had Downing spoken to you about your vote ?—Never.

21,172. What made you promise Mr. Brogden to vote for him ?—I have been that way inclined for several years.

21,174. How many years ?—Ever since after the last election, I think.

21,175. How did you vote at the last election ?—I voted at the last election for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey, but I was rather under compulsion to vote for them. I had friends on that side, and I did not like to offend them.

21,176. Had you told the Liberal party you intended to vote for them this election ?—I had not spoken to anyone but Mr. Brogden, because he called at my house.

21,177. Who was with Mr. Brogden when he called ?—I do not think there was anyone with him, only the man who drove a fly.

21,178. Did you hear of any money being paid for votes at the last election ?—I heard of several amounts of money being paid after the election was over.

21,179. I mean before the election ?—No. I did not hear anything was got before the election.

21,180. Did you ever hear of anybody receiving money for his vote before the election ?—No. I did not know anything about any money being paid before the election; I heard of it afterwards.

21,181. Did you never hear of any single person receiving money for his vote before the election ?—I do not remember one.

21,182. Downing says about you that he gave you himself, in the market-place, the night before the election, 15*l.*, "I am quite certain I did that." He has sworn that to us here ?—That is not correct. I never received a single penny of him.

21,183. Then in that case Downing has committed perjury ?—I have not received a single penny of him, nor I do not think I have ever spoken to him.

21,184. That is not the question ?—I have not received a single penny of him.

21,185. Did you receive 15*l.* of him ?—No.

21,186. Upon your oath ?—Upon my oath I have not received one single penny of him.

21,187. Did you know that Downing had said this of you ?—Not till I read it in the papers.

21,188. Did you read it in the papers ?—Yes.

21,189. Have you spoken to Downing about it since ?—I have never spoken to Downing since the election.

21,190. Have you ever said to any person that it is not true that he gave you 15*l.*?—Yes. I have told several parties it is not true.

21,191. You have ?—Yes.

21,192. Did you not think it important to come before the Commissioners and deny it ?—I thought I should receive a summons.

21,193. And you received a summons and did not obey it ?—I intended coming. I was told my name was called, and I thought I would stop till a later part of the week.

21,194. It is weeks ago ?—I never received a summons until now.

21,195. But Downing gave his evidence more than a fortnight ago ?—I did not receive the summons.

21,196. You read this in the papers about Downing ?—Yes.

21,197. And you never thought of coming to deny it ?—I never thought I could deny it without a summons.

21,198. Have you read the papers daily since the inquiry ?—No.

21,199. You read the paper frequently ?—Not very often.

21,200. Are you aware gentlemen have come forward here to deny having received the money ?—No; not without a summons. I had spoken to Mr. Burton, the solicitor, about it, and he told me I should receive a summons to come up.

21,201. What did you state to Mr. Burton then ?—Mr. Burton spoke to me first about it. Directly Downing had mentioned my name, he said he was very sorry. I told him it was not true, and I told him I should like to go up and deny it. Of course, he said, I should have a summons, and he spoke to me about it a week after and asked if I had had a summons. I told him I had not received one at present.

21,202. Were you in the market-place the night before the election ?—I cannot remember now.

21,203. Will you swear you were not in the market-place ?—I will not swear I was not in the market-place, because I cannot recollect. I might be, but I cannot remember it, but I very often walk down the market of an evening, so that I cannot recollect.

21,204. Did you see Downing in the market-place the night before the election ?—I do not remember seeing him.

21,205. Do you know Downing ?—Oh yes, I know Downing.

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W. D. Baldwin.

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21,206. Do you know him to speak to?—I do not think I have spoken above two or three words to him in my lifetime. I knew him quite well.

21,207. You knew him by sight you mean?—Yes. I knew him by sight.

21,208. Did he ever speak to you about your vote?—Never. He never spoke to me about my vote. I have very often seen him about the town, but he never spoke to me.

21,209. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you ever ask Downing how it was he came to say you received 15*l.* when you had not?—I have never spoken to him.

21,210. Do not you think it was a natural thing to do to go and ask him?—No. I thought I would contradict the statement up before the Commissioners, so I did not trouble myself to speak to Downing. I have never spoken to him since the election nor yet before.

21,211. (*Mr. Slade.*) To whom did you mention besides Mr. Burton that you had not received 15*l.* from Downing?—Parties that have spoken to me. I have just contradicted it. I do not remember their names.

21,212. Did you ever go to anybody and say it is a lie?—No.

21,213. You were not the least annoyed at it?—Yes.

21,214. You sat very tamely under the imputation?—No.

21,215. Whom did you go to then?—I spoke to Mr. Burton, the solicitor.

21,216. No; Mr. Burton asked you the question. You did not go to Mr. Burton and say "This is a lie of Downing's"?—He spoke to me the day after.

21,217. He asked you point blank whether you had taken the money?—Yes.

21,218. And you said "No"?—Yes, I told him "No."

21,219. And you come here to day to stick to it?—Yes.

21,220. You never went to anybody to say it was a lie?—No, I never talk to anyone in that manner, telling him it is a lie.

21,221. Do you mean to say you allow a man to come here and say he gave you 15*l.* for your vote and not deny it?—I intended to deny it.

21,222. It is a most serious imputation upon you, and you ought to be aware of it?—I thought I would come here.

21,223. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who are your employers?—Messrs. Watling, merchants, in Southtown.

21,224. Did you tell them Downing's statement was false?—No, I have not told them.

21,225. You were examined before the Committee of the House of Commons, were you not, in 1859?—Yes.

21,226. And in 1857 too?—Yes; I was employed in the committee-room.

21,227. You received money for your services from the Conservatives in 1859?—One day busy in the committee-room.

21,228. What did you receive?—I think it was either a guinea or a sovereign, I forget now; I cannot remember what it was.

21,229. Twenty-six shillings?—That is a guinea and 5*s.* for a dinner.

21,230. What did you do for that money?—I was employed as check-marker in the committee-room.

21,231. Had you told Mr. Reynolds if you were employed that day you would vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—No; I did not vote for him on account of being employed.

21,232. What were you employed about, in 1857, when you went before the House of Commons?—I was in the committee-room that day. I was not a voter then.

21,233. Why were you examined?—I was employed in the committee-room.

21,234. Whom did you vote for in 1857?—I had not a vote in 1857; I do not think I had.

21,235. You cannot mention the name of any one man to whom you went and volunteered that Mr. Downing's statement was false?—The different clerks in the office where I was employed at, I mentioned it to them.

21,236. You are cashier and confidential clerk, are you not?—Yes.

21,237. You were aware that an imputation had been made upon you that would be likely to lose you your place?—No, I knew I could come up here and contradict it.

21,238. Why did you not contradict it before?—I never received a summons.

21,239. Did you ever see the "Yarmouth Independent"?—Yes.

21,240. Did you not see letters in the "Yarmouth Independent" from voters stating they had not received money for their votes?—Yes, I saw some letters in it.

21,241. If there was time to be lost before you came before us, why did you not write a letter?—I did not give that a thought about writing a letter.

21,242. You were contented to remain under this imputation for three weeks?—I spoke to Mr. Burton two or three times since that time, and he told me I should certainly receive a summons to attend.

21,243. You have told us it was Mr. Burton came to you?—I spoke to Mr. Burton after the first time. He spoke to me the day after Downing gave his evidence.

21,244. (*Mr. Slade.*) What is the name of the clerk to whom you mentioned it?—Goff is one.

21,245. What did you say to Goff?—I told him I had not received anything and I told him it was false.

21,246. When did you tell him that?—I told him that the following day after Downing's statement.

21,247. Did he ask you or did you volunteer it?—I heard of it directly I got there in the morning to the office. He mentioned it to me the first thing.

21,248. He mentioned it to you and you said "No"?—Yes.

21,249. Who else?—Matthew Brereton.

21,250. Did he ask you or did you go to him?—They all of them knew it directly, because it was reported about the town directly.

21,251. When did you first hear of it yourself?—I think it was the following morning.

21,252. Are you sure you did not hear of it that night?—No, I did not hear of it that night.

21,253. Had you heard of it before you went to the office when Mr. Goff asked you?—No, he told me about it.

21,254. Is Matthew Brereton a clerk in the office?—Yes, and two more clerks.

21,255. Were you indignant at the charge?—I knew I should have the opportunity of contradicting it, so I did not care much about it.

21,256. Were you, in your own mind, very indignant at the charge?—I do not understand what the word means.

21,257. Were you in your own mind very indignant at being charged with receiving 15*l.* for your vote?—I do not understand the word.

21,258. Were you annoyed at it?—Yes, I was very much annoyed.

21,259. Did you express yourself so to Goff?—Yes, very much.

21,260. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who is Matthew Brereton?—He used to be a captain. He does not go to sea now.

21,261. Is he a clerk?—No, he looks after vessels.

21,262. Has he a vote himself?—Yes.

21,263. Did he tell you or did you tell him about your vote?—He told me.

21,264. He told you you were said to have received the 15*l.* Yes, because they came into the office the first thing in the morning.

21,265. Who came into the office?—He did.

21,266. And he told you that?—Yes.

21,267. And did you deny it immediately?—I denied it immediately.

21,268. Did he say anything about himself and his own vote?—No, not anything to me about his vote.

21,269. He did not say anything about his being charged himself with having done it?—No, he did not say anything to me.

21,270. Did you know whether he was or was not?—He told me he had received a summons, about two weeks after that I think, to attend here.

21,271. I am asking when he first told you that you were charged with having received 15*l.*; did he tell you anything then about his own vote, and whether he was charged or not?—No, he did not tell me anything.

21,272. Did you know whether he was or was not charged with receiving money?—I never heard anything about his being charged.

21,273. Did he receive money?—Not that I know of; I never heard that he did.

21,274. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you got a wife?—Yes.

21,275. Do you know if your wife received any money for you?—No.

21,276. Are you sure she did not?—Yes; if she receives any money she always tells me about it directly.

21,277. Has she ever received money for you?—Sometimes she has received rent money.

21,278. No money for votes?—No, never.

21,279. (*Mr. Slade.*) That is not Matthew Brereton, the old master mariner, is he?—Yes, that is the man.

21,280. Is he a clerk in your office?—No, he looks after the vessels; he looks after the ships.

SAMUEL CRICKMER BURTON sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

S. C. Burton.

21,281. What are you?—A solicitor.

21,282. Do you know the last witness, Mr. Baldwin?—Very well, indeed.

21,283. Has he been in your employ?—No, I have had several transactions in business with him for the last six years.

21,284. Were you aware that Downing had mentioned that he paid him a sum of money for his vote?—I saw it in the paper; that is the first intimation I had of it; that was on the Wednesday evening, and on the following morning I met him in Sir Edmund Lacon's bank; I stopped until he had transacted his business, and then I went up to him and said I was sorry to see his name in the paper as having received 15*l.* He said, "I never did;" and he then asked me what he should do, and I said, "Of course you will have an opportunity of denying it;" and that is all that passed at that time.

21,285. Did he ask you your advice as to whether he had better come forward and deny it at once?—I do not remember; he asked me what he should do, that is all; and I said, "Of course you will have an opportunity of denying it;" and I met somebody on the quay soon after, and said, "A man I know has been said to have received 15*l.*; what is best to be done?" and he said, "Of course he will receive a summons;" and I saw him five minutes afterwards, and told him he would receive a summons in due course; I did not think then there would be such a time elapsed before he would get it.

21,286. Are you a voter?—Yes.

21,287. Did Baldwin seem at all distressed when you asked him the question?—Yes, I thought he did; he seemed annoyed at it.

21,288. Did he deny it with any emphasis?—Yes, he seemed annoyed at having been charged with having received 15*l.* certainly.

21,289. Did he give you the idea of a man who had had a false charge made against him?—Yes.

21,290. Did he say anything about Downing?—Not a word; he only said, "I have never received it."

21,291. That is all he said?—That was all; and I said I was very glad to hear that, because I knew he was a man in circumstances above taking a bribe, and ought not to take a bribe.

21,292. He is in good circumstances, is he?—He is in very fair circumstances indeed.

21,293. (*Mr. Russell.*) Apart from his circumstances being good, did you regard him as an honest man?—I had no reason to think otherwise; he is a very peculiar man, and perhaps that goes against him; but I have never thought otherwise of him than that he was honest.

21,294. I mean, supposing his circumstances had not been so good, would you have been surprised to hear he had taken a bribe?—I never thought of it at all.

21,295. You knew him very well?—Yes, I knew him very well.

21,296. Did you always find him an honest person in his transactions with you?—Yes, he likes money perhaps a little; he looks after his own interest.

WILLIAM GRIEF sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

W. Grief.

21,297. What are you?—A fish merchant.

21,298. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—No.

21,299. Who did you vote for?—Lacon and Goodson.

21,300. Were you offered any money?—No.

21,301. Did you offer anybody else any money?—No. I heard there had been a fellow up here who said I did offer him 20*l.*, but I know nothing about it.

21,302. Humphreys?—Yes.

21,303. Do you know him?—I know the man, but never spoke to him 10 times in my life.

21,304. Are you sure you never offered him any money?—Not a shilling. I do not know, to the best of my knowledge, that I have spoken to him this year.

21,305. Do you know a man named Francis Jay?—Yes.

21,306. Did you see him about the election time?—Yes.

21,307. Did you offer him any money?—No.

21,308. Did he offer you any?—No.

21,309. Was anything said about money?—Not the slightest. Not a word.

21,310. What part did you take in the last election?—None at all.

21,311. Did you canvass anybody?—No.

21,312. Did you ask anybody for their votes?—No; I was too busy at the time. I never went out after them at all.

21,313. Have you seen Humphreys since?—No.

21,314. George Humphreys says this. The question is, "Were you offered any money on the other side?—"Yes. Who by?—Mr. William Grief?"—Yes; I understood so.

21,315. "How much did he offer you?—20*l.*?"—That is not correct.

21,316. It is a mistake?—Yes, it is quite a mistake.

21,317. Did you vote in the election of 1859?—Yes.

21,318. Who for?—Lacon and Stracey.

21,319. Did you take any part in that election?—No, I never took any part, nor yet got anything for my vote. I never did in my life.

21,320. Never received any money for your vote?—No, nor yet paid any away.

21,321. Have you ever asked people for their votes?—No, without it was a neighbour. I may have said, "I am going to vote so-and-so, which way are you going to vote?" Never to induce anybody. I had no motive in it.

21,322. In the year 1859, did you not ask people to vote then?—No. I went up along with two or three to vote. We all went up together as neighbours.

21,323. Did you ever hear of any money flying about at any election at Yarmouth in your life?—I have heard people say they have got money.

21,324. Did you hear of money going about at the

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last election?—No, not until after the election was over.

21,325. Did you hear of money going about at the election of 1859?—I do not think I did until after it was over.

21,326. You never heard of anybody being paid for their votes?—No, not during the election.

21,327. How many people did you ask for their votes in the year 1859?—I do not know that I did one. I do not think I did.

21,328. You told me you asked two or three neighbours?—I say two or three neighbours walked up together and voted the morning of the election.

21,329. Then you took no part in 1859?—No.

21,330. Had you voted in 1857?—Yes.

21,331. Do you know Mr. Cooper?—Yes.

21,332. By sight?—Yes. To the best of my knowledge I never spoke to him twice in my life.

21,333. Then, I suppose, Humphreys is under a mistake?—That he is, and a very great one, too, and that is not the first I doubt.

Adjourned till to-morrow at half-past 10 o'clock.

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J. Cooper.

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JOHN COOPER recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

21,334. Can you give us the name of any other person to whom you gave money at the last election?—William Tobias Johnson.

21,335. How much?—50*l.* for three voters.

21,336. Can you give us the names of those voters?—I think all their names are Johnson, but I cannot distinguish them.

21,337. They were all three Johnsons?—Yes.

21,338. Any other name?—Not any other names. Those are all the names that have occurred to me after the adjournment of the Commission.

G. S. F. Skoulding.

GEORGE SMITH FREDERICK SKOULDING sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

21,339. What are you?—A druggist.

21,340. Did you take any part in the last election?—No.

21,341. Whom did you vote for?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

21,342. Did you ask any voters for their votes?—Well, I can hardly say that I did ask any voters for heir votes. I might ask one or two.

21,343. Did you, or did you not?—I very likely asked one or two which way they were going to vote.

21,344. Do you know a man named Hodds?—Yes.

21,345. Did you ask him?—Well, I might have asked him.

21,346. Of course you might. Did you? What is the use of your coming here and saying you *might* have asked him?—I cannot swear I asked him to vote.

21,347. Can you swear you did not ask him to vote?—I should be very sorry to do either. Very likely I might have asked him to have voted.

21,348. Did you offer any man any money for his vote?—No. I had no money to offer.

21,349. Did you offer any money?—No.

21,350. Did you ever talk to any voter about having money for his vote?—No.

21,351. Did you ever hear of money being given to a voter for his vote?—I have seen it in the paper.

21,352. I mean then, at the election time?—No.

21,353. Never heard of it before this Commission sat?—I heard there was bribery committed, but I did not know who the parties were that received the money. Everybody knew there was money going about.

21,354. Did you know money at the last election was being spent on the Conservative side?—Only by hear say.

21,355. Who is Hodds?—He is a greengrocer.

21,356. Do I understand that you never spoke to Hodds about his vote at the last election?—I did not say that. I said I might have asked him which way he was going to vote.

21,357. I ask you, did you?—I say I might have asked him.

21,358. Will you say one way or the other?—Well, I will say I did ask him.

21,359. What did you say to him?—Only asked him which way he was going to vote.

21,360. What did Hodds say?—He should vote for Lacon and Goodson.

21,361. Did Hodds give you to understand he wanted any money for his vote?—No.

21,362. Do you know whether Hodds received money or not?—I do not know.

21,363. Have you ever heard?—No, I have not.

21,364. Have you spoken to Hodds since the election about how he voted?—No. I have spoken to him several times. He is a customer of mine, but I never mentioned the election to him.

21,365. What made you ask Hodds which way he was going to vote?—Because he was a customer, and I knew the man.

21,366. Did you ask all of your customers?—No. Lots of them have no votes.

21,367. But those who had votes?—No.

21,368. How many?—Not more than three or four.

21,369. Whom did you ask besides Hodds?—I cannot tell.

21,370. Did you ask Mr. Pearce?—Pearce of Norwich?

21,371. Mr. J. Pearce?—He came to me. I did not ask him.

21,372. What did he come to you about?—He came to me merely to know how the election was going on, I think.

21,373. What made him come to you?—I suppose he knew me.

21,374. Did he know you were a person who would be able to tell him how the election was going on?—I cannot say that he knew that.

21,375. How long before the election was it?—That I cannot tell you.

21,376. Was it before the election?—Yes, or he would not have wanted to know how the election was going.

21,377. What do you mean by "how the election was going?"—He wanted to know which party was likely to win, I suppose.

21,378. Do you suppose that?—Yes.

21,379. Nothing else?—Nothing else.

21,380. What words did he say?—I cannot tell you.

21,381. You must try, if you please?—I cannot tell now, it is so long ago.

21,382. He came to you, and asked which way the election was going?—Yes; but I cannot tell you how he put it.

21,383. What did you understand by that?—That he merely took an interest in the election. He wanted to know which side was going to win.

21,384. That was all?—That is all.

21,385. You did not understand it to mean anything to do with money?—No.

21,386. That you swear?—Yes.

21,387. And what did you say to him?—I told him to vote for Lacon and Goodson.

21,388. He asked you which way the election was going; what did you say?—I told him the Conservative would win, no doubt; and I advised him to vote for Lacon and Goodson.

21,389. Where is Mr. Pearce now?—In Norwich, I think.

21,390. What is Mr. Pearce?—I do not know what he is now.

21,391. What was he when you knew him?—He kept a pie-shop in the Broad Row.

21,392. Had you ever had any conversation with Mr. Pearce about the election before he came to you?—No.

21,393. Do you mean to say, on your solemn oath, that when Mr. Pearce came and asked you which way the election was going, in your opinion, he only wanted to know who was going to win?—That is all, sir.

21,394. It had nothing to do with how much money was going?—No.

21,395. Did you understand that Mr. Pearce wanted money for his vote?—No, that I did not.

21,396. Did you refer Mr Pearce to anybody else?—No.

21,397. When did you first hear that money was being spent in the election?—I cannot tell you whether it was before or after the election. I think it was after the election I heard the money was spent.

21,398. At the time Mr. Pearce came to you, were you aware, or had you heard money was being spent?—No, till Mr. Pearce came, I had not.

21,399. Had you a vote in 1859?—I had not.

21,400. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know Mr. Cooper?—What Cooper?

21,401. Mr. John Cooper?—Yes, quite well.

21,402. Do you know any of the other agents?—What agents?

21,403. Employed in the election?—No. I knew several people, but I do not know whether they are agents, or are employed.

21,404. Previous to this election, you did not know who the agents employed in bribery were?—No, that I did not.

WILLIAM JOHN COTTON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

W. J. Cotton.

21,405. What are you?—Master of the Outer Dowsing lightvessel.

21,406. Is Robert Barnard a friend of yours?—Yes.

21,407. Did you go with Barnard to Mr. Fill's office?—I did.

21,408. What day was that?—I cannot tell you exactly the first day I went there; but in the beginning of June or the latter end of June, after being canvassed, I said to Mr. Marshman and Mr. Brogden, that I should vote for the Liberal party were I ashore, but it would be my period of duty on board. They made arrangements that I should be brought on shore. After the arrangement was made that we should be brought on shore, they canvassed the matter amongst themselves whether it would cost them less to retain us on shore, or to send for us at the time of the election. There was an uncertainty attending whether they could get us on shore at the time of the election, because we cannot leave our vessels at all times, we cannot have communication with them at all times; and they came to the decision that they would employ substitutes, and keep us on shore, with the sanction of the Trinity Corporation. They made application to our superintendent about it, and he granted it, or through the Board, that we were to remain on shore. Mr. John Clowes engaged a party to find substitutes to go off in lieu of three or four that were in the light vessels, and they went off. I, as master of a light vessel, had to maintain the party that went off in lieu of me, and likewise I had to remunerate the party for doing my duty, an inferior officer, and a seaman for doing his duty. I went to Mr. John Clowes, and asked him who was to remunerate me and pay me, and he told me to make a rough sketch or estimate of what the expenses would be. I did so. I took it Mr. John Clowes with Mr. Barnard, and he sent us to Mr. Fill.

21,409. Did you, in the bill you made out, put down the items?—I did.

21,410. And did you make the amount exactly 10*l.*?—No; I did not make the amount exactly 10*l.*

21,411. How much did it amount to?—In my bill, I made out that there would be for the time the man was on board, 1*s.* 6*d.* a day to maintain him.

21,412. How many days?—It was impossible to say how many days the man would be there; it was only an estimate. Sometimes we got relieved to the day, but we have happened to have been 49 days on board for one month.

21,413. Did you hand in the bill before you relieved, for the man that took your place?—No. The man was gone on board to take my place.

21,414. Was he still on board when you gave the bill to Mr. Clowes?—He was on board of the Outer Dowsing.

21,415. Why did you not wait to deliver the bill, till after you knew exactly what it would cost?—I do not know; I went to Mr. Clowes to know where I was to be renumerated.

21,416. What did your estimate amount to?—Something like 5*l.*, I think.

21,417. And Mr. Fill paid you 10*l.*?—When this bill was sent down I was sent from Mr. Clowes to Mr. Fill, with this bill. He said, "You have made no charge for yourself?" I said, "No sir." He said, "What do you expect?" I said, "Nothing at all. "That rests entirely with yourself, if you make any "allowance." The answer that Mr. Fill made was, "Will a 10*l.* note cover the whole of your expenses?" and I said, "Amply."

21,418. And did Mr. Fill then send you to his office?—I was at Mr. Fill's office at that time.

21,419. Was it Mr. Fill who paid you, or Mr. Moore?—Mr. Moore paid me. I met Mr. Moore coming on the Quay the Tuesday before the election. Barnard was walking with me, and he said, "If you will come "with me, I will now give you your money for your "expenses."

21,420. Do you remember the names of the men you employed as substitutes?—I did not employ anybody. Mr. John Clowes' employed them.

21,421. I understood you to say that you paid the substitutes?—I had to pay the man the extra pay who did my duty on board the Outer Dowsing. He was the lamplighter of the Spurn lightvessel.

21,422. I understood Mr. Clowes arranged it?—The man that was to relieve me was sent on board from the Spurn light. A stranger was not competent to do my duty on the Outer Dowsing, and it was arranged that the senior lamplighter of the Spurn light should go on the Outer Dowsing to act for me.

21,423. Did you pay him, or did Mr. Clowes?—I paid Thomas Reeves to do my duty the difference of pay between a mate's pay and a lamplighter's pay.

21,424. What was that difference?—28*s.*

21,425. Do you know whether any of these men were employed as substitutes; Wright, Ashby, Bullock, and Dillerston?—Yes, I think they were.

21,426. Were those four men paid by Mr. Clowes?—Yes, as far as I can understand.

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21,427. Did any of those four men do your work at the lighthouse?—One of those men did the duty of Thomas Reeves on board the Spurn light vessel.

21,428. He being the man who went to take your place?—On board the Outer Dowsing.

21,429. And you paid him the difference between the wages he would receive formerly, and the wages for your work?—Yes, and also the seaman the difference for doing his duty instead of doing his ordinary duty.

21,430. Then you found the substituted seamen?—Yes, decidedly.

21,431. And you received your full wages all the time?—Yes.

21,432. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How much altogether did you pay?—I reckon it was 31 days that I maintained the man at 1*s.* 6*d.* a day; that was 2*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*; 28*s.* I gave to Thomas Reeves, the difference of pay; and 5*s.* I gave to William Folkes, the difference of pay too.

21,433. (*Mr. Russell.*) That was 3*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*, and the balance you retained yourself?—I retained it myself.

21,434. That is exactly the same sum that Barnard told us he got?—We were exactly in the same position.

21,435. Was Mr. Clowes with Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman when this arrangement was made?—I do not know. I was not there when the arrangement was made. I had nothing to do with making any arrangement at all. Mr. Livingston I think, perhaps, can tell you how the arrangement was made.

21,436. When did you first see Mr. Clowes about it?—Not till after the men were gone on board the ship.

21,437. And then Mr. Clowes sent you to Mr. Fill?—Yes.

21,438. And Mr. Fill sent you to Mr. Moore?—No.

21,439. Mr. Fill directed Mr. Moore to pay you?—Mr. Moore and Mr. Fill were in the office together when I went down from Mr. Clowes' office.

21,440. And Mr. Fill directed Mr. Moore to pay you?—There was no direction to pay. What was said was, "Would 10*l.* cover the whole of my expenses?" I said, "Amply;" and there was no more until the Tuesday before the election; I was walking along the Quay and met Mr. Moore, and he said, "If "you will now come to Mr. Fill's office, I will pay "you your expenses."

21,441. Were you canvassed by the Conservatives?—I was not.

21,442. Had you a vote in 1859?—I had not. I was not in Yarmouth at that time.

21,443. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When you first went to Mr. Clowes, was it for the purpose of asking him who was to pay your expenses?—It was.

21,444. What did he say to you?—He told me to draw up an estimate of what my expenses would be.

21,445. Did you draw it up?—I did.

21,446. Did you give it to him?—I took it to Mr. Clowes' office.

21,447. Took it to Mr. Clowes himself?—Took it to Mr. Clowes himself.

21,448. You say Mr. Clowes engaged the men?—The men had been engaged prior to that.

21,449. Who engaged them?—Mr. Clowes, so far as I understand. He paid them.

21,450. How could the men have been engaged by Mr. Clowes, before you told Mr. Clowes they were wanted?—I did not tell Mr. Clowes they were wanted.

21,451. You told me just now you went to Mr. Clowes to ask him who was to pay your expenses?—After the men were on board the ship; after they went away.

21,452. Who made the arrangement for the men to go away?—I do not know; it was arranged among the parties.

21,453. You mean, it was arranged between the time you had spoken to Mr. Brogden, and the time you went to Mr. Clowes. The men had been engaged?—The men had been engaged, and had proceeded on board the vessel.

21,454. How did you know Mr. Clowes engaged them?—By the party who sought the men out, and took them to Mr. Clowes's office. A party was engaged to look them up.

21,455. When Mr. Clowes sent you to Mr. Fill was it for the purpose of getting the money to pay these men?—No.

21,456. The expenses which Mr. Brogden was to pay were the expenses of the men on board the ship?—Yes.

21,457. Then why should Mr. Clowes have sent you to Mr. Fill?—To pay for the maintainance and the difference in doing duty.

21,458. Why did not Mr. Clowes pay that himself?—I do not know; that is what I should like to know. If it was legal for Mr. Clowes to send the men on the ship and pay them their wages, I think it was quite as legal for Mr. Clowes to pay me for their mainteance upon the ship, without sending me to Mr. Fill, or Mr. Moore, or anybody else.

21,459. That is why I want to know why he sent you to Mr. Fill?—That I do not know. That Mr. Clowes must speak to for himself. That I know nothing about.

H. F. Veale.

HENRY FISK VEALE sworn and examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,460. What are you?—An inn keeper and fish merchant.

21,461. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—I should think not; I have got enough of my own.

21,462. You did not?—No, not a farthing.

21,463. Mr. Fill mentioned you?—Yes, he did, and I stated in the paper I was surprised for him to go about bribing people; you will see it in the paper.

21,464. You took the earliest opportunity of contradicting it?—Yes.

21,465. You took the proper course?—Yes.

21,466. Were you canvassed by Mr. Brogden and by Mr. Vanderbyl?—It was no use their coming to me, because I never promised them; I always voted the other side; they just passed the seal of the day, that was all.

21,467. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—I voted for Lacon and Goodson and they canvassed me.

21,468. Did you promise to vote for them directly they canvassed you?—I did so; I always do.

21,469. Have you always voted that side?—I always did; I never voted Liberal in my life.

21,470. Had you a vote in 1859?—I had a vote in 1859.

21,471. And whom did you vote for then?—Lacon and Stracey.

J. Robinson.

JOHN ROBINSON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,472. What are you?—I belong to the Trinity service.

21,473. Did you receive any money at the last election?—Yes.

21,474. How much?—Altogether I received over 18*l.*

21,475. Whom did you receive that from?—I do not know the person. I received some from Mr. Cattermole's. But I may say first, that I was on board of the Newarp light vessel, and some one sent for me to come on shore. I never saw a party after I came upon shore, or none of the party came to me to say, "I shall pay your expenses," or anything of the kind. I waited till the night before the election, and

never heard how I was to be paid, so I went to Cattermole's, and there I received the 15*l.*

21,476. Who told you to go to Cattermole's ?—I do not know that anybody told me. I heard it whispered that money was at Cattermole's, and went down there. I saw no chances of getting my expenses without. Not a gentleman connected with the party ever came to me and said, I should have my expenses, not one gentleman of the party.

21,477. You must remember who it was who told you to go to Cattermole's ?—Speaking the truth, I do not. I heard in the crowd, the day before, that there would be money at Cattermole's, but who it was, or any person that mentioned it, I could not say.

21,478. Did you have a ticket given to you ?—No, I had no ticket, or anything of the kind. I went to Cattermole's, as I heard some of them say, and when I went into the room some gentleman was there. I asked for 15*l.* and I got it.

21,479. Whom did you see first when you got to Cattermole's ?—I went into the kitchen first. There were several there, but I do not know who they were; no one that I either named or said anything to respecting any money or anything of the kind.

21,480. Did you say you expected 18*l.*, and was the 18*l.* given to you without anything being said ?—When I went in I asked for 15*l.*, and they gave it to me.

21,481. Will you swear to me you do not remember who it was sent you there ?—Yes, I will swear I do not remember who it was sent me there, nor yet do I remember any person particularly saying, "Go to Cattermole's." I heard there was a committee there, and money was spending, and I went, as no person came to say they would pay my expenses, I went there.

21,482. Who paid you the other 3*l.* ?—I went up to the "Angel" and got the other 3*l.* It was 3*l.* something odd, or something like that. I would not swear to a shilling or two.

21,483. Who gave you that ?—It was in the "Angel." Mr. Livingston was in the room at the time. Perhaps he knows the gentleman better than I do.

21,484. Was it a Yarmouth man ?—I cannot say. It was a man that I do not know I ever saw in my life before. I do not know whether he was a Yarmouth man or a stranger.

21,485. What did you get the 3*l.* for ?—I went afterwards, and got that there. I thought I had not quite enough to pay me for 36 days ashore, and I went up and got the other 3*l.* odd.

21,486. Did you not receive your wages all the time you were on shore ?—Yes, but no victualling money. I came on shore at my own expense for board.

21,487. How many days were you on shore ?—36 days; that is about the time.

21,488. You could have voted in less than 36 days ?—No; I could not get back from shore under that time.

21,489. How far from the shore were you ?—About nine miles from the shore, but our superintendent will not let anyone go back after they come on shore. But had they come to me and said I should have got paid, I should have voted for them in the proper way, but there was not a gentleman of the party spoke to me after I got on shore.

21,490. You were nine miles from shore, and remained on the shore for 36 days, and took over 18*l.* ?—I could have got on shore, provided they sent me in a boat, but I suppose that was the agreement. I was on board when they made the agreement.

21,491. What are your wages ?—3*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* a month, and the victualling money when I am on shore.

21,492. I suppose you wish it was always election time ?—A month now and then like it would not do any harm.

21,493. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When you went into the room at Cattermole's, did you tell the gentleman there what you had come for ?—I only asked him for the 15*l.*; that is, I said 15*l.*, and he gave it me, and that is all that passed between him and me.

21,494. Did he not ask you who you were ?—Yes, he asked me the house I lived in; he said "What house?"

21,495. Did he not ask your name ?—I do not recollect his asking my name. He said "What house ?" and I said, "5, South Fields."

21,496. Did he refer to any list or register that he had ?—That is all, I think, that passed between him and me.

21,497. How did he know that you were a voter ?—I do not know; I suppose that he knew all about it.

21,498. Why do you suppose that he knew all about it ?—I reckoned that he was there for that purpose.

21,499. And knew everybody who came into the room ?—I should think so. He would not give money without knowing who it was to.

21,500. Who else was in the room ?—I did not see anybody else in the room. That is what I said at first, there was no one in the room.

21,501. He must have asked you your name ?—If he asked me my name, I am not aware of it. I do not recollect his asking me my name. What I said at first when I went in was, I asked for 15*l.* and he gave it me. I think he asked the number of the house, and I think that is all that passed between him and me, and that is all anyone said to me respecting the vote.

21,502. Did he make any note ?—I do not know; he gave me the money, and I walked off.

21,503. How did he give you the money ?—In my hand, the same as you might give it after I have done.

21,504. In sovereigns ?—Yes.

21,505. In a packet ?—No; 15 new sovereigns.

21,506. Where did he take them from ?—There was a lot laid on the table; he took them from a bulk.

21,507. Was the money lying on a table ?—Yes.

21,508. Afterwards, when you went up to the "Angel," whom did you ask to see there ?—I never asked to see anyone there.

21,509. What were you shown into the room for ?—I was shown into the room, and what I wanted I was given.

21,510. Was anybody else in the room with you when the money was given to you ?—Yes, I think Mr. Livingston, and I think two more gentlemen.

21,511. In the room where the money was given to you ?—Yes; I think Mr. Livingston knows as well as I do. He may recollect my going up as well as I do myself.

21,512. What did you say ?—I never said anything; I merely gave them the paper of what I wanted.

21,513. What was the paper ?—A paper with what I wanted on it.

21,514. What was on the paper ?—I think something over 3*l.*

21,515. Whom did you give the paper to ?—I laid it on the table, I think.

21,516. Did you tell the gentlemen in that room you had been to Cattermole's ?—No.

21,517. Was the paper that you gave an account of your month's wages ?—No.

21,518. What was on it ?—I forget exactly what was on it now. I daresay they can produce the paper, which will show itself what was on it. I would not say what was on the paper now. If they can produce the paper, that will show what was on it.

21,519. (*Mr. Russell.*) The 3*l.* odd you received at the "Angel" was for your expenses ?—Yes, but of course that would not cover it.

21,520. And the 15*l.* you received at Cattermole's was for your vote ?—I cannot see that exactly. 3*l.* odd would not cover my expenses for being a month on shore. I would not come on shore for 3*l.* odd a month.

21,521. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Why did you not tell the gentlemen at the "Angel" you had got money at

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Cattermole's ?—I do not know why I did not tell them, but I did not.

21,522. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you a vote in 1859 ?—No.

ROBERT WILLIAM YOUNGS sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

R. W. Youngs.

21,523. What are you ?—A draper.

21,524. Did you vote at the last election ?—I did.

21,525. For whom ?—Lacon and Goodson.

21,526. Was any money given to you ?—Yes. I say that without any hesitation; it was left at my house for me, which is the same thing.

21,527. How much ?—15*l.*

21,528. Left at your house by whom ?—By William Hutchins, who is an esteemed uncle of mine.

21,529. What day was that ?—The day before the election.

21,530. How long did you keep that money ?—I cannot tell you to a day, but it was given back to Mr. Hutchins, or rather he came and took it, just before the petition went in.

21,531. On the 19th of February ?—I do not know; I will not say; I cannot say, for I do not know. I should be most happy to say if I could. I should have been most happy to have got rid of it long before.

21,532. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you been served with a summons to attend the Committee of the House of Commons before you returned the money ?—Yes, I think I had, certainly; I think so, I feel sure so. Allow me to say I have not the money. That Mr. Hutchins now holds, I believe.

21,533. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you a vote in 1859 ?—None.

T. Woolsey, jun.

THOMAS WOOLSEY, jun., sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

21,534. What are you ?—A draper's assistant.

21,535. What did you get for your vote at the last election ?—10*l.*

21,536. From whom did you get the 10*l.* ?—Mr. Edwards gave me a ticket.

21,537. Mr. Edwards the tailor ?—Yes.

21,538. Did he give you a ticket ?—Yes.

21,539. Were you offered any money on the other side ?—No, none of the other party ever canvassed me at all.

21,540. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—No.

21,541. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who was Thomas Woolsey, of King Street, who voted for Watkin and Young in 1859 ?—Not me; I had not a vote in 1859.

21,542. Have you a father of the same name ?—Yes.

C. M. Kirkham.

CLARENCE MILES KIRKHAM sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,543. What are you ?—An iron founder; I work in an iron foundry.

21,544. Did you get any money for your vote at the last election ?—Yes.

21,545. How much ?—15*l.*

21,546. Who paid you ?—I do not know the man personally.

21,547. Where did you receive it ?—At Mr. Cattermole's.

21,548. Did you have a ticket ?—No.

21,549. Who sent you up to Mr. Cattermole's ?—I heard it rumoured that there would be a meeting there, and I went there and inquired, and was informed that such would be the case.

21,550. Who told you that there would be a meeting there ?—I was not told of it; I heard it rumoured about that there would be a meeting there. I went, just called in, and got a glass of beer at the bar.

21,551. Whom did you inquire of ?—The landlord.

21,552. Did he send you upstairs ?—Afterwards he did, but then he did not.

21,553. He left you and went away, and then came back and told you you might go upstairs ?—I went into a back room and waited there for a time.

21,554. Whom do you work for ?—I work for Mr. Andrews now.

21,555. Whom were you working for at the time of the election ?—Mr. Moore.

21,556. Was it not Mr Moore who sent you up to Mr. Cattermole's ?—No.

21,557. You will swear that ?—I will swear it.

21,558. Whom did you vote for ?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

21,559. Were you offered any money on the other side ?—No, I was not visited.

W. Lawrence.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,560. What are you ?—A fish merchant, and innkeeper.

21,561. What did you receive for your vote at the last election ?—20*l.*

21,562. Where were you paid ?—At Cattermole's.

21,563. Did you have a ticket ?—No.

21,564. Who sent you up to Cattermole's ?—My head man at the office said they were paying at Cattermole's, and I went.

21,565. Who is the head man at your office ?—His name his Larn.

21,566. What is his christian name ?—Robert.

21,567. He is not a voter —No.

21,568. Were you offered any money by the opposite party ?—No.

21,569. How did you vote ?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

21,570. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—No.

J. O. Cattermoul.

JOHN OVERTON CATTERMOUL sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

21,571. What are you ?—I was formerly a builder, but I am retired now.

21,572. You are a Conservative ?—Yes.

21,573. And voted for Lacon and Goodson ?—Yes.

21,574. Did you take any part at the last election ?—Decidedly not.

21,575. Have you ever taken any part in the elections at Yarmouth ?—Certainly not; this is the first time I ever had a vote in Yarmouth. I have resided here three years.

21,576. Who canvassed you for your vote at the last election ?—Sir Edmund Lacon called at mine, and he was the only person that I saw, and I think Mr. Goodson was not with him when he called.

21,577. Did you canvass any voters for their votes at the last election ?—Certainly not, neither asked any man at home or abroad for their vote.

21,578. I presume you know nothing at all about any corrupt practices ?—Nothing of the kind.

21,579. You can give us no information about the election ?—No.

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G. Tyrrell.

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GEORGE TYRRELL sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,580. What are you?—I am a beachman. I work at the Young Company, on the beach.

21,581. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—Not a penny.

21,582. How did you vote?—For Goodson and Lacon.

21,583. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

21,584. And Mr. Goodson?—And Mr. Goodson.

21,585. And did you promise to vote for them when they first canvassed you?—I partially promised. I said, I should not vote any other way, if I did not for them.

21,586. Why did you not promise them at once?—I did not think to promise at once. Part of my work lies that way.

21,587. Were you canvassed by Brogden and Vanberbyl?—No.

21,588. When did you make up your mind to vote for Lacon and Goodson?—I should think a week before it came on.

21,589. Did you tell them you had made up your mind to vote for them?—I did not tell them personally.

21,590. Whom did you tell?—Parties interested.

21,591. Whom did you tell?—I told Mr. Shuckford. In fact I had made up my mind. He asked if I thought about voting, and I told him for Sir Edmund Lacon, and Mr. Goodson.

21,592. Did Mr. Shuckford give you a reward for making that promise?—Not a shilling.

21,593. Or anybody else?—Not by anybody else. I never was offered any.

21,594. Are you in Mr. Shuckford's employ?—I work for the company; the company do not belong to him. His smacks ferry there, and Mr. Todd's smacks ferry there too.

21,595. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

21,596. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you know Mr. Lummis?—I did know Mr. Lummis when he was alive.

21,597. Did he ever canvass you?—No.

21,598. Did he ever say anything to you about your vote at all?—No.

21,599. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know a man named Beales?—I know him quite well.

21,600. Did he give you some money?—No, he is here present now.

21,601. Did he offer you any?—No.

21,602. If you had promised to vote for Lacon and Goodson when they first canvassed you, you would not have been suspected?—I am extremely obliged to whoever suspected me.

21,603. (*Mr. Slade.*) When did Mr. Shuckford ask you which way you were going to vote?—He did not ask me at all; I told him I was going to vote for Lacon and Goodson. He was not aware I had a vote until I mentioned it.

21,604. You reminded him?—They were laughing and talking how the election was going; a lot of us.

21,605. So you went up to Mr. Shuckford's?—I did not go down to him; he was at the fish place where I work.

21,606. You went up to him?—I speak to him sometimes a hundred times a day.

21,607. He did not ask you which way you were going to vote?—No.

21,608. You went up and told him?—We were talking about the thing.

21,609. What did you say to him?—Told him I was going to vote for Lacon and Goodson. That is what I said to him.

21,610. Did he say all right?—Yes.

21,611. Did you ever hear of anybody getting any money at the last election?—Not that I am aware of.

21,612. Never heard of anybody receiving any money for his vote?—Not that I am aware of.

21,613. That you swear?—I have heard of people receiving.

21,614. Tell me whom you heard of before the election, receiving money for his vote?—Many people.

21,615. Tell me one?—Nobody in my employ where I work; there is not above one or two of us have got a vote.

21,616. Tell me one person you heard of receiving money for his vote?—I could mention several.

21,617. Tell me one first?—I heard that Mr. Hastings, the baker, received money, but I cannot tell you whether it is true or not.

21,618. How much did you hear he had received?—That I do not know.

21,619. When did you hear that?—I cannot tell, it is so long ago.

21,620. Was it before or after the election you heard it?—This was after the election a long time, when we were laughing and joking in a public company, in a public-house.

21,621. I want to know whether before the election you heard of anybody receiving money?—No.

21,622. You swear that?—Yes.

21,623. You never heard of anybody before the election receiving money for his vote?—No.

21,624. From Mr. Shuckford or anybody else?—No.

21,625. (*Mr. Russell.*) Would you have taken money for your vote if it had been offered?—That is more than I can tell. I never was offered any, or I never was asked the question. I do not know that I should not have been as bad as the others.

21,626. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When was this conversation you had with Mr. Shuckford. How long before the election?—It was only one or two words.

21,627. How long before the election?—I suppose it might be a week before.

21,628. Were you in the habit of seeing Mr. Shuckford every day?—Yes, sometimes a score of times a day I spoke to him.

21,629. During the week before the election?—Yes, I should say it was long before.

21,630. Confine yourself to answering my questions?—Yes.

21,631. Were you in the habit of seeing Mr. Lummis?—No.

21,632. Did you see Mr. Lummis the week before the election?—No, not to the best of my knowledge. If I did I never spoke to him, nor he to me.

21,633. Not the week before the election?—No.

21,634. What business did you say you are yourself?—I am a beachman and work at the Young Company.

21,635. And did your business bring you in communication with Mr. Lummis?—We ferried the smacks for Mr. Lummis, that is all we do.

21,636. You hired the smacks from Mr. Lummis?—No, we work for the company, where we bring the fish ashore from the vessel.

21,637. You brought the fish from Mr. Lummis' vessel?—Yes. I never saw Mr. Lummis. There are hundreds of packages of fish come in at the place, and you do not see the owner, because they go on to the van and down to the station.

21,638. Mr. Lummis employed you?—No, he does not employ us. There are cutters employed to bring the fish in from these vessels at sea. I never spoke ten words to Mr. Lummis in my life.

21,639. (*Mr. Slade.*) You say you heard Mr. Hastings was bribed. Did you hear it from Mr. Beales?—No, I never spoke to Mr. Beales, though I used Mr. Beales's public-house. He never mentioned to me about the election, nor I to him.

J. Yaxley.

JOHN YAXLEY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,640. What are you?—I am a fish dealer. Sometimes I buy a few herrings, and sometimes I gather stones on the beach, and do anything.

21,641. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

21,642. Who from?—Richard Balls.

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21,643. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No, they never came to me at all.

21,644. Was 15*l.* all you got?—Yes.

21,645. Who did you vote for?—I voted for the Red side, I always do. I never did vote Blue.

21,646. Had you got a vote in 1859?—I had one, and I voted.

21,647. You voted for Lacon and Stracey in 1859?—I voted for Lacon and Stracey, I never did vote any other way.

21,648. What did you get for your vote when you voted for Lacon and Stracey?—Nothing at all then; I never got a halfpenny.

21,649. Was this the first time you ever got any money for your vote?—Yes, I think it is.

21,650. Will you swear it is?—Yes, I think it is. I never took any money before anywhere.

21,651. Were you not offered any money when you voted for Lacon and Stracey?—No, not that I know of; I do not think I was.

21,652. Do you remember Mr. Green, who is dead. Mr. Green, the rope maker?—I knew him very well.

21,653. Did he not give you any money for your vote?—No, he never gave me any money in his life.

21,654. Or anybody else?—No. I never received any money, only from Mr. Balls, this election. That is all.

N. Swan.

NATHANIEL SWAN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,655. What are you?—A fish merchant.

21,656. What did you receive for your vote at the last election?—17*l.*

21,657. Was that given to [you by Mr. Hudson?—Yes.

21,658. How came you to get an odd sum like 17*l.*?—I got 15*l.* before the election and 2*l.* after.

21,659. Was that the arrangement you made with Mr. Hudson?—Yes.

21,660. Who did you vote for?—Sir Edmund Lacon.

21,661. And Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

21,662. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

21,663. Were you canvassed by them?—No.

21,664. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

S. Thetford.

SAMUEL THETFORD sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,665. What are you?—A hackney master—a postmaster.

21,656. Do you keep cabs?—Yes.

21,667. Did you receive any money at the last election?—Yes.

21,668. How much?—15*l.*

21,669. From Mr. Hutchins?—Yes.

21,670. Were you offered any more money besides that?—No.

21,671. None by the opposite party?—Not a farthing.

21,672. Who did you vote for?—Lacon and Goodson.

21,673. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

21,674. Did you vote the same side then?—No.

21,675. You voted for Watkin and Young?—Yes.

21,676. Did you receive any money then?—Not a penny.

21,677. If you voted without money should you vote for the Liberal party?—Yes.

21,678. Then the money induced you to change your views?—I wished to vote for the other party.

21,679. But the 15*l.* induced you to vote for the Conservatives?—Yes, I voted for the other party.

W. Smith.

WILLIAM SMITH sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

21,680. Are you on the register as of Gaol Street and Northumberland Place?—Yes.

21,681. What are you?—I am a cord wainer and publican.

21,682. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

21,683. Did you receive any money for your vote? Yes.

21,684. How much?—I received 15*l.* first and 3*l.* about three months after.

21,685. That would be 18*l.* altogether?—Yes.

21,686. Who from?—Mr. Wilshack.

21,687. What else did you receive?—I received from Wilshack 10*s.* that Clark had left.

21,688. What else did you receive?—There was something from Blyth afterwards, but that I will state presently. A pound from Blyth, but that was for not taking the money of him the second time.

21,689. Was that on the day of the poll?—No.

21,690. And did you receive any other money on other side?—No.

21,691. Were you canvassed on the other side?—Yes.

21,692. Who canvassed you?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

21,693. Mr. Marshman I suppose you mean?—Yes, Mr. Marshman. I did not see Mr. Vanderbyl at my house at all.

21,694. Were you canvassed on that side by anybody else except the candidates?—I think not.

21,695. Were you offered any money on the other side?—No. I was told they would do as much for me as the others, if I wanted, and I said I did not want anything.

21,696. Who told you that?—Mr. Skinner.

21,697. Skinner, the miller?—Yes.

21,698. Is James Smith a relation of yours?—No.

21,699. Was he with you on the morning Wilshack came to you?—Yes; I think he was.

21,700. Did you tell Wilshack that Skinner had offered you 25*l.*?—No.

21,701. Did you say that Skinner had offered you any money?—I said, as I do now, Skinner was taunting me, they would do as much as they would the other side.

21,702. Did you say how much the other side would do?—I do not remember that I did.

21,703. Did you know then how much the other side would do?—No.

21,704. What did you want for your vote?—I did not want anything. I did not run about after money for my vote.

21,705. I suppose you made up your mind how much money you would take?—No.

21,706. You did take eventually money for your vote?—Certainly I did.

21,707. You are mentioned in Mr. Jones' list as having received 20*l.*?—I never saw him, and never received a farthing.

21,708. Did you ever go to Cattermole's?—I never did.

21,709. Or the "Angel?"—No.

21,710. Or Wright's?—No.

21,711. Or Thompson's?—No, not one of them. I never went near them. That is a falsehood. I assure you I never went near any of them, for I had made up my mind before the election that I should vote for

Sir Edmund Lacon at that time. Does Mr. Jones say who carried in that list with my name?

21,712. Mr. Edwards I think he says?—It is very kind of him.

21,713. This is Mr. Edward's evidence, "No. 1,148. Smith, 15*l.*" Then I say, "William Smith of Northumberland Place," and he says, "Yes"?—I never spoke to the man during the election time at all. He called at my house when I was out, I heard my wife say, but I never saw him.

21,714. Who called at your house?—Mr. Edwards did.

21,715. Did he give the money to your wife?—No, certainly not.

21,716. (*Mr. Russell.*) You know the Edwards we mean?—I do quite well.

21,717. Not Edwards the tailor—a strange gentleman?—No; I took it from no man. I thought you were alluding to Mr. Edwards the tailor. I knew him quite well, and he called at my house one day, but the other Mr. Edwards I do not know.

21,718. It was not Mr. Edwards, the tailor, mentioned your name, but Mr. Edwards, the strange gentleman, who came down for Mr. Brogden?—I never saw him, nor yet the money or the colour of it. I am on my oath and would not say it if it was not the truth.

21,719. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When was it you arranged with Mr. Wilshack for the 15*l.*?—I did not arrange with him for any amount.

21,720. When was it he paid you the 15*l.*?—He brought it to my house, I think it was, if I remember right, the Monday night before the election.

21,721. When did you first speak to him about the subject?—We had some conversation, I should think, about two months before the election. I do some work for him now and then, and he called in.

21,722. Was it understood, two months before the election, that you were to vote for the Conservatives and have money?—Certainly not.

21,723. When was it understood?—The conversation was to this effect, "If there is anything going on I will think of you."

21,724. I want to know when that was?—A month, I should say, before the election.

21,725. Mr. Brogden, you say, canvassed you?—He did.

21,726. When was that?—Eight or ten days before the election I should think.

21,727. Did you promise Mr. Brogden?—I did not.

21,728. Are you quite certain?—Certain.

21,729. Did you refuse him?—I do not know what the conversation was. I think I said I had not made up my mind whether I should vote for him or not. I think that was somewhere about it.

21,730. Mr. Brogden or his friends gave you credit for having promised him?—He might take it down so perhaps, because I had voted the other side before.

21,731. You say you did not promise him?—I did not promise him.

21,732. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

21,733. Who did you vote for?—Watkin and Young.

21,734. What did you receive for your vote in 1859?—10*l.*

21,735. Who gave it you?—Mr. Steward, the pawnbroker.

21,736. Mr. Christopher Steward?—Yes.

21,737. You received more money then from Mr. Steward, did you not?—I did.

21,738. How much did you receive?—I cannot tell you the amount I received. There were one or two parties friends of mine I say on that side; they wanted something for their votes, and I took their names up, and he gave it to me to give to them.

21,739. Can you give us the names of those parties?—Yes, I can. Mr. Mallett.

21,740. Is that Samuel Mallett?—Yes.

21,741. How much did he get?—I think it was 10*l.*, I am pretty well sure it was.

21,742. Who else?—Mr. Clarke.

21,743. What is Clarke's christian name?—Edward I think.

21,744. Is it Edmund Clarke of Gaol Street?—Yes.

21,745. How much did you give him?—I would not swear, from 10*l.* to 12*l.* I think it was 10*l.*, but I could not call my mind to the amount now. And Savory.

21,746. Henry Savory?—Yes.

21,747. How much?—I see in Mr. Savory's evidence 14*l.*, but I think I did not give him so much as that. I think not. If my memory serves me right it was 12*l.*, but I would rather not say positively.

21,748. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say 12*l.*?—I would rather not say the amount, because if I cannot speak positively, I should not say.

21,749. (*Mr. Slade.*) Anybody else?—William Bacon.

21,750. How much?—10*l.* I gave.

21,751. Who else?—To the best of my knowledge that is all.

21,752. Have you got a list of the men you gave bribes to there?—Yes. I have put them down on that piece of paper (*handing a piece of paper to the Commissioners.*) Mr. Marshall I gave him money, but I think he returned it again, and I gave it back to Mr. Steward. I think I remember something about that.

21,753. What Smith is that?—That is myself.

21,754. And what Marshall is it?—He kept a greengrocers shop in Gaol Street at that time. He had some some money, but I think, if I remember, he gave it me, and I took it back to Mr. Steward. I know I did, in fact.

21,755. Had you done anything of this sort in the year 1857?—No.

21,756. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who did you vote for in 1857?—Was it Watkin and McCullagh? I am sure I cannot tell now.

21,757. Watkin and McCullagh were the candidates?—Then I voted that way.

21,758. How came you to vote Liberal in 1857 and 1859, and Conservative in 1865?—I do not think it is consistent to vote for any man that they bring forward as a Liberal.

21,759. Have you any political convictions?—No. It is according to the candidates. I take my standard from them.

21,760. You take a personal view of the matter?—I do. Those that will do the borough in my opinion the most good.

21,761. And you thought Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson were personally the best men?—Decidedly; they have the best chance of doing good to this borough.

21,762. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) One question about Mr. Edwards, the tailor. What time was it that he came to your house?—I think it was the day before the election.

21,763. Your wife told you he had been there?—Yes. He asked whether she knew which way I was going to vote. And I think the answer she gave him was, I was going to vote for Lacon and Goodson.

21,764. (*Mr. Russell.*) I advise you to ask Edwards, the tailor, whether he did not draw 15*l.* from the other side for you?—If he drew it he never drew it for me.

21,765. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) He is the person who sent in your name as entitled to 15*l.* from the other side?—I did not have it. A man that will swear to a thing of that sort has no principle.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

J. Johnson.

5 Oct. 1866.

JAMES JOHNSON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,766. Do you live in Row No. 108?—Yes.

21,767. What are you?—A mariner.

21,768. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

21,769. Did you receive any inducement to vote for them?—Nothing.

21,770. Did you get 15*l.*?—I received 18*l.*

21,771. Who from?—Mr. Moore.

21,772. When did Mr. Moore give you this?—On the morning of the election.

21,773. Did he tell you why he gave it you?—I tendered him a bill for that amount for my expenses, 18*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, and 18*l.* he paid.

21,774. What were your expenses?—My expenses were 18*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

21,775. What for?—The detention of my ship and my loss of time, and my expenses coming and going.

21,776. How long were you detained by voting?—Four days.

21,777. What were your wages?—That depends on what I earn; principally speaking, 6*l.* per month.

21,778. That is full wages?—That is full wages for the master of a ship.

21,779. Do you think that three months full wages was fair for four days detention?—Bear in mind that my ship was lying there, it was not charged for myself. It was for my ship a part of this was charged, for the ship belonged to me.

21,780. Who did you first represent to that you wanted 18*l.* for your expenses?—I was telegraphed for.

21,781. Who telegraphed for you?—Both parties, on both sides.

21,782. Where were you when you were telegraphed for?—At Newcastle, or rather at Shields.

21,783. When you got to Yarmouth who did you go to?—I went home. I arrived in Yarmouth the night before the election, and saw nobody until the next day morning.

21,784. Was Mr. Moore the first person that canvassed you?—Mr. Moore called on me.

21,785. And did you say you would vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl if your expenses were paid?—I did.

21,786. Did he give you the 18*l.* at once?—I did not give the amount. I told him I would tender him the amount, which I did.

21,787. When did you tender that?—The morning of the election.

21,788. Before you voted?—Yes.

21,789. And did he pay you himself?—I believe he did.

21,790. Who was present when he paid you?—There were two or three. I think Mr. Barber was one, and Mr. Moore. I recognised those two.

21,791. Where was it?—At the "White Lion."

21,792. Was no objection made to the largeness of the amount?—Not the slightest.

21,793. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

21,794. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you come up from Shields by railroad?—Yes.

21,795. If you had not come up by railroad to Yarmouth, what would you have been doing at Shields?—Seeing about loading the cargo, and proproceeding to another port.

21,796. Was it a coal vessel?—Yes.

21,797. All the time you were here was the vessel loading?—She was loaded.

21,798. What loss was there by you coming here?—Four days lost through my coming away.

21,799. Your personal expenses?—Yes.

21,800. No loss to the ship?—Loss to the ship because the ship was lying idle without me.

21,801. You say she was loading?—She was loaded the day I left. She was loaded four hours after I left.

21,802. How soon would she have got away?—She would have got away that day, perhaps that afternoon, and perhaps the next day morning.

21,803. (*Mr. Russell.*) Your wages were not stopped during the four days?—I have no wages. My wages are what I gain out of my vessel, consequently if I do not earn any I get none.

21,804. Are you the owner?—Yes.

21,805. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When you received that telegraph you knew the purpose you were sent for?—It was said what I was coming up for.

21,806. By both parties?—Yes.

21,807. To come up and vote?—Yes.

21,808. (*Mr. Russell.*) What did the telegraph say?—Merely to proceed to Yarmouth as soon as possible, to be there time enough for the election, nothing more.

21,809. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did it say your expenses would be paid?—No.

21,810. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did the other side canvass you at all after you got here?—No.

T. Woolsey, sen.

THOMAS WOOLSEY, sen., sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,811. What are you?—I am a rope maker by trade. I served my time to the rope making. I do not follow that now. I follow the straw bonnet pressing.

21,812. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,813. How much?—15*l.*

21,814. Who gave it to you?—By a ticket from Mr. Edwards to go to the "Angel."

21,815. Who gave you the ticket?—Mr. Thomas Edwards, the tailor.

21,816. You went up to the "Angel" and received the 15*l.*?—Yes.

21,817. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No, I never spoke to them.

21,818. Who did you vote for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

21,819. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes, I have had a vote this 40 years.

21,820. Who did you vote for in 1859?—Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young I think it was.

21,821. What did you get for your vote then?—Nothing at all. I never have before.

21,822. Were you offered any money in 1859?—No.

21,823. By neither party?—No.

21,824. How came you to take it this time?—I do not know. I heard there was a deal of money flying about, so I thought I might as well have a little as well as other people. It was publicly told about.

21,825. You were not in want of 15*l.*?—I cannot say I was.

W. Wright.

WILLIAM WRIGHT sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,826. Where do you live?—On the Beach.

21,827. Marine Parade?—Marine Parade.

21,828. What are you?—A publican.

21,829. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

21,830. Did you receive any money for your vote?—I did.

21,831. How much?—15*l.*

21,832. Who gave it you?—Thomas Edwards, the tailor.

21,833. Money or ticket?—Money.

21,834. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No.

21,835. Were you canvassed by them?—Yes.

21,836. Did you refuse to vote for them?—Yes, I did.

21,837. Would you have voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl if you had not had the money?—Of course I should.

21,838. Then why did you take it?—It was offered to me; they gave it to all, and of course I took it the same as the others.

21,839. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

21,840. Had you promised to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl before you got the 15*l.*?—Yes.

21,841. Before money was even mentioned?—Yes.

21,842. Had you promised them when they first canvassed you?—Yes. Mr. Edwards knew all about it that I should vote for them. No money would induce me to vote the other way at any rate.

21,843. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was it your opinion it was for the advantage of Yarmouth to have a rich candidate?—No. I do not know. I cannot say anything about that.

21,844. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose you think Mr. Brogden's money was thrown away, do you not?—I should think it was.

FRANCIS WATSON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

F. Watson.

21,845. What are you?—A fish merchant.

21,846. Who did you vote for at the last election?—I voted for Lacon and Goodson.

21,847. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Not any money,

21,848. Were you offered any?—No, not on either side.

21,849. Did you promise to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson when they first canvassed you?—No. I never see them when they came round the first time, when I saw them I promised I should vote for them.

21,850. Do you know Mr. Buston?—Yes.

21,851. Did he offer you any money?—No.

21,852. Never?—Never.

21,853. Did he tell you he had money to give away?—No.

21,854. Do you know Mr. Blyth?—Yes.

21,855. Did he offer you any money?—No, not a farthing.

21,856. Did he tell you he had money to give away?—No, I never heard a word about it.

21,857. Had you any conversation with either Mr. Buston or Mr. Blyth about the election?—No, I see Mr. Buston pass on the Sunday night, and he said good night as I was putting the shutters up, nothing further.

21,858. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

21,859. Did you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey then?—No, I voted the other side then.

21,860. How came you to vote differently then?—I had an uncle who voted the other side then and I used to oblige him.

21,861. Did you receive any money for your vote in 1859?—No, I never had a farthing offered me, never since I have had a vote, on either side.

21,862. Do you mean it was solely the influence of your uncle that made you vote Liberal before?—Yes, certainly. I voted for them about 20 years. When I first had a vote as a fair man I always so voted.

21,863. When you were canvassed by the Liberal party this time did you not give them to understand you wanted money for your vote?—No.

21,864. That you swear?—No, I never saw the candidates at all. All I saw was Mr. Mainprice and Mr. Livingston; they came to me and asked me which way I was going to vote, and I said I had promised Sir Edmund Lacon. I never had money on either side offered me.

21,865. You are marked in the Liberal canvass-book with a *T*, which means tinning?—I do not know what they have marked me with. I never got any money, not a farthing.

21,866. Do you know of any man who was bribed at the last election?—No, I never troubled myself about the elections. I go and vote in the morning, and have done with it.

21,867. If any man has sworn he gave you money or offered you money at the last election, or in 1859, it is not true?—It is not true. I never had a farthing ever since I have had a vote, and I have had one since 1821.

21,868. And you never held out for money?—No, I went and voted between 9 and 10 o'clock every time that I voted at any election.

ROBERT HALLUMS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

R. Hallums.

21,869. What are you?—A baker.

21,870. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

21,871. Did you receive any money?—15*l.*

21,872. Who from?—Mr. Downing.

21,873. Did Downing tell you where he got it from?—No.

21,874. Was it a ticket or money?—Money.

21,875. Were you offered any money by the opposite side?—Yes.

21,876. How much?—10*l.*

21,877. Who by?—Dr. Stafford.

21,878. When did Dr. Stafford offer you that?—About 12 days before the election; the Saturday week before the election.

21,879. Where did Dr. Stafford offer you that money?—At my own house.

21,880. Was he attending you at the time?—He was attending a child of mine.

21,881. Can you remember what Dr. Stafford said to you?—Well, he came and called me just outside the door, and asked me if my name was on the register. I told him yes. He asked me which way I was going to vote. I told him I thought I should vote for the Liberals, and he said I can give you 10*l.*, and if they give more I will give more. I told him I did not think it was of any use, I intended to go the other way.

21,882. Did Dr. Stafford tell you he would give you the money out of his own pocket, or that he would get it for you?—No, he did not say.

21,883. Did he try at a subsequent period whether you would take money, or only on that occasion?—Only on that occasion.

21,884. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes, by Sir Edmund Lacon.

21,885. Did you refuse to vote for them when they canvassed you?—Yes.

21,886. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

21,887. Were you canvassed by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—By Mr. Brogden.

21,888. Did you promise to vote for him when he canvassed you?—I told him I did not think I should go against him.

21,889. Why did you not tell him at once you would vote for him?—Well, I did not; there were certain reasons why I did not do it. I was told there would be money given.

21,890. You thought you would get money for your vote?—I thought there would be some, and I thought I might as well have it as well as other people.

21,891. Would you have voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl if you had not had any money?—Yes.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

5 Oct. 1866.

J. Pratt.

JAMES PRATT sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,892. What are you?—A master bricklayer.

21,893. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

21,894. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—No, not a farthing.

21,895. Were you offered any money?—No.

21,896. By neither side?—By neither side.

21,897. Were you offered any money by anylody else?—No.

21,898. Did you promise to vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl when they canvassed you?—Yes, the first time they came to me. I never voted any other way only Liberal.

21,899. Are you quite certain you did not give money to other men?—Yes, I will take my oath of it.

21,900. You never received a farthing to give away?—Not a farthing in any shape whatever.

21,901. Did you tell any man if he liked to have money he would get it?—No, I never named such a thing; I never thought about it.

21,902. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

21,903. How did you vote then?—For Watkin and Young.

21,904. You did not receive any money then?—Not a farthing.

21,905. But you gave some money?—No, never in my life; never since I have been a voter.

21,906. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, quite sure; I can take my oath of it.

21,907. If you have been mentioned as having been concerned in bribery it is false?—It is decidedly so. I never mixed myself up with the party in canvassing any party, nor yet attending any meetings. I only thought what I had a right to do. As a Liberal, and professing to be a Liberal, I ought honestly and candidly to vote for them.

21,908. Were you aware your name had been mentioned?—Never; I had no idea of it.

21,909. You are a member of the Liberal party from conviction?—Yes, of the Liberal party.

J. Paston.

JAMES PASTON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,910. Are you James Paston, senior?—Yes.

21,911. What are you?—A cooper.

21,912. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

21,913. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes.

21,914. How much?—15*l.*

21,915. From Mr. Buston?—Yes.

21,916. Were you offered any money by the opposite party?—No.

21,917. You were not?—No.

21,918. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—No.

21,919. You were not?—No.

21,920. Would you have voted for them if you had not had the 15*l.*?—Yes, I made up my mind for that.

21,921. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

21,922. Had you a vote in 1857, the election before?—Yes.

21,923. Who did you vote for then?—For the Liberals then.

21,924. M'Cullagh and Watkin?—Yes.

21,925. You had something for your vote then, had you not?—Yes.

21,926. How much?—4*l.*

21,927. Who gave you that?—Mr. Edwards.

21,928. The tailor?—Yes.

E. Morter.

EDWARD MORTER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,929. What are you?—I am a bellhanger.

21,930. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

21,931. Did you receive any money for your vote? Yes, I received for my vote 10*l.*

21,932. From Mr. Eagleton?—From Mr. Eagleton.

21,933. Were you offered any money by the Liberal party?—I was not.

21,934. Did you promise to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson when you were canvassed?—Well, I do not know; I was canvassed, but I was not at home. I never saw either party on either side. I am out a good deal.

21,935. You were examined before the Committee of the House of Commons?—Yes, I was.

21,936. Did you tell them you had received 10*l.*?—Yes.

21,937. Had you a vote in 1859?—I had not.

21,938. Is this the first time you have had a vote?—This is the first time I have had a vote.

W. King.

WILLIAM KING sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

21,939. Where do you live?—In Gaol Street.

21,940. Have you a qualification in Apollo Walk?—Yes.

21,941. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—For Brogden and Vanderbyl.

21,942. What are you?—A market gardener.

21,943. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

21,944. How much?—15*l.*

21,945. Who gave it you?—Well, I do not know the gentleman's name. I was introduced there by Mr. Downing.

21,946. Where were you paid?—At the "Angel."

21,947. Were you offered any money by the Red party?—No.

21,948. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

21,949. How did you vote in 1859?—I do not think I voted at all then.

21,950. I see you did not vote in 1859?—No, I did not.

21,951. How was that?—I got tight.

21,952. You got drunk?—That is about it.

21,953. Should you have voted if you had been sober?—Yes.

21,954. For whom?—I should have voted for Watkin and Young.

21,955. How much did you get then?—I think it was 15*l.* I do not know now; it was so long ago.

21,956. Who gave it to you then?—Mr. Clements.

21,957. Were you offered any money by the opposite party in 1859?—Yes.

21,958. By whom?—Thomas Downing.

21,959. How much?—10*l.*

21,960. Did you get it?—Yes.

21,961. Why did you not take it on both sides at this election?—I do not know, I am sure.

21,962. It was not offered to you, was it? Did anybody offer you any money at the last election upon the Red side?—No.

21,963. How much did you have in 1857?—I cannot say now. I cannot say whether it was 10*l.* or not. It was not more.

21,964. About 10*l.*?—Something like that.

21,965. Do you remember who gave it you?—Mr. Clements.

21,966. Were you paid upon both sides in 1857?—No.

21,967. Did you ever vote at all if you did not get money for your vote?—No, I do not think I should have.

21,968. But do you think you should?—I do not know, I am sure.

ALFRED GRIFFITHS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *A. Griffiths.*

21,969. What are you?—A dealer in fancy goods.
21,970. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.
21,971. How much?—15*l.*
21,972. Who from?—Mr. Edwards.
21,973. The tailor?—Yes.
21,974. Were you offered any money on the other side?—Yes, by several parties.
21,975. Tell us whom?—Mr. Lummis offered me 20*l.*
21,976. Anybody else?—Mr. Cooper, I think, offered me some money, but I do not recollect any amount.
21,977. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.
21,978. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you take any money from Mr. Lummis?—No.
21,979. Why did you not take any money from Mr. Lummis?—I told him I was going to vote upon the opposite side, and for that reason I would not take it.

GEORGE HAWKINS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *G. Hawkins.*

21,980. What are you?—An ironmonger.
21,981. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.
21,982. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No, not any.
21,983. Were you offered any?—No.
21,984. Did Mr. Downing offer you any money?—No.
21,985. Never?—Never.
21,986. Did Mr. Kelf offer you any money?—Mr. Kelf did.
21,987. How much?—10*l.* upon the morning of the election.
21,988. Did you take it?—No, I refused it.
21,989. At once?—At once.
21,990. Were you indignant at being offered any money?—Certainly I was.
21,991. And did you tell him so?—Yes.
21,992. Did you promise to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson when they first canvassed you?—Not when they first came I did not.
21,993. Why did you not?—I had not made up my mind. I always voted Tory, though not for the borough, for municipal elections.
21,994. Why had you not made up your mind?—I do not know.
21,995. When did you make up your mind?—I think it was about a week before the election.
21,996. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.
21,997. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did Mr. Brogden canvass you?—Yes.
21,998. Did you not promise him?—I did not.
21,999. You did not?—No, I did not. I deny that. I heard that he said I did, but I did not.

WILLIAM TOPPS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *W. Topps.*

22,000. What are you?—A fish merchant.
22,001. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.
22,002. How much money did you get for your vote?—20*l.*
22,003. Who paid you?—Mr. Hewitt came to me, and asked me whether I would vote for him if he could get me 20*l.* I said, "Yes," in a minute, and he went and got it. However, I went to the "Angel" to receive it.
22,004. Did Mr. Hewitt send you up to the "Angel?"—Yes.
22,005. Had you been offered any money by the other side?—No.
22,006. Should you have taken it if you had been?—No; so long as I promised him I should not.
22,007. Would you have voted for the side who offered you money first?—Yes.
22,008. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.
22,009. Who did you vote for then?—For Sir Edmund Lacon.
22,010. And Stracey?—Yes.
22,011. What did you get for your vote then?—Nothing.
22,012. How came you to throw away your vote?—I never had a chance. I never thought about having money.
22,013. You were not offered any money?—I never had any before.
22,014. Do you remember old Mr. Green, who is dead?—Yes.
22,015. Do you think if Mr. Green was alive he would remember you?—Yes; but I know he did not give me any money then.
22,016. He did not?—No.
22,017. You are quite sure of that?—Yes, I am.
22,018. Had you a vote in 1857?—Yes.
22,019. Who did you vote for then?—Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin.
22,020. How much did you get then?—None.
22,021. You never took money at an election unless the man who gave it to you is alive?—I do not know. I never did get any before this time.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS LACEY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *C. T. Lacey.*

22,022. What are you?—A publican.
22,023. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.
22,024. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.
22,025. How much?—15*l.*
22,026. Who gave it to you?—I do not know; it was a strange gentleman to me.
22,027. Where were you paid?—At the "Angel."
22,028. Who sent you up to the "Angel?"—I do not know. I had a ticket given me.
22,029. Who gave you the ticket?—Thomas Fox.
22,030. Were you offered any money by the Conservative party?—No.
22,031. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.
22,032. Is this the first time you have had a vote?—Yes.

WILLIAM LAKE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *W. Lake.*

22,033. What are you?—I am a publican.
22,034. Who did you vote for at the last election?—I voted for the Liberal party.
22,035. Mr. Brogden and Mr Vanderbyl?—Yes.
22,036. Did you get any money?—No.
22,037. Did you not receive 15*l.*?—No.
22,038. Were you offered any money?—No.
22,039. By neither party?—No.
22,040. Were you canvassed by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—Yes.
22,041. Did you promise to vote for them when they first canvassed you?—Yes, I did.
22,042. Were you canvassed by the other side?—No, I never saw them.
22,043. Did you offer any money to any other voter?—No.
22,044. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.
22,045. Was this the first vote you had?—No, I had a vote before.

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22,046. Have you always voted for the Liberal party in Yarmouth ?—Yes.

22,047. Without money ?—Yes.

22,048. Always ?—Yes.

22,049. I do not know myself why you are here. It appears that you promised to vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl when you were first canvassed ?—Yes.

22,050. And you did so vote ?—Yes.

FRANCIS JAMES WEEDS sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

F. J. Weeds.

22,051. What are you ?—A tailor.

22,052. Who did you vote for at the last election ?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

22,053. Do you know a man named Hutchins ?—Yes.

22,054. Did you receive any money from him ?—The night before the election.

22,055. How much ?—15*l.*

22,056. Did you receive any more money besides that ?—15*l.* at the " Angel."

22,057. Who sent you up to the " Angel ? "—Smith. He did not send me ; he asked me to go with him.

22,058. What Smith ?—A shoemaker, in Broad Row.

22,059. Is that Job Smith ?—Yes.

22,060. Had you got a ticket ?—No.

22,061. Did you get the money from Mr. Hutchins before you went up to the " Angel ?"—That was left at 9 the night before the election.

22,062. After you had been up to the " Angel," and had the 15*l.* ?—No, I went up to the " Angel " on the election morning.

22,063. Did you tell Job Smith you had already had 15*l.* ?—Yes.

22,064. Do you know whether he took money twice ?—I cannot say. I was not in the place three quarters of an hour altogether.

22,065. When you got the 15*l.* from Hutchins did you promise to vote for Lacon and Goodson ?—I did not.

22,066. Why do you think he gave it to you ?—To vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

22,067. And you led him to believe that you would ?—I did not say anything of the sort.

22,068. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

22,069. Who did you vote for then ?—I did not vote at all.

22,070. Why not ?—I made up my mind after I voted first of all not to vote at any election at all.

22,071. Why ?—Because I thought the politics in this town was quite a fudge.

22,072. Were you offered any money in 1859 ?—No.

22,073. By neither party ?—By neither party.

22,074. Did you vote in 1857 ?—Yes.

22,075. Which way ?—I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker.

22,076. What did you get for your vote then ?—Not anything.

22,077. If you voted without receiving any money at all which side would you vote for ?—I should vote Liberal.

22,078. How came you to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker in 1857 ?—Because I worked for Mr. Moore in the Market Place at the time, and if I had not voted the way they were disposed most likely I should have lost my work.

22,079. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You are down on the register as Francis Edward ?—That is my son.

22,080. (*Mr. Slade.*) Where is your son ?—At home, to the best of my knowledge.

22,081. At home now ?—Yes.

22,082. Send him up, will you ?—Yes, if he is at home.

22,083. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know how he voted ?—For Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl.

22,084. Did he get anything from their side ?—He never told me that he did.

22,085. Did you ever tell him you got paid on both sides ?—I did not.

22,086. (*Mr. Slade.*) He never told you he did, although you have very little doubt about it but that he did ?—I have very little doubt that he did.

WILLIAM COURTMAN sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

W. Courtman.

22,087. What are you ?—A mariner, and the owner of a vessel.

22,088. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Lacon and Goodson.

22,089. How much did you receive for your vote ?—15*l.* I was not at home at the time, and I left my ship at Glasgow.

22,090. Where was the 15*l.* paid you ?—It was brought to my house.

22,091. Who got it there ?—I do not know.

22,092. You were there at the time ?—I was not at home at the time.

22,093. Who took it ?—I do not know ; it was laid on the table I suppose.

22,094. Did you find it on the table ?—Yes, when I came home.

22,095. How did they know which way you would vote ?—They wrote to me at Glasgow.

22,096. Who wrote to you ?—Some of Lacon's party ; I do not know who it was.

22,097. What did they say in the letter ?—My son was with me. He read the letter to me, and said I must go home to the election.

22,098. Is your son a voter ?—No, he has no vote.

22,099. Have you found out since who left the 15*l.* at your house ?—It was a Mr. Hutchins who brought the money as I always understood.

22,100. Were you offered any money by the other side ?—I was not at home ; I was in Glasgow.

22,101. Did you come up from Glasgow on purpose to vote ?—Yes.

22,102. How much did it cost you to come up from Glasgow ?—I really do not know. The ship was detained some time. We could not get a man there for love nor money. In fact they will not go in small ships. They are used to large vessels. Mine is only a small ship of 50 or 60 tons, that is all.

22,103. Are you the owner of the ship ?—I am owner of the vessel.

22,104. Were you the loser of any money by coming up ?—Yes, a good deal, I am sorry to say.

22,105. Had you mentioned to anybody that 15*l.* was what you ought to have ?—No, I never made any demand on anybody at all.

22,106. Had you any vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

22,107. Which way did you vote then ?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

22,108. What did you receive then ?—7*l.* was paid for the loss of time the ship was detained here.

22,109. Who paid you the 7*l.* ?—I never knew who brought it. It was brought in and laid on the table.

22,110. It seems you were always paid in that way ?—That is all I received.

22,111. Did you find out afterwards who left the 7*l.* ?—No, I never knew, and never shall know. A party came in one evening and laid the money on the table.

22,112. Have you ever found money left on your table except at election times ?—No.

22,113. Had you a vote in 1857 ?—No, I think not. I never voted before. I have been often asked to vote, but I never voted before.

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WILLIAM HULLEY sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

22,114. What are you?—A professor of music.

22,115. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—Not anything.

22,116. Do you mean to adhere to that statement?—Yes.

22,117. Are you aware that Mr. Cooper has said he gave money to Mr. Ablitt to give to you?—Yes, I saw it in the papers.

22,118. It is untrue?—Yes.

22,119. What is it that is untrue?—That I received any money from Mr. Ablitt for the election. I am receiving money weekly from Mr. Ablitt now.

22,120. Never mind explaining that now; we will ask you that presently. Which way did you vote?—Lacon and Goodson.

22,121. Did you vote in 1859?—No.

22,122. Is this the first time you had a vote?—Yes.

22,123. Are you employed by Mr. Ablitt in any way?—Yes, I am employed for a string band. I play for him weekly.

22,124. How long had you been employed for Mr. Ablitt in this way before the election of 1865?—Well, I have been employed by him ever since he had the gardens.

22,125. Do you know when he had the gardens?—I am sure I cannot remember.

22,126. Tell us about the year?—He has had it four or five years.

22,127. And have you been employed by him all that time?—Yes.

22,128. How often were you employed?—It might be at the regatta galas and the races, and twice or three times a week, just as he may want me.

22,129. I want to know how many times in the year previous to the election were you employed in that way?—I cannot say; it was a great number of times.

22,130. Were you employed twice a week all the year round?—Yes, I may say that.

22,131. And on regatta days and gala days besides?—Yes; at the races I had to supply the string bands to accompany the singers.

22,132. What did Mr. Ablitt pay you for the string band?—Half guinea a time.

22,133. How much does Mr. Ablitt pay you in the course of a year?—Something like 50*l.* or 60*l.* a year.

22,134. Is the half guinea for your own services?—Yes; that is when I have the leadership of the band for the race galas or regatta or anything of that kind, but we are playing three times a week now for him.

22,135. Do you engage the band, or are you engaged merely as the leader?—I engage the band.

22,136. Who pays the band?—Mr. Ablitt pays me, and I pay the band.

22,137. Do you keep any accounts?—No, not particularly.

22,138. Does Mr. Ablitt pay you every time?—He pays me weekly.

22,139. A weekly salary?—No, not a weekly salary. Every time I send in the bill he pays me.

22,140. You send in a bill every week?—Yes.

22,141. Did you do that the year previous to the election?—Yes, for many years.

22,142. And in that bill is included the other performers as well as yourself?—Yes.

22,143. What does it amount to weekly?—Now?

22,144. No, at that time?—It varies. Sometimes it is 3*l.*, 4*l.*, or 5*l.* It is according to the number of times I have to supply the string band.

22,145. When does Mr. Ablitt pay you?—Every Saturday morning.

22,146. Every Saturday morning he pays you the amount of your account sent in?—Yes.

22,147. Do you give him a receipt?—Yes, in general. We are not particular about that.

22,148. Did you do it, or did you not?—Sometimes I did, and sometimes I did not. Sometimes he says, "It is all right; do not bother me."

22,149. He always pays you?—Yes.

22,150. He always has paid you?—He did owe me money a little while ago, but he has paid me up now.

22,151. Had he paid you up at the time of the election?—Yes.

22,152. He owed you nothing at the time of the election?—Nothing.

22,153. Nothing whatever?—No.

22,154. Just immediately before the election was the band employed every week?—Well, I cannot say, it is so long ago.

22,155. Did Mr. Ablitt ever ask you for your vote?—No, he never mentioned a word to me.

22,156. Have you ever told anybody that he did?—No.

22,157. Are you prepared to swear that?—I do not know that ever he did.

22,158. You must know it?—Well, I am prepared to swear that Mr. Ablitt never asked me anything about it.

22,159. I ask you whether you ever told anybody else that Mr. Ablitt had asked you for your vote?—No, Sir Edmund Lacon had.

22,160. I ask you whether you are prepared now to swear that you never told anybody that Mr. Ablitt asked you for your vote previous to the election?—Yes, I will swear that.

22,161. And you never told anybody that Mr. Ablitt gave you money?—No, only for my professional engagements; I am receiving money every week from him.

22,162. Money for your vote?—No. Mr. Brogden called on me and I told him exactly that I could not——

22,163. I do not want to know that, just answer my question, that is enough. You told me just now that Mr. Ablitt paid you every week?—Yes, he pays me every week.

22,164. Of course that was the case before the election?—Yes, it has been the case ever since he has occupied the gardens; I have played there ever since it was the gardens.

22,165. Had he paid you the week before the election we will say?—Yes, every week. The week before the election?

22,166. Yes.—No, he was not there then.

22,167. The election took place on the Wednesday, had you been employed in the week before the election by Mr. Ablitt?—No, by Mr. Theobald then, the late proprietor.

22,168. A week before the election?—I think so; I am not certain that I go and take it weekly.

22,169. You just now told me you did.—From Mr. Ablitt?

22,170. Yes, from Mr. Ablitt?—The week before?

22,171. When did Mr. Ablitt first have the gardens, and first employ you?—Well, I am sure I cannot say; it is some time since.

22,172. You said four or five years?—It may have been longer.

22,173. You told me Mr. Ablitt paid you every week?—So he did.

22,174. Then he did that up to the election; that is not four or five years ago?—He was rather unfortunate, and he owed me a bill, a little money, previous to the election.

22,175. I ask you whether Mr. Ablitt had the gardens up to the time of the election?—No, I do not

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think he had; I cannot remember who had them exactly.

22,176. Who was your master in that respect at the time of the election?—Really I forget certainly. I forget. I think it was Mr. Theobald.

22,177. When did Mr. Theobald come in?—Into the gardens?

22,178. When did he come into the gardens?—I think it was about eight or nine months previous to the election.

22,179. Mr. Ablitt gave up?—Yes. I cannot say exactly the time; I am very forgetful. I do not know; all I know is, I go and take my money from whoever is there. I go and take it weekly.

22,180. You told me just now you did?—Yes.

22,181. You say Mr. Theobald had the gardens for eight or nine months, and he employed you instead of Mr. Ablitt; I understood you to say so?—Mr. Theobald occupied the gardens; he was the lessee of the gardens, and he employed me to engage the string band.

22,182. How long had Mr. Theobald employed you in that way? You say for eight or nine months. You can recollect if you like?—No. I took my money weekly, and I did not keep an account. I really cannot say; it is no use, I cannot say how long.

22,183. Whom did you take your money weekly from?—From the proprietors of the gardens.

22,184. I want to know who the proprietors of the gardens were?—At the time of the election?

22,185. Yes?—Mr. Theobald.

22,186. How long had he been proprietor?—About eight or nine months.

22,187. And Mr. Ablitt was not the proprietor then?—No.

22,188. Then he was not your paymaster?—No.

22,189. And he had not been your paymaster for eight or nine months?—No.

22,190. When was the last time that he paid you?—That I cannot say I am sure.

22,191. Was it when he ceased to be the proprietor of the gardens?—Yes; then Mr. Ablitt took the gardens again.

22,192. I am talking of Mr. Ablitt?—You mean Mr. Theobald.

22,193. You just now told me Mr. Theobald had the gardens for eight or nine months before the election, and not Mr. Ablitt?—I really cannot say; I go and take my money from the different proprietors. It has been changing hands lately, and I do not know.

22,194. We are talking of the time before the election; you must recollect it?—No, I really do not; I will be on my oath.

22,195. You are upon your oath.—I cannot remember it at all, because I keep no accounts. I go and take my money weekly.

22,196. You have already told us that. I want to know whom you took your money from at that time?—I do not remember. At the time of the election?

22,197. No, previous to the election. Eight or nine months previous to the election, did you get it from Mr. Ablitt or Mr. Theobald?—It must have been Mr. Theobald.

22,198. And previously to that you got it from Mr. Ablitt?—Yes.

22,199. And he had paid you?—Yes.

22,200. You told me he owed you nothing at the time of the election?—He had paid me all up.

22,201. When?—I cannot say exactly when. He owed me money for string bands, and I sent in my bill. He paid me 10*l.* one time, and then a few pounds at another; 1*l.*, perhaps, as it was convenient.

22,202. When did he pay you that 10*l.*?—It was about two months before the election.

22,203. And he owed you that for about six months from the time he gave up?—Six or eight months. I cannot state the time exactly; I do not know exactly the time.

22,204. Why did he give up the gardens?—He was unfortunate.

22,205. Did he go through the court?—I am sure I do not know.

22,206. At all events he had not paid you?—Not up to the time I stated.

22,207. But he paid you previously to the election?—I have got it all now.

22,208. You just now told me that he had paid you every farthing previous to the election?—I did not put it down. This is my first vote. I do not know really, I get so confused.

22,209. I understood you to say that Mr. Ablitt had paid you up all he owed you at the election. You repeated that twice. Now allow me to read you the evidence that you gave before the House of Commons: "Did Charles Ablitt ever give you anything?—What "do you mean? Money?—Yes, lots. Do you re- "member the last occasion on which he gave you "any money?—Yes; it was about two months pre- "vious to the election. How much money did he "give you two months previous to the election?— "10*l.*, and he owes me now 5*l.* What did he give "you the 10*l.* for?—For professional engagements, "for supplying bands to the gardens." How do you reconcile that with what you swore just now, that he owed you nothing at the election, that he paid you up everything before the election?—I go and take my money weekly; I have no accounts. I do not know I am sure.

22,210. You said Mr. Ablitt paid you 10*l.* two months before the election?—About two months.

22,211. When did he pay you the rest?—I am sure I cannot say; I did not take any particular account, but he has paid me all up.

22,212. Did you not give him a receipt?—I do not remember giving him one.

22,213. Did you give him a receipt for the 10*l.*?—He has got a receipt for the 10*l.*

22,214. Then you gave him a receipt for the 10*l.*?—Yes.

22,215. Did you give him a receipt for the 5*l.* afterwards?—Yes.

22,216. When did he pay you up the balance?—Last Saturday.

22,217. What, now?—Yes, I am there constant, playing every week.

22,218. Is Mr. Ablitt the proprietor of the gardens now?—Yes.

22,219. When did he take possession of the gardens?—Soon after the election; I hardly know when.

22,220. You must know?—No, I do not; I would tell you directly.

22,221. Who actually gave you the money?—Mr. Ablitt.

22,222. Does he do that always?—No, not always.

22,223. Who does?—Sometimes a relation of his at the bar, a young lady.

22,224. How much does it amount to a single payment? Is it 2*l.* or 3*l.* a week?—No, not so much as that.

22,225. Who do you say pays you?—I very seldom go down myself; I send my little boy after the money.

22,226. Do you mean to say you ever send your little boy to get money without giving a receipt?—Sometimes he will not wait for it. I know what he engages for, and he knows, and so he does not wait for a receipt.

22,227. When did Mr. Ablitt begin to pay you again after Mr. Theobald had the gardens?—That I am sure I cannot recollect, or I would tell you directly.

22,228. Do you keep any books of account?—No, I do not keep any particular account; I am engaged by gentlemen of the town for quadrille parties, and so on. It all comes in one family, and I keep no accounts.

22,229. You do not keep any accounts whatever?—No, I really do not remember anything about it.

22,230. Have you no papers to which you could refer?—No. I know what I engage for, and I go and take my money weekly.

22,231. You take your money weekly, you say?—Yes.

22,232. During the time Mr. Theobald was there I suppose you got your money weekly ?—Yes.

22,233. How was it Mr. Ablitt came to owe you 15*l.* when he left ?—Because he was unfortunate and failed; and just about two months before the election he owed me a little money, and he paid me a little in advance.

22,234. What do you mean by "a little in advance ?"—He owed me 15*l.* for stringed bands, which I paid the men. That was out of my pocket; and he said ultimately, "I will make it up to you, as I think about taking the gardens again; I will pay you."

22,235. And he paid you 10*l.* in advance ?—Yes.

22,236. That is what you call payment in advance ?—In my style. He paid me 10*l.*

22,237. When was the rest, the other 5*l.*, paid you ?—That I cannot say; I really cannot say.

22,238. You know Mr. Hulley. You must refresh your memory on that subject. You must come here again if you do not.—When was the other 5*l.* paid ?

22,239. Yes; because it is ridiculous to tell me you do not recollect it. Did you give a receipt for the 10*l.* when that was paid you ?—Yes.

22,240. And did you give a receipt for the 5*l.* ?—No; because I have received that by instalments.

22,241. I do not ask you why at present. Did you give a receipt for it ?—For the 10*l.* ?

22,242. No. Did you give a receipt for the 5*l.* ?—No.

22,243. You say it was paid you by instalments ?—Yes.

22,244. When was it paid you by instalments ?—At different times. I cannot say. I do not keep any accounts.

22,245. How soon after the election did Mr. Ablitt come into possession of the gardens again ?—That I cannot say.

22,246. Yes, you can.—My dear sir, I cannot.

22,247. Do not address me in that way.—I beg pardon, I must apologise. I am sure I do not know.

22,248. You can ascertain that ?—Yes, I will ascertain it.

22,249. Then do ascertain it. How soon, do you think ?—Before the election ?

22,250. No, after the election ?—I do not know, I am sure.

22,251. Was it a month or two months ?—I cannot say. I do not know. I never kept any accounts. I go on weekly.

22,252. Do you think it was three months ?—I will not think at all. I cannot remember. It is no use my saying, because I do not remember at all.

22,253. How soon had Mr. Ablitt paid you by instalments the 5*l.* Was it before he came into possession of the gardens the second time ?—No.

22,254. Not till he came into possession ?—Not till he came into possession.

22,255. And he did ultimately pay it all ?—Yes.

22,256. Was it within a year afterwards ?—That I do not know.

22,257. When did he first begin to pay you by instalments ?—Soon after he had given me the 10*l.*

22,258. When ?—It was about two months before the election.

22,259. Soon after that it would be ?—Yes.

22,260. Had he paid it you all up before the election ?—I am sure I cannot say. I do not keep any books, and I cannot say.

22,261. Do you think he had ?—I think he had.

22,262. You think he had paid it all up before the election ?—Yes, I think he had.

22,263. How came you to tell the House of Commons that he had not ?—I might be wrong.

22,264. You were on your oath then, you know. How came you to tell the Committee of the House of Commons that he owed you 5*l.* at that time; that is in the year 1866 ?—I do not keep proper accounts, and it is a long job for an illiterate man, like I might call myself, to remember these things.

22,265. When did you make up your mind to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—When I first saw the bills out.

22,266. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Yes.

22,267. When ?—I did not see them myself. The servant went to the door. I think they called a month or six weeks previous to the election.

22,268. Was that the only time that they called ?—They called twice.

22,269. Had you made up your mind to vote for them then ?—Certainly I had; and I told Mr. Brogden and Mr. Fowler, they called upon me; I told them the very same thing, that I was getting my living by the Tory party, and I dare not do any other way.

22,270. Do I understand you to swear positively that Mr. Ablitt never upon any occasion said anything to you about your vote ?—No, only about my professional engagements with the stringed bands—the bands provided for the gardens.

22,271. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you ever heard that Mr. Ablitt had money to give you for your vote ?—I saw it in the papers.

22.272. Had you never heard it before ?—No.

22,273. Since you gave your evidence before the House of Commons have you taken the opinion of any of your friends as to what evidence you should give before us ?—No. I did not take any interest in the election. I let it pass over, and I did not think anything about it.

22,274. You knew that you were going to be examined before us ?—I knew when I got the subpœna.

22,275. When did you get it ?—On the 24th August I think it was; I am not sure, but I have it at home. I must apologise for not coming here yesterday, but I was out on business, and I did not know it till late.

22,276. Between your getting the summons and today have you taken the opinion of other people as to what evidence you should give before us ?—No. We are in the habit, us musicians, of going about laughing and talking, but I have not spoken a word about it; it did not concern me; I did not care about it. It was the first vote I had, and I did not care about it.

22,277. Supposing that you had received no money, and you had no interests to serve, how would you have voted ?—For Sir Edmund Lacon; I dare not do otherwise, because I am playing for the Tory party in Yarmouth. The other party are of no use to me.

22,278. Have you any political convictions ?—No, not particularly.

22,279. Do you know a man named King ?—Yes, I played for him at Norwich.

22.280. William King ?—Yes.

22,281. Did you ever tell William King that what you had stated before the House of Commons was not true ?—No, I never said any such thing.

22,282. Do you know a man named Henry King ?—Yes, he is the son.

22,283. Have you ever told Henry King ?—No.

22,284. Never ?—They brought up something about it. There was something said about it; I do not know what it was.

22,285. Had you any conversation with him upon the subject ?—I was playing in the assize week for Henry King, and there was something brought up about the election; but I cannot remember anything particular. I do not know what it was.

22,286. You never told him or led him to believe that what you said before the House of Commons was not true ?—No, I did not.

22,287. Then it was true ?—It was true what I said before the House of Commons.

22,288. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you prepared to swear that you never told anybody in Yarmouth that what you said before the House of Commons was not true ?—Yes.

22.289. You are ?—Yes.

22,290. You may go for the present. You will be wanted again, I daresay.—Very well; I will be here.

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C. Ablitt.

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CHARLES ABLITT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

22,291. What are you?—I am the proprietor of the Victoria Gardens.

22,292. How long have you been there?—On this last occasion now eight months.

22,293. What month would you come in?—That would be March.

22,294. Last March?—Yes.

22,295. You had previously had the gardens?—Previously for five years.

22,296. And how long were you out of them?—17 months.

22,297. You were not proprietor at the time of the election?—No.

22,298. Then it would be about the previous September?—Yes; it was 17 months. I left them in October 1864, and I went again in March 1866.

22,299. Mr. Hulley was in your employ?—Yes.

22,300. At the time you left the gardens did you owe him anything?—I unfortunately did.

22,301. How much did you owe him?—I think it was 15*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* I think I can produce a book; I think so. I may as well tell you I was unfortunate. I did not pass the bankruptcy court. At that time I had not lived at the gardens myself, but had a manager for some two years, and the accounts had been rather loosely kept, not by him, but through neglect of mine. The Rifle band as well had a claim against me of 16*l.*

22,302. At all events Mr. Hulley had a claim?—Yes.

22,303. And did you afterwards pay that?—I have paid it.

22,304. When did you pay it?—I paid him 10*l.*, perhaps it might be seven or eight weeks before the election, and since then I have paid him at different times, as I have almost all the other people in Yarmouth, because I have been rather successful this year.

22,305. You did not owe him anything when you resumed possession of the gardens?—Yes, I did.

22,306. Then you had not paid him the whole 15*l.* before the election?—No, I had not.

22,307. Did you ever converse with him upon the subject of the election previously?—I can simplify it perhaps by telling you this: Mr. Hulley sent in a claim against me for this 15*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* all amongst others. I knew that the election was coming on. I did not say exactly to Mr. Hulley; I did not ask him for his vote, but I gave him to understand—he is particularly stupid over these sort of matters—that I should want him to do something for me, and that I would pay him his money, that I would do with him as I have done with others.

22,308. And you got 15*l.* from Mr. Cooper?—I did; but Mr. Cooper has made a slight error.

22,309. It is a pity that Mr. Hulley has not come up to tell the Commissioners in the same straightforward manner?—He is always so dreadfully confused, and I think he has been drinking for the last few days.

22,310. (*Mr. Slade.*) You said that you wanted Mr. Hulley to do something for you. Did he understand what that was?—I am sure I did not mention about the election. He said he wished I could pay him. I said, "I expect to be back at the gardens shortly, and if I do come back I will pay you." I came into a little money about that time through the death of a brother, and I said, "I will give you 10*l.*, and I shall want you to do something for me." I daresay you can guess what it was.

22,311. Did he understand what it meant?—I should say probably that he did understand it.

22,312. That he was to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—It was not mentioned to him.

22,313. But that was the understanding?—Yes; not exactly an understanding, I implied as much. I did not mention any names or anything of the kind. But under any circumstances Mr. Hulley would be bound to vote for them because he lives entirely by them.

22,314. Did you pay him with this money that you got from Mr. Cooper?—No, I did not.

22,315. What did you do with Mr. Cooper's money?—Well, I put it in my purse. I considered in my own mind it was for Hulley, although there was nothing mentioned by Mr. Cooper. He gave me 15*l.* for general purposes. I asked him for it, in fact; I believe Mr. Cooper understood that I could command Hulley's vote, that I could do it if I was so disposed.

22,316. But nothing was mentioned?—Nothing was mentioned.

22,317. You musicians seem to do everything by signs. You say nothing was said?—I simply said, "Something is coming on," I believe I used those words, "Of course you will oblige me;" I think those were the very words.

22,318. You took care not to mention exactly what it was?—Yes, of course, I should not like to do that exactly; when we like to give our support to a candidate, we like to do it in that way.

22,319. (*Mr. Russell.*) I do not understand what you did with the money that you had from Mr. Cooper?—Well, I put in my purse. I spent a good deal of money just about that time.

22,320. Do you know a man named Ayres?—The only Ayres I know is a photographic artist, of Regent Road; I know him.

22,321. Did you offer him any money?—No.

22,322. Never?—Never.

22,323. Did you owe him any money at the time of the election?—I did not.

22,324. Do you know a man named Farmer?—Yes; he used to play in my band.

22,325. What is his christian name?—That I will not be certain about, I think it is William.

22,326. Where does he live?—He lives in Howard Street.

22,327. Did you canvass him?—I did not.

22,328. Did you give him any money?—I did not.

22,329. Or offer him any money?—I did not.

22,330. Was Hulley the only man that you had to do with?—He was, upon my oath.

22,331. You are on your oath?—Of course I am on my oath. Most solemnly I declare he is the only man.

22,332. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

22,333. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say you were unfortunate when you gave up the gardens. Were you actually a bankrupt?—I was a bankrupt, but afterwards it was annulled, and they accepted a composition.

22,334. Mr. Hulley had no claim against you then?—There were a great many claimants at that time that I did not know of.

22,335. Mr. Hulley at this time had no legal claim against you?—No, he had not; but all the small accounts I have voluntarily paid since this year.

22,336. (*Mr. Russell.*) I should like this to be clearly understood. You took 15*l.* from Mr. Cooper?—Yes.

22,337. And that money was either for your vote, or for Mr. Hulley's. For whose vote do you consider it would be for?—Well, I have certainly paid Mr. Hulley 15*l.* since; and I consider myself that the 15*l.* I received reimbursed myself for paying Hulley.

22,338. Still you owed him the money?—Not directly, indirectly. I had been a bankrupt at that time, so that I had no occasion; but the same as the other accounts in Yarmouth, I have paid them nearly all, which I need not have done.

23,339. If you had not received the 15*l.* from Mr. Cooper you would not have paid Mr. Hulley at all?—I should, upon my honour as a man, as I have paid every other person almost in Yarmouth.

22,340. Do you consider yourself or Mr. Hulley to have benefited by the 15*l.* ; that is the question?—Well, Mr. Hulley is the man of course.

22,341. How would Mr. Hulley be benefited if you would have paid him in any event?—You understand Mr. Hulley had no legal claim against me ; it was voluntary on my part to pay him ; but I should have paid him whether I received the 15*l.* from Mr. Cooper or not, so that really I am the better by 15*l.*

22,342. Mr. Hulley is only the better in having received the 15*l.* earlier than he otherwise would?—That is exactly it.

William Hulley recalled ; examined by Mr. Slade.

22,343. Mr. Ablitt has said that when he paid you the money which he owed you he said he wanted you to do something for him?—I did not hear him make use of that expression.

22,344. He never made use of that expression?—I do not remember it.

22,345. What did he say?—He only paid me.

22,346. You never understood that he wanted you to vote?—He never mentioned anything about it that I can remember,

22,347. (*Mr. Russell.*) Upon your oath, when Mr. Ablitt paid you the money, did you in any way connect it with your vote?—Not a bit.

22,348. That you swear?—That I will swear.

22,349. And had you promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson when they first canvassed you?—Yes.

22,350. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you ever had any conversation with Mr. Ablitt, since this Commission was opened upon what you should say to-day?—No.

22,351. You have never had any conversation with him?—No.

22,352. Nor with anybody else?—No.

22,353. Has anybody told you what to say?—No.

22,354. Has anybody told you that you would lose your situation if you did not say so and so?—No.

22,355. Have you been under the apprehension yourself in your own mind that you would lose your place if you gave certain evidence?—No.

22,356. Have you never felt any sort of apprehension as to your being examined here?—No.

22,357. And you have never expressed that to anybody at all?—No, I do not remember saying anything about it.

22,358. You never said that you were afraid if you acknowledged you were bribed you would be turned out of your employment?—I do not remember.

22,359. Did you, or did you not?—Well, I will say I did not.

William Tobias Johnson sworn ; examined by Mr. Slade.

22,360. What are you?—An innkeeper.

22,361. Did you take any part in the last election?—Well, a small part ; very small.

22,362. Whom did you vote for?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

22,363. What part did you take?—Well, I paid three different persons a sum of money each.

22,364. Will you give us their names?—Robert Johnson, builder, Hall Plain, 20*l.*

22,365. The next?—John Johnson, wheelwright, St. Peter's, Jetty Road, 15*l.*

22,366. The next?—George Johnson, beerhouse keeper, Market Gates, 15*l.*

22,367. 50*l.* altogether?—Yes, 50*l.*

22,368. Did you give any other voters money?—No.

22,369. Where did you get that 50*l.* from?—Mr. Cooper.

22,370. How long before the election did Mr. Cooper give you this money?—On the morning of the election I think. I will not be positive whether it was that morning, or a morning or two before ; I am not exactly positive.

22,371. However, very shortly before the election?—Yes.

22,372. How do you know that those men were open to bribes?—I had known them at elections before as voters, to have money as voters, and money was acceptable to them.

22,373. Are those Johnsons relations of yours?—Two of them are.

22,374. Had you canvassed them before you gave them the money?—No.

22,375. Were they men who required money to vote?—Yes ; there is no doubt about it, or they would not have taken it.

22,376. Would they have voted without money?—No ; they liked to be treated the same as others ; that was the talk before the election.

22,377. Did you receive any money for your own vote?—No.

22,378. What is the name of your inn?—The "New Royal Standard."

22,379. Was any room at your inn engaged as a committee room?—They had meetings there the night before the election ; one meeting, that was all.

22,380. What did you receive as payment for your room?—Nothing.

22,381. Was this meeting at your house attended by the candidates?—Never ; they did not assemble till somewhere before 8 o'clock in the evening.

22,382. Have you always been a partisan on the Conservative side?—No, formerly on the Liberal side.

22,383. In the election of 1859 how did you vote?—I was off the register that election. I have had a vote 20 years, but not that year ; I was off the register.

22,384. Did you pay any money away at the election of 1859?—Yes.

22,385. Did you pay money at that election for the Red or the Blue party?—Blue. Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young's party.

22,386. Will you give us the names?—Benjamin Watts.

22,387. How much?—10*l.*

22,388. Who else?—Daniel Beales 12*l.* ; John Horn 15*l.*

22,389. He is not on the register?—Not this year ; he is dead since then. He lived a few days after the election, just long enough to enjoy his money.

22,390. How much to Horn?—15*l.* ; and George Johnson 12*l.*

22,391. Is that the same man?—The same man.

22,392. Who else?—Joseph Plummer.

22,393. He is off the register?—I have not seen him for years ; I do not know much about him.

22,394. Do you know if he is dead?—I do not.

22,395. How much did you give him?—10*l.* ; he was at work for Mr. Cole at the time. That is the whole 59*l.*, and that is five persons.

22,396. Who did you get that money from?—Mr. Chamberlin, the solicitor.

22,397. How long before the election did Mr. Chamberlin give you this money?—A few days. I cannot say how many days.

22,398. Do you recollect whether he gave it you in sovereigns?—I cannot say. It is my impression he gave me a cheque for 50*l.* first, and the remainder afterwards.

22,399. How much did he give you altogether?—59*l.* I received nothing for my services although he said I ought to be paid. He named a sum, but he never gave it me. I never asked for it once, neither did I request it.

22,400. Can you recollect now who the cheque was drawn upon?—Himself, if it was a cheque at all. It

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is my impression it was a cheque for 50*l.* I had to go to him a second time.

22,401. For the other 9*l.*?—For the odd 9*l.*

22,402. Did you get the cheque cashed?—It is my impression I did.

22,403. Where did you go to?—To one of the banks. I have since named it to him, and he says he never gave me a cheque.

22,404. Where did he give it you, on what bank?—I cannot say, but my impression is it was Lacon's, but I cannot say. I received the money for it, and he afterwards promised to pay me a sum of money for my services, but I had neither wished it nor asked for it.

22,405. Did you keep an hotel in those days?—Yes, the same house; it is my own property.

22,406. Had you acted in a similar way in the election of 1857?—That is so far back I cannot charge my memory; I think I did still, but it is no use my saying.

22,407. I want to know what made Mr. Chamberlin go to you?—I suppose he was a man that knew I knew parties of this sort that were in the habit of taking money.

22,408. If you were acting so in 1857 it is natural he should come to you?—I cannot charge my memory.

22,409. We do not want to know any of the parties you gave money to?—I have forgotten it. I did take part for many years, a small part.

22,410. Were you aware that in 1857 Mr. Clements was spending money on your side?—No. I knew nothing of him; I did not come in contact with him.

22,411. Mr. Steward has given us the names of several sub-agents?—Mr. Steward and I had no dealings together.

22,412. You had no dealings with Mr. Steward?—No.

22,413. Do you know the names Mr. Steward has given in to us?—No. I do not know further than Mr. Mainprice and Mr. Utting, and that class of people, and Mr. Livingston; I knew him, but that is all I can say. I knew nothing of him, nor yet of the electioneering business.

22,414. Can you tell us of any other person to whom Mr. Chamberlin gave money?—No.

22,415. You never heard?—I never heard. I should think he did not give any person besides myself. I never heard it hinted, or came in contact with anybody.

22,416. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know who Mr. Chamberlin was acting for at that election?—Watkin and Young.

22,417. (*Mr. Slade.*) He was acting especially for Mr. Young, was he not?—I should think so.

22,418. And you cannot tell us of any other persons who acted in a similar way to yourself, to whom Mr. Chamberlin gave money?—I do not believe he gave it to any person besides myself.

22,419. That is in 1859 all the money you disbursed at that election?—Yes. That is all I received, and that is all I paid away.

22,420. I may take it generally that you acted in a similar way in 1857?—Yes.

22,421. We do not want to go more into that?—I could not charge my memory as to persons nor yet to the amount.

22,422. Will you tell us, if you please, how it was that you came to change your politics?—I altered my mind. I was an independent man, and I altered my opinion for this reason, I thought it was much better to vote for a townsman than it was for a stranger who came from no one knew where. I thought if anything occurred during the session of Parliament we should see him, and if I voted for a stranger I should never see him again until a fortnight before the election. That is how they use the borough; they come and attend here for a fortnight or three weeks before they want our services, and I thought it better to vote for a townsman who is always here.

22,423. Is the "New Royal Standard" a house supplied by Sir Edmund Lacon with beer?—Yes; and I pay him for what I get. It is a free house.

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WILLIAM LIVINGSTON recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

22,424. Do you wish to say anything?—Before going into the evidence as to 1859 I should wish to be permitted to make a few observations with respect to the 1865 election.

22,425. What sort of observations?—With regard to the different evidence that has been given before the court, which perhaps I can throw a little light upon.

22,426. If you have anything to say you must confine yourself to the statement of facts. We cannot have a dissertation upon the evidence. Anything in the way of facts we will hear, but we cannot hear any observation on the evidence. That we have to form our own opinion upon. Have you any facts to tell us?—I have a few facts.

22,427. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you mean you wish to make some observations upon evidence that has been given affecting yourself?—Yes.

22,428. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you mean to say things have been said affecting your own character?—No, not particularly affecting my character; but I wish to clear myself up before my fellow-townsmen from the impression that has gone abroad, as far as I am concerned.

22,429. Then we cannot hear that, I am sorry to say.—They affect me.

22,430. (*Mr. Russell.*) You see in an inquiry of this sort there must be a certain amount of annoyance caused, and if those gentlemen who are annoyed come to clear themselves, then there is retaliation the other side, and the inquiry would be endless. The Commissioners will make up their own minds upon credibility before they make their report.—I bow to your decision.

22,431. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you correct any facts?—There is one fact respecting the evidence that I do wish to correct, and that is in the evidence of Dr. Stafford.

22,432. Are you going to correct it from your own knowledge?—Yes. From my own knowledge. Dr. Stafford, in the first place, has sworn to you before this court, that he had only one case that he had to do with. Now it has clearly come before the court that three cases have come out.

22,433. Do you know that?—I know it from the evidence.

22,434. We know it in that way?—I will go to what I do know. He said that Mr. Solomons had told him that the Liberal party had offered him 20*l.* I am in a position to bring before the court the widow of Mr. Solomons, who will tell you that Dr. Stafford swore to that which was false.

22,435. You are telling us what another person has said; you can put that on a piece of paper and bring it here?—Very well. I will tell you what I can say myself. He further swore he never sent in for my son. Now, on the Saturday, I am prepared to swear before God and man he did send for him. A young man, his assistant, came in about 3 o'clock on the Saturday afternoon, and asked where my son was. I told him he was getting his dinner. Said he, "The governor wants to see him very particularly." The consequence is my son did not see him until the Saturday evening, and hence the whole of the conversation. That is a fact I will swear to.

22,436. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you aware of the letter that Mr. Clowes told us he wrote to Mr. Watkin before the last election, stating he hoped he would explain to Mr. Brogden and Marshman the state of

Yarmouth, and the amount of corruption here?—I was aware he wrote to him.

22,437. You are aware he stated that in his letter?—I would not go that length to say what the words were, but I am perfectly aware he did write.

22,438. And if they came to Yarmouth they must be prepared to take it as they found it?—Yes. But I would not go that length to state what he did say, but I am certain he did write, because after I put the affair in the hands of Mr. Clowes I left the whole of the correspondence with him.

22,439. Were you aware that Mr. Clowes had asked Mr. Watkin to explain to the new candidates what the state of Yarmouth was?—No. I would not go that length to say so. I have heard Mr. Clowes state so, but I would not go the length to say I was aware of it. I would not go that length. It might have been, but I would not go the length of stating that I really knew of it.

22,440. You were aware of the corruption in Yarmouth?—Oh yes, of course I was. I do not want to blink that question at all.

22,441. And you gained that knowledge from the two previous elections?—Yes.

22,442. The elections of 1857 and 1859?—Yes, 1857 and 1859.

22,443. And in both those elections Mr. Watkin had been a candidate?—Yes.

22,444. But, as far as the Liberal side goes, you say there was no bribery in the previous election of 1852?—Not a penny; that I am prepared to swear, because I put it as strong as any man could do to Sir Charles Napier, and he would not allow it to be done on any consideration.

22,445. The election of 1857 you told us before cost Mr. Watkin 800*l.*?—That has only recently come to my knowledge, on account of my writing to Mr. Clowes, and I do not know whether he was alluding to the election of 1857 or 1859.

22,446. This is what you said before, talking of the election of 1857: "I heard the whole expenditure he was at was 800*l.*?"—Yes, I did so. I heard that from John Clowes, who had a letter a day or two before I heard it.

22,447. Did you intend by that the whole expenditure on Mr. Watkin's side, or Mr. Watkin's portion of the expenses?—I should take it the portion of the expenses; but I do not know whether he is alluding to 1857 or the 1859 election.

22,448. When you said so it was 1857?—I must beg to correct that, because I cannot say whether it was 1857 or 1859 he was alluding to. My impression is that Mr. Watkin nor Mr. McCullagh at that election were cognizant of a single farthing being spent, and I will give you a very good reason for my opinion.

22,449. There was only one election when the story of the oyster barrels were rife?—That is the one he is alluding to.

22,450. That is the 1857 one?—Yes, that is the 1857 one. I believe that is all a fallacy.

22,451. That is the election at which you say only 800*l.* was spent, the oyster barrel election?—Yes.

22,452. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) It could not have been the election of 1859, because you could not have heard Mr. Watkin at that election only spent 800*l.*, when we have it in evidence from one of his agents that he spent 1,400*l.*?—That is from one of his agents.

22,453. It is shown it came directly from Mr. Watkin?—In 1859.

22,454. It could not have been that election?—It may be perhaps mixed up in this way, the election he was alluding to in the letter he sent to Mr. Clowes might be the 1859 election.

22,455. How could he have only spent 800*l.* at that election?—I am only telling you what he wrote to John Clowes, and whether he was alluding to the 1859 or 1857 I am not aware of.

22,456. It is plain he could not have alluded to the 1859 election?—It must have been the 1857 then.

22,457. (*Mr. Slade.*) It is 1857 if 1857 is the one at which they brought down the oyster barrels?—Then it must be that he was alluding to.

22,458. Then you say the whole expenditure Mr. Watkin was at was 800*l.*?—Yes.

22,459. By that you mean his share of the expenses?—Yes, I should gather that.

22,460. Do you consider that his colleague spent another 800*l.*?—No, I do not; certainly not.

22,461. I understood it, when you said it before, 800*l.* was the whole expense of the two, and I think you wished us to understand it too?—At the same time.

22,462. You do not say that now?—I cannot go to say whether it included the whole, or whether it included a portion of it. If he says so I do not believe it did include the whole of the 1859 election.

22,463. Mr. Steward has told us in 1857 he himself received 1,600*l.* to spend?—I never heard him give his evidence, but I think Mr. Steward must be confounding the two elections. You must make the allowance for this. We have no tutoring. We have only our own tales to go by.

22,464. I will tell you why he has not. I took him very carefully over the items of the election of 1859, and for that he received 1,600*l.*, and accounts were supplied to 1,420*l.* There can be no mistake, because having gone through that election I took him back to the election of 1857, and at that election he says he got between 1,500*l.* and 1,600*l.*?—Yes, I heard him say so.

22,465. How is that confounding the two?—I think it is possible he is.

22,466. You think so?—Yes. I believe it, and I will tell you why. Mr. McCullagh at that time, I know well, did not spend illegally a single penny, and Mr. Watkin, I am prepared to state, had nothing of the sort, or knew nothing of the sort.

22,467. Where did Mr. Steward get the money from?—That I cannot tell. I was not aware of a single penny being spent during the whole of the election of 1857.

22,468. That is only mere hearsay, because you cannot tell what Mr. Watkin spent?—Certainly not; but I believe Mr. Watkin did not spend a single penny.

22,469. We know he did?—You know it was spent, but whether he spent it I have my doubts.

22,470. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You will be present, no doubt, when Mr. Watkin is examined, and you will then know the truth?—I say, so far as Mr. McCullagh is concerned, the thing that makes me so confident is this: I know that Jimmy Chapman, a strong partisan at that election, advanced money out of his own pocket, and I believe that he has been unfortunate since, and I do not believe he ever got a penny from that time to this.

22,471. Who is that?—James Chapman.

22,472. Who is he?—A draper in this town.

22,473. Is he alive now?—He lives in London.

22,474. Where?—I do not know where he lives. He was here last Sunday, but I did not see him. That is the reason that I came to this conclusion, that there was neither of the candidates aware of a single penny being spent, because it is not longer ago than two or three years that James Chapman told me himself, and complained bitterly of the conduct of Mr. McCullagh in treating him since he has been unfortunate, on account of what he did for him at that election. He told me about two or three years ago.

22,475. (*Mr. Slade.*) How much money did Mr. Mainprice give to you previous to the election of 1859?—There again we must clash. I do not believe I got any money from Mainprice at all. It will come to the same thing in the long run. I got it, but it is my impression I got it from Mr. Young himself and not from Mainprice. However, it amounts to the same thing, if Mr. Mainprice got it from Mr. Young, Mr. Mainprice is under the impression he gave it to me.

22,476. How many cheques did you get?—I got

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two. There can be no mistake about it, because the thing is as clear as sunshine. On the 10th of April I got a cheque for 200*l.*, and on the 29th of April I got a cheque for 120*l.* That was all that I had.

22,477. 320*l.*?—320*l.*, which I got.

22,478. Where did you get those cheques cashed?—At the National Provincial Bank.

22,479. In Yarmouth?—Yes, the bank where I do business.

22,480. Payable to bearer?—I cannot say, but I suppose it was.

22,481. At all events you got them cashed?—Yes, immediately.

22,482. What did you do with that 320*l.*?—I took it to Mr. Steward as soon as ever I got it, direct from the bank to Mr. Steward.

22,483. In gold?—No, I think I took it in notes. I rather think I did. I am almost certain I did, because I recollect going early in the morning of the election, on the 29th, rather before the bank was open, and there was a little difficulty in getting the safe open.

22,484. How long before the election would this have been?—The day before the election, or this was the election morning.

22,485. What did you say to Mr. Steward when you gave him this money?—I told him exactly what there was, and left it.

22,486. Did you tell him he was to spend it?—I did not tell him anything. He knew what to do with it without my telling him. There was no secret between him and me on that head.

22,487. It was well understood what the money was for?—Oh yes, of course; and Mr. Mainprice is quite right about the other cheques. He had other cheques that he destroyed afterwards, but I should say about an hour after that, about 10 o'clock, when he found the election was gone. I think I was present when he burnt them.

22,488. He has told us of that?—Yes, he has.

22,489. Had you asked Mr. Young for this money?—No, I do not think I did. I think word came from Mr. Steward that he wanted more money.

22,490. To you?—I think it was.

22,491. Were you aware that Mr. Steward had had money previous to that?—Oh yes.

22,492. Had you taken him money before that?—No.

22,493. Who had, do you know?—I do not know. I was not aware of it. I never knew anything at all of it until Mr. Mainprice spoke of it the other day.

22,494. You must have been aware of it, because he said he wanted more money?—How the money came—how he got any money? It might have been all paid for aught I know in the same sort of way that I gave it to him, by cheque.

22,495. You knew that Mr. Steward had money for election purposes?—Yes, but how he got it, that is what I allude to. How he got it I could not tell. It might have been in the same way as I gave it him, by cheques.

22,496. Who do you suppose would have given him a cheque?—He might have got it from Mr. Young, the same as I did.

22,497. Oh no?—When I say that, I was not aware that Mr. Mainprice or Mr. Anybody else had carried him the money, or how he came by it, but I knew he had it.

22,498. You do not suppose Mr. Steward would have gone direct to Mr. Young for the money?—Oh no.

22,499. There must have been a go-between?—There must have been a go-between, but I was not aware who the go-between was, with the exception of myself and Mr. Mainprice.

22,500. Then I suppose your idea was this—Mr. Steward had had money, and you had not given it to him; he had it from Mr. Mainprice?—I thought so afterwards.

22,501. I mean at the time?—No, just at that time; but I found afterwards that Mr. Mainprice had cheques from Mr. Young, and I thought in all probability it came from the same source; but I was not aware of the gold being put in his pocket. That is what I allude to at the "Star," and him carrying it home for the purpose. I never knew anything about that.

22,502. That does not so much matter how it was done. At all events you knew Mr. Steward had the money?—Yes, from some source.

22,503. And you had a very shrewd suspicion that it had come from Mr. Mainprice?—Yes, I had.

22,504. How much money was spent in 1859 on your side?—I never could come at the sum, but that is pretty well what I judge to be it, what Mr. Mainprice told you, from 1,600*l.* to 1,800*l.* I never knew till Mr. Mainprice and Mr. Steward gave their evidence here.

22,505. Mr. Mainprice says the sum was under 2,000*l.*?—Yes.

22,506. It all passed through his hands?—It all passed through his hands.

22,507. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When you got these cheques from Mr. Young who was in the room?—There was nobody in the room. It was at Mr. Mainprice's that I got them.

22,508. What day was this before the election?—Just the day before; the 27th, and the election was the 29th. One cheque was on the 28th and the other was on the 29th.

22,509. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you aware of Mr. Chamberlin having spent any money at that election?—Yes, I was; and since Mr. Johnson here has refreshed my memory it has come quite fresh to it. There was some peculiar case I knew about Mr. Chamberlin having to do with it, because I think he was poaching on one of the three B's I recollect.

22,510. I will not ask you that, but will you tell us how much money Mr. Chamberlin had?—I am not aware how much he had, but I have no doubt he was mixed up with it; at least I am satisfied he was now after the evidence; but I had a confused idea whether it was 1857 or 1859, but I believe it was 1859.

22,511. Mr. Johnson says 1859?—I believe it was.

22,512. Was Mr. Chamberlin Mr. Young's solicitor at that time?—He was.

22,513. And his agent?—And his agent; at least I will not be positive about that, but I know he was appointed agent at the election when there was no contest, and I think he was then as well.

22,514. Were there any other gentlemen you heard of who were spending money at that time?—I have got them all down here.

22,515. I mean on the Liberal side?—I will give you the Liberal side, and I will give you the Tory side afterwards.

22,516. Do so?—Christopher Steward. I knew he was the principal, but before I go any further I think Mr. Steward is confounding still, because Mr. Spillings had something to do with 1857.

22,517. Take 1859?—John Eagleton.

22,518. John Eagleton has been given by Mr. Steward?—I will give them again—George Clements, Henry Greenhow, and I think Robert Scott had something to do with that election, but I will not be positive.

22,519. Who is Robert Scott?—He lived on the Jetty Road. I think he had something to do with it. I think he was mixed up with Mr. Clements. They were very much together I know, and I think it is very likely they were; and Thomas Booth Edwards, him you have got; and William King, the gardener, you have had him to-day; and William Newman, you have got him, and Benjamin Bayes. I think Mr. Steward gave him.

22,520. He has not been given?—I think he had something to do with it. George King and Mr. Reynolds of Gorleston; and James Ling, you have got him, and John Barker I think you have got, and Mr. Steward gave him. He was a man that generally looked after all that we considered the legal work.

22,521. The legal work?—Yes, paying all the lightmen that came ashore, and looking after them; the same as you had here this morning.

22,522. The naval men?—The men that came from the floating lights; he had to look after them. That is the only work Mr. Barker had to do with. That is all that I recollect as having anything to do with the 1859 election on our side.

22,523. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who did the main of the work in Gorleston?—I believe Mr. Reynolds, Mr. King, and Mr. Greenhow did.

22,524. Was there not a man named William Thomas Clark?—I do not think he did anything of the sort. He was alive then, and had a deal of influence among the Gorleston people, but I do not think he was mixed up with paying money.

22,525. Have you never heard that he was?—No.

22,526. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was Mr. Ling a Gorleston man?—Yes; that is all that I know of.

22,527. (*Mr. Russell.*) Should you be surprised to hear that Henry Thomas Clark had taken a very active part in buying votes at Gorleston?—Yes, that I should. I know very well he took a very active part, but I should say he would not be a man that would do anything of the sort. He would get other people to do it.

22,528. Activity is of very little use in Gorleston without money?—Very little. What I mean by that is, I do not think he would do it himself. He might get other parties to do it.

22,529. Might he have received money and given it to others?—I have never heard of it. Mr. Steward will be more likely to tell you, but I am not aware of it. I never heard of it myself.

22,530. (*Mr. Slade*): You have some more names to give us?—Only on the other side.

22,531. You gave, I understand, all the money you got for those cheques to Mr. Steward?—I did.

22,532. Did you make any illegal payments yourself at that election?—Not one. I steered clear, for I kept a little way off the breakers, for I did not touch one of them.

22,533. Now give us the names?—The first I give you is Sir E. T. Lacon.

22,534. That is a very good name.—He is a very good man, and, however incredulous it may appear, from information I got from the man he bribed, that was Fayerman, both before the election and after the election, and what I got from other sources about the transaction, I am as satisfied in my own mind that that man was bribed by Sir Edmund Lacon as I am of standing in this box.

22,535. Were the jury satisfied?—They were. The jury did believe Fayerman, and did not believe Sir Edmund Lacon; but not so in the House of Commons, because I think we were regularly let down by our counsel, Mr. Phinn.

22,536. You say he bribed Fayerman?—I do.

22,537. Is that the only case?—That is the only case that came prominently before me. That is my impression. If he was to come here, and swear until he was black in the face, it would not alter me.

22,538. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is your opinion?—That is my opinion.

22,539. (*Mr. Slade.*) The next one?—Isaac Shuckford; that is acknowledged. William Beales, Thomas Downing, John Cooper, J. T. Buston, junior, Benjamin Powell, Benjamin Lane, Harris Wilshack, and William Spilling. They were strongly impressed with the idea that Sir Edmund Lacon went and made it right along with him, and I think he had something to do with the election on the other side in 1859.

22,540. Is Spilling alive?—Yes.

22,541. Is he a voter?—Yes; he is on both the Yarmouth and Gorleston list too. J. T. Savage, Edward Leggett, James Bunn, J. G. Rivett, and William Green. They are both dead; and Dumbleton and Harmer, but Harmer has come up and denied having anything to do with it, and if that is correct I will say he is a very useless man to have anything to do with, because I will be bound to say he wore off a couple of pair of shoes at that election down at Gorleston; and I have got another one here, William Collett Reynolds, that is the legal agent. There is a man that Sir Edmund Lacon himself called upon, a Liberal voter, and after not making an impression upon his mind, he told him to his face he would send his landlord. He was Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds called upon him, and he could make no impression upon him, and then he told him he would send Mr. Buston to him, which he did. He sent Mr. Buston to him to try and bribe him.

22,542. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What is the name of the voter?—Thomas Robert Barber, who lives in Church Plain.

22,543. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are you talking of the election of 1859 or 1865?—1859 that is. Mr. Reynolds, if he likes, can give you a good deal of information how the money came. I believe he was supplied with about 4,000*l.* from Sir Henry Stracey, and he can tell you how that money came, and if he does not, very likely I may supply you with that information.

22,544. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you say Mr. Reynolds bribed Barber?—No; attempted.

22,545. By sending Mr. Buston to him?—Attempted only.

22,546. You mean to say he sent Mr. Buston to try?—Yes.

22,547. Do you know how Mr. Barber voted at that election?—Yes; he voted for the Liberals.

22,548. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you get any money from Mr. Watkin?—In 1859?

22,549. At the same time you got this money from Mr. Young?—No, not a penny; not a sixpence. That was all the money that passed through my hands, those two sums that I have named, either directly or indirectly.

22,550. To whom did Mr. Watkin send his money?—I do not know; I cannot tell.

22,551. Mr. Young only sent money to you and Mr. Mainprice?—That is all that I am aware of. I should think no one else, unless Mr. Chamberlain; that I cannot say.

22,552. Do you know whether Mr. Watkin sent any money to Mr. Mainprice?—I do not know.

22,553. Mr. Watkin was a man of great wealth, was he not, or supposed to be?—Yes, I should think he is, and as nice a fellow as ever stepped in shoe-leather.

22,554. Do you mean nice in giving money away?—No, I do not; I mean in every respect.

22,555. He did pay pretty handsomely, did he not, for his seat here?—So far as has come out, it is not so very expensive. This last election has doubled the whole of it. This was the most foolish thing that ever was done by any man or body of men. I will be bound to say that eight out of ten of every voters that come up here would have voted without being paid a single penny. The money was completely fooled away.

22,556. When did you hear that story of Mr. Mainprice having those parcels of money put into his pocket?—Never, until this Commission had been opened.

22,557. When he stated it in that box?—Yes. I never knew a word about it before.

22,558. You never heard any rumour of that sort?—Never, not one; and about his being sent for up to the "Star," I daresay I was there at the same time, but I know nothing about it. When he was sent for, and got this money, I have no doubt I was in the house at the time, but I have no recollection of it.

22,559. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you occupy the same position here in 1857 that you did in 1859 and 1865 with reference to the registration?—Yes.

22,560. Was there any great change, in your opinion, between the state of the register in 1859 from what it had been in 1857?—Yes. I think I was very much surprised.

22,561. Although Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh were successful in 1857, you are of opinion the register was still more favourable to them in 1859?—There would not be a great deal of difference. I thought you were alluding to the 1865 one.

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22,562. No.—There could not be a great deal of difference.

22,563. You told us before there was an enormous change between 1859 and 1865?—Yes. I thought you were alluding to that.

22,564. Between 1857 and 1859?—There could not be a great deal of alteration.

22,565. When did Mr. Watkin first come down to canvass in 1859; how long before the election?—I should say a month or six weeks before the election. I think we had a pretty long canvass, if I recollect right.

22,566. Did Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young both come down together?—Yes.

22,567. Did you attend them on the canvass?—I did.

22,568. During the whole time?—I did.

22,569. At the end of your canvass which party was, in your opinion, in the majority on the canvass?—I did not keep such a strict account then as I did the last election, because we had Mr. Mainprice, and I think it was Mr. Cobb jointly.

22,570. Mr. Mainprice has told us he kept the book?—Yes. I did not keep one then.

22,571. I suppose you, as a leading member of the party, were made acquainted with the result of the canvass?—We were all led to believe that it was very satisfactory; but I had not of my own knowledge so much acquaintance with the state of the register then as on the last occasion, as I did not keep the register myself.

22,572. When before the election did you first hear of any idea, or was anything mentioned on the subject of the necessity of resorting to bribery?—I should say it was very shortly before the election; I should say not a week.

22,573. Do you recollect how it first arose?—No, I do not recollect how it first arose.

22,574. Do you recollect why it arose?—No doubt in the same way as it did the last election. There were so many men that would not promise, that they would either have to be bought or else to allow them to go to the other side.

22,575. When did you first hear the other party were resorting to it?—Well, they were at it before us. We were too late in the field.

22,576. Too late in the field on that occasion as you were on this last?—Yes.

22,577. What reason had you to suppose that the other party were going to spend money in 1859 when they had spent none in 1857?—I knew they had spent money in 1857.

22,578. You cannot know that?—I do. When I say I do, I believe they did, from the information I got from various parties.

22,579. Although they were defeated? — Yes, although they were defeated. They had got a very unpopular man with them in the shape of Mr. Vereker. He and Sir Edmund Lacon were two complete noodles together, and they did not expect to have a chance.

22,580. We have it in evidence, and I believe the Commissioners believe at present, that no money was spent?—I believe there was, but not so much of it.

22,581. What reason had you to suppose the Conservatives were going to spend money in 1859?—Because it was reported that Sir Henry Stracey was determined to spend money, that he would get in. That was a well known fact among the whole of us, that he was prepared to expend a large outlay, and I believe he did spend 4,000*l.*, and I believe Sir Edmund Lacon, at least from what I have heard, spent an equal amount, only he made a sort of set-off with the three B's; arranged all of them at about 15*l.* or 20*l.* apiece.

22,582. When was it first resolved upon by your side to spend money in bribery?—In 1859?

22,583. In 1859?—I should say about a week before the election; not more than that.

22,584. The election took place on the Friday?—I should say somewhere about the Monday.

22,585. Were you present at any meeting?—Where it was resolved upon?

22,586. Where it was discussed?—No, I was not.

22,587. Were you surprised when the money was given to you?—No. I had heard of it before then, that other people were doing so. I knew it, not only heard it, but I knew it. I knew Mr. Eagleton; he and I were very intimate at the time, and I knew he was doing it, so it did not surprise me at all.

22,588. That is in the week you knew he was doing it?—Yes.

22,589. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember how your canvass book stood when you got the 320*l.* from Mr. Young?—No, I do not, but you have a full account of it there. Mr. Mainprice has given an account of how it stood.

22,590. Did you tell Mr. Young that he was too late?—No, I did not. Do you mean when I got the money, or before then?

22,591. When you got the money?—No; I was not aware of that myself at the time, or I certainly should not have taken the money to Mr. Steward if I had known it.

22,592. How is it that your party has always contrived to be too late?—I did not think so much about that affair in 1859 as I did about the last. We completely lost the last one; 1859 I did not care so much about, because I knew the other party were prepared to spend a lot of money.

22,593. There is no doubt bribery began first on the other side at the last election?—Yes.

22,594. Are you of opinion that bribery began first on the other side at the election in 1859?—Yes.

22,595. Do you know that?—Only from hearsay.

22,596. You were not aware of any party being bribed by the other party before you took the 320*l.*?—No; I would not go that length, only from hearsay.

22,597. Do you know what was the amount of the cheques that Mr. Mainprice destroyed?—I will not say.

22,598. When were they destroyed?—I should say between 10 and 11 o'clock.

22,599. The morning of the election?—The morning of the election; this last election. What makes me think more about it than I did about the 1859 was, that if we had not tinkered away and lost our time so much, if we had only started about the Thursday or Friday, I will be bound to say, if I had had Jones at my elbow then we should have succeeded. After Mr. Marshman made up his mind to withdraw we were of course at a standstill, and it got rumoured about the town that there was something amiss. I told Tom Edwards, "For appearance sake, let us take a walk "round the town, and see what the 'won't' promises "do want;" and I went from north to south and east to west, and took them indiscriminately, and put the question. Then on the Thursday or the Friday, when Mr. Brogden was out of the way, the thing was all open then, and if Mr. Jones had been ready then we might have got in and won the election easy for a couple of thousand.

22,600. Mr. Jones came prepared with 6,000*l.*, and all that amounts to is that 6,000*l.* was beaten by 4,000*l.*?—If we had spent 20,000*l.* it would have been just the same in fact. As soon as it came to my knowledge, which I heard the Tuesday afternoon, I mentioned it to Mr. Brogden. There was a party who called upon me at the "Angel," of the name of Teasdel. You have his name down, and he wanted 15*l.* I looked round and said, "You have promised us already to support us," and he said, "I know I have, and I mean to stick to my promise;" but he called my attention to somebody else who had got money, who was in the same predicament as he was, and he said, "It will benefit "me as much as him, and if you can give me a turn, "too, I shall be obliged to you;" and he went away with that impression. After that I called Mr. Brogden's attention to it in as delicate a way as I could, and if that was the case I said they might as well open the register, and pay every man as he came.

22,601. Do I understand you tried to stop the payment of the illegal money?—No. It was pretty well up then, on Tuesday, when it came to my knowledge they had been paying the good men.

22,602. When did you arrive at the conclusion that you were too late in the market?—Not till the Tuesday night, not individually.

22,603. You mentioned it to Mr. Brogden?—No; I did not say anything more to Mr. Brogden after that. I would not interfere with it as long as they made up their minds to go on. I would not take it on myself.

22,604. What did Mr. Brogden say when you delicately hinted it to him?—I do not think he made any remark at the time.

22,605. That was on the Tuesday?—Yes.

22,606. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect the case of the light-ship man examined this morning, Cotton?—Yes, I recollect that.

22,607. Do you recollect his coming and asking for 3*l.*?—That is Robinson you mean?

22,608. That is the man I mean. I mean the man who got the 15*l.* from Cattermoles, and afterwards came to the "Angel," where you were?—I do not recollect him, but I have no doubt he came and got the 3*l.* for his expenses; and not knowing he got the 15*l.* at the "Army and Navy," I have no doubt Mr. Edwards paid him.

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Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 6th October 1866.

S. Aldred.

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SAMUEL ALDRED sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

22,609. What are you?—I am an auctioneer.

22,610. I suppose you have come here concerning a statement made by a man named Thomas Barber, who says you offered him, at different times, sums beginning at 10*l.* and going up to 25*l.*?—That is not true.

22,611. Did you ever canvass Thomas Barber?—The fact is this, I am the agent for the house in which he lives, and I went in and asked him about his vote. I found he wanted money, and money was the subject of conversation, but I never offered him any money at all. I had no authority at all to do so.

22,612. When you say money was the subject of conversation, do you mean he intimated he wanted money?—Yes.

22,613. But did you in any way lead him to believe he would have it?—Not at all.

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GEORGE REYNOLDS sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

22,614. Are you the postmaster at Gorleston?—Yes.

22,615. Therefore, you are not on the register of persons entitled to vote?—No.

22,616. Did you take any part in the election of 1865?—No, not in any way.

22,617. Were you on the register of voters at the election of 1859?—Yes.

22,618. Whom did you vote for at that election?—Young and Watkin.

22,619. We understand from Mr. Steward that he gave you a sum of money to disburse at that election?—Yes; here is my account. He gave me 210*l.*

22,620. What list is that which you have in your hand?—This is a paper that I drew out at the time of the only amount that I had of the disbursements.

22,621. A paper that you drew up at the time?—Yes.

22,622. And you have kept it ever since?—I have kept it ever since. But this is only the account of expenses. I did not bribe myself. There was a man brought from Grimsby, of the name of Rundle—Henry Rundle.

22,623. I do not understand what that paper is. Is that a list of the men who received money?—No. It is the expenses, the amount of money that I spent.

22,624. Did this man, Henry Rundle, come to you from Grimsby?—A letter was sent by express mail for him.

22,625. Who sent for him?—It was done through Mr. Watkin at my request.

22,626. Had Henry Rundle been engaged in similar practices in the election of 1857?—Yes.

22,627. Where is Rundle now?—He is dead.

22,628. You know that?—Oh yes. I got a ticket sent me, at least a funeral card, some time ago. I could have brought it with me if I had thought it necessary.

22,629. You know he is dead?—Yes.

22,630. Is this the account of the 210*l.* which you gave in to Mr. Steward?—It is.

22,631. Be good enough to read it out?—"For direct purposes, received 194*l.*" "Paid Bullen to Rykoofe, 5*s.*" That is a man that lives in Gorleston, and he went and voted Tory. Then "Paid Curson to Wheeler, 10*s.*" He voted Tory afterwards. "Clay, junior, to keep his father." He received 15*l.* or 16*l.*, which I have a list of in the money given, but I did not give it. I gave this man 10*s.* to watch his father, because he was in the habit of getting drunk. Then Rundle had 2*l.*, for his expenses living here. Then "Blyth's expenses 10*s.*" That is a man to run about for us; and George King had 1*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* He is one of the men that did give bribes, with his uncle. Then "Refreshments to men on the nomination day," about a pound. I spent that while the men were about here; and my personal expenses travelling about. The lowest I could put it down was 3*l.* In the election of 1857 I spent my own money, and I did not feel disposed to do it this time. I reluctantly took it in hand, being asked by a gentleman of the name of Mainprice. He pressed me about it, but I was never paid one farthing. I paid to Blyth afterwards, for services rendered, running about, 2*l.*, and 12 days grog, at 5*s.* a day. And then a young man of the name of Morse 10*s.*; and the amount actually spent in the act of bribery was 194*l.* out of the 210*l.* Then I had 1*l.* left in hand, and Rundle returned to me 4*l.* of some money which he had, who from I now forget. It was for a man of the name of Kitton, who, I believe, was obliged to vote for the Tories on account of the power placed upon him by Mr. Bell. Rundle had the 4*l.* I had the 4*l.* in my house for some months. Rundle was taken ill at Grimsby, and it was suggested by Mr. Clarke that that should be sent to Rundle, and that 5*l.* was sent to him by Mr. Clarke, not by me; that 4*l.* that he returned, and the 1*l.* I held in hand, that was sent to Rundle during his illness, at the suggestion of Mr. Clarke.

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22,632. Did you ever get from Mr. Rundle, an account of how the 194*l.* was spent?—No; only I have my idea of it. I have drawn out a list as far as in me lies to recollect.

22,633. Did you have any conversation with Rundle as to how he spent this money?—At various times.

22,634. What have you in your hand now?—A list of the names that I suppose had the money. I cannot recollect more, but I have done all I can to recollect them.

22,635. Read out those names?—Richard Annison, 12*l.*

22,636. Are these chiefly Gorleston men?—They are all Gorleston men; I am wrong in the name. I think it is Robert Annison. He keeps the "Rising Sun." He has been here.

22,637. How much?—12*l.*; Joseph Ballard, 5*l.*; Thomas Clay, 15*l.*

22,638. (*Mr. Russell.*) As you go along will you mention any man that may be dead?—That man is dead.

22,639. (*Mr. Slade.*) How much did you say he had?—15*l.* I only judge of this.

22,640. We understand that.—Robert Barrell Dye, 12*l.*; Samuel Denton, 12*l.*; George Hastings, 12*l.*; George Mason, dead, 12*l.*; Jeremiah Suffling, 12*l.*; and George Nelson, 15*l.*

22,641. He is not on the register now?—No.

22,642. John Durrant?—15*l.* I beg to call attention to this, if I am not out of place; that 10*l.* out of this 15*l.* was given by Mr. Greenhow. This was the 10*l.* which was disputed here, which you wished him to remember whether he gave the money or not. These three men, George Nelson, John Durrant, and Charles Veale, followed me, and when I got the money from Mr. Steward they each received 10*l.* from me as part of what they had. I did not make the bargain, and Mr. Greenhow did here in Yarmouth; but part of it was not mine.

22,643. What did Durrant have?—He had 1*l.* altogether; but 10*l.* was given him by Mr. Greenhow.

22,644. Then the other is Veale?—Charles Veale is 20*l.* He had 10*l.* in Yarmouth. He had 5*l.* given him by Rundle or George King; and on the morning of the election he would not go up and vote without receiving 6*l.* further; and I have every reason to believe he took 25*l.* from the Tories, for I found when he went up to vote they looked very glum at him at the time, and he rapped his hand on the board, and said, "That is my principle."

22,645. How much did you give him?—I gave him 5*l.* myself.

22,646. Veale told us that in 1859 he got 15*l.* from Greenhow and George King?—Yes; but I gave the money to John Durrant, if you ask John Durrant. I have seen him this morning, and he is prepared to swear he gave him the 5*l.* I gave it to John Durrant. He brought the man to me.

22,647. The next?—Charles Woods, junior, 12*l.*; but I am not sure of it; I believe so.

22,648. He is not on the register now?—No. Then there is a Bensley. He lives in Southtown I think.

22,649. Joseph Bensley?—Yes. He received some money from some man here in Yarmouth; I forget his name now, a baker he had been; Eagleton it was. He paid him 8*l.* or 5*l.*, I do not know what it was; but afterwards he came to me and said he was not satisfied, and I gave him 2*l.* more,

22,650. Joseph Bensley says, in 1859 he got 5*l.* from Eagleton, and 2*l.* from you?—That is right; I do not know what he got from Eagleton myself.

22,651. Have you omitted any name?—Yes, Charles Todd; he is dead.

22,652. How much?—13*l.* That is only as my judgment leads me at the time.

22,653. Are there any other names?—No. There are about 25*l.* I cannot give an account of.

22,654. What does that amount to?—That is, with the 25*l.*, putting that to it, you make that come to the 194*l.*; but the other I cannot tax my memory at all with at this time. I would be very glad to do so if I could. I have used every exertion to find out.

22,655. How many names have you given us?—Fourteen. I wish it to be be understood I was not postmaster at the time.

22,656. Who got you you post as postmaster?—That was done through the instrumentality of Mr. Henry Danby Palmer. He is dead now.

22,657. (*Mr. Russell.*) When were you appointed postmaster?—I commenced in October 1859.

22,658. Very shortly after the election?—I hardly remember the time the election took place; I know it was some time the same summer.

22,659. Did Mr. Watkin interest himself to obtain the place?—He did; and Mr. Young too.

22,660. (*Mr. Slade.*) As regards Charles Veale, did the 20*l.* all come from you?—Yes. As soon as I left Mr. Steward with part of the money I came on to the Quay, and there I found these men. Not being desirous of placing myself in their hands, I had a friend, George King, with me, and he took me to Mr. Greenhow, and he gave them 10*l.* each. They afterwards received 5*l.* each from George King, which I believe is right; and on the morning of the election Durrant brought Veale to me, and he said he would not vote without 5*l.* further, and I gave it him.

22,661. Then the 20*l.* he got all came out of Mr. Steward's money?—Yes.

22,662. Can you give us any information about the election of 1859?—No; I had to do with it in 1857.

22,663. We will come to that afterwards. Then the only sub-agent that you gave money to was Henry Rundle?—No, Henry Rundle and George King; but George King received it through his uncle, so that George King and Rundle together I gave the money to. I cannot say how much at this time, but they each of them had money. I gave one man, independent of them, of the name of Blyth; he carried the 12*l.* to Denton, but he has no vote.

22,664. What is his christian name?—Benjamin Blyth.

22,665. You gave Benjamin Blyth 12*l.* for what Denton?—The Denton you have in the list.

22,666. Samuel Denton?—Yes.

22,667. Samuel Denton says in 1859 he got 12*l.* from a stranger; Benjamin Blyth would not be a stranger to him?—No; that is the man.

22,668. Did you employ anybody else to take money to voters?—No. There is a remark on Annison's evidence before the Commissioners that James Ling gave him the money. He was with me, and I handed the money to Ling, and Ling gave it to Annison. Robert Annison, in his evidence before the Commissioners, said Ling gave him the money. That was in my presence.

22,669. He said, in 1859, he got 15*l.* from Ling and Reynolds?—That is right.

22,670. What are the real facts?—That is the fact, that is true.

22,671. You were present?—I was present.

22,672. (*Mr. Russell.*) I want to understand your account. You received 210*l.*?—Yes.

22,673. Then you expended, you say, for direct purposes, 194*l.*?—Yes.

22,674. You spent indirectly 15*l.*, and you had a balance in hand of 1*l.*?—Yes.

22,675. That makes the 210*l.*?—No; I had only 210*l.* from the commencement.

22,676. That is quite right. You spent 194*l.* in direct bribery?—Yes.

22,677. And 15*l.* indirectly?—My expenses in various ways.

22,678. And 1*l.* balance you retained?—Yes.

22,679. Those three sums added together make up the 210*l.*?—Yes.

22,680. I find, instead of spending 194*l.* in direct expenses, you have accounted for 177*l.*?—Because there is some I cannot remember. I told you so when I first said something like 25*l.*

22,681. The balance unaccounted for is not 25*l.*,

but 17*l.*?—This is taken from my memory now, and that is what I entered at that time.

22,682. The exact sum unaccounted for is 17*l.* In fact it is a smaller sum than you imagine?—Is it?

22,683. (*Mr. Slade.*) You have accounted for all except 17*l.*?—But Mr. Rundle had the money. I do not know how it was put out.

22,684. It is all in your favour?—Yes.

22,685. You have accounted for 8*l.* more than you thought you had?—I was not aware of that. I did it to the best of my judgment.

22,686. What did you spend in the election of 1857?—I received, I do not know whether it was 60*l.* or 70*l.*, it may be 80*l.*, but I am not certain; but I received that from Mr. Spilling. Mr. Spilling and Mr. Steward met me at the "Anson's Arms," with Mr. Rundle, and after going through the list with these two gentlemen—which took the lead I cannot say, I fancy Mr. Spilling—he took me into a back room, and put a certain amount of money upon a chair, and sat me down upon it, and I took it up; and as soon as they were gone I took 5*l.*, and gave it to Mr. Newman, senior, a butcher, and the rest Rundle had.

22,687. We do not wish to hear the names of persons to whom you gave money in the year 1857, but if you can give us generally what sum of money you received, that is all we want to know. You received 60*l.* or 70*l.*?—70*l.* or 80*l.* I never kept any account of it. Mr. Spilling gave me the money.

22,688. Do you know a man named William Thomas Clarke?—Yes.

22,689. Was he engaged in the election of 1859?—He was the gentleman that sent the 5*l.* to Mr. Rundle after he was ill.

22,690. Had he anything to do with bribing voters at that election?—No; he only worked my accounts from day to day, and gave a guarantee to someone in Yarmouth that the money given me should be actually spent for the purpose it was intended.

22,691. To whom did he give the guarantee?—I do not know; to some of the committee in Yarmouth.

22,692. What guarantee do you mean, his word of honour or a written guarantee?—I suppose that was it. I was more of a stranger than some of the men, and there was some one to look up to. He recommended me, but he had nothing to do with the money.

22,693. To whom did he recommend you?—I know nothing about to whom he recommended me. The first election, why I was placed in that situation was, Mr. Clarke was ill, and I had certain Liberal parties come to me to know if I would do what was required of me. I could not say who they were, because it was in 1857. Mr. Mainprice came to me the second time.

22,694. In 1859?—Yes.

22,695. Was a guarantee required?—I do not know. I only heard so. I could not authenticate that much more than I understood he had told some of the gentlemen in Yarmouth, if anything was given into my hands he would guarantee it was carried out. In fact I used to go to him of a night to give him the account of what was done.

22,696. Did Mr. Clarke tell you that himself?—No; I used to go and tell him what I had done.

22,697. But about giving him the guarantee?—No; I only heard that by hearsay.

22,698. Mr. Clarke was a gentleman of some private fortune?—Mr. Clarke was a notary public, with great practice in this place and in Yarmouth.

22,699. Then, in fact, Mr. Clarke audited your accounts?—No, he did not. We merely told him what we had done from time to time. Me and Rundle met there every night after we had done what we could.

22,700. Was Mr. Clarke a magistrate?—Yes.

22,701. And a gentleman of property?—Of great standing. He was son-in-law to Mr. James Rivett, who is dead, that was accused of having so much money on the Conservative side.

22,702. Are you aware of any other person to whom Mr. Spilling gave money in 1857 besides yourself?—No; Mr. Spilling was comparatively a stranger to me at that time. I met him by appointment on the road. Understand that that list that I have given I am not certain of. It is to the best of my knowledge.

22,703. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You said just now that at this election of 1859 Mr. Mainprice came to you?—Yes.

22,704. How long before the election did Mr. Mainprice come?—Some few days.

22,705. Some few days before the election?—Yes.

22,706. What did he say to you?—Merely drove down to know if I would take the part I had hitherto done, and I made great hesitation.

22,707. He asked you if you would take the part you had done before?—Yes.

22,708. Was that in the same week that the election took place?—I cannot say.

22,709. The election was the Friday?—I could not say. It might be a fortnight before, or it might be a week before, but I could not say how long. It must have been some time before, because I sent for Mr. Rundle.

22,710. Did you know what he meant when he asked you to take the same part?—Yes.

22,711. Who came with Mr. Mainprice, anybody?—I do not think anyone.

22,712. He came alone?—I think so.

22,713. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did Mr. Clarke in 1859 direct you not to interfere with any particular voters?—No; he had nothing to do with it whatever. I am certain of that.

WILLIAM UTTING recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

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22,714. What are you?—A fish merchant.

22,715. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—I voted for the Liberals.

22,716. Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes.

22,717. Did you canvass any persons for their votes at the last election?—I am sure I am not able to say now. I told you that before.

22,718. We call you now for the election of 1859. Mr. Steward, I hear, gave you a sum of money?—Yes.

22,719. How much was it?—60*l.*

22,720. What did you do with that money?—I gave it to four voters.

22,721. What were their names?—Robin Brown was one.

22,722. He is not on the register now?—No; he was drowned in the May gale.

22,723. Was he a Gorleston voter?—No, Yarmouth.

22,724. How much did you give him?—I do not know whether it was 10*l.* or 15*l.*; I think it was 10*l.*

22,725. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know where he lived in 1859?—Yes.

22,726. Where?—Down by Lancaster Road.

22,727. There is no such name as Robin Brown in the poll-book of 1859?—I think you will find him.

22,728. There are two Robert Browns, one living in Bath Hill?—That is the one.

22,729. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who else?—Samuel Goodwin.

22,730. Samuel Goodwin, of the St. George's Road?—Yes.

22,731. How much?—20*l.*

22,732. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is he dead?—Yes.

22,733. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who else?—Robert Green.

22,734. Of Fuller's Hill?—Yes, I think so.

22,735. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was it Robert Green, of Fuller's Hill, or Robert Green, of Victoria Place?—Robert Green, of Victoria Place.

22,736. (*Mr. Slade.*) He is not on the register now?—No.

22,737. Who is the other?—A man by the name of Pike, of North Quay. I think he is dead, but I will not be certain.

22,738. How much?—15*l.*

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22,739. They are all dead?—Yes.

22,740. That makes up the 60*l.*?—Yes.

22,741. Was that all you received?—Yes, to the best of my knowledge. I did not recollect that. If I had not been here, and heard Mr. Steward say it, I should have contradicted it, because it is a long time ago.

22,742. Are you sure you gave all these four dead men this money?—Yes; and I can bring a little proof of it if you like.

22,743. As long as you are sure?—To satisfy you I could bring Mrs. Brown as one.

22,744. Did you do anything of the sort in 1857?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

22,744*a*. Did you receive any money?—No; I do not recollect any. I would not say whether I did or not, for I know I got off for a jolly spree in 1857; so I did this other election; so I would not say whether I did or not.

R. Johnson.

ROBERT JOHNSON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

22,745. Where do you live?—Hall Plain.

22,746. What are you?—A bricklayer.

22,747. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

22,748. How much?—20*l.*

22,749. Who gave it you?—William Johnson.

22,750. William Tobias Johnson?—Yes.

22,751. Is he a relation of yours?—Not that I am aware of.

22,752. For whom did you vote?—Lacon and Goodson.

22,753. Were you offered any money by the other party?—No, I cannot say that I was; I do not recollect.

22,754. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

C. Colwell.

CHARLES COLWELL sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

22,755. What are you?—I never was in trade.

22,756. Do you do nothing?—No, I live on my own resources.

22,757. And have always lived on your own resources?—Not always; I have been in the Government service; I am retired from the Government service.

22,758. What service?—The civil service.

22,759. Who did you vote for at the last election?—The Liberals, I believe; I am not certain whether I voted singly for Mr. Brogden, or whether I voted for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl. I never saw Mr. Vanderbyl, and it is possible I may have voted for Mr. Brogden only.

22,760. You voted for the two, Brogden and Vanderbyl?—I was not certain.

22,761. May I ask you if you received any money at the last election?—Not at the time of the election, nor for my vote, and I had probably better explain to you in as few words as possible the cause of my being brought here. I was in London with reference to a law suit at the time of the election, and some days previous, and while there I received a letter from Mr. Brand, urgently pressing me to come down and give my vote in favour of those for whom I should have voted if I had not been from home, and stating my expenses should be paid. I believe I received a second letter, and also expressing a wish that I should come down the day preceding the election, so as to be at the poll early. I had business matters at the judge's chambers on the day of the election which I should have attended personally, and as it was I had to instruct a solicitor to appear for me. And I came down the day preceding the election, having subsequently to return to London in reference to that matter, but subsequently to the election I was asked what were my expenses. I said, "I do not know to a few shillings, but I think about 3*l.*" And that 3*l.* I was paid, and that is all I know of the election.

22,762. And was that 3*l.* all that you received?—That is all that I have ever received from anybody, directly or indirectly.

22,763. Who paid you that 3*l.*?—I think Mr. Brand. It was either Mr. Brand or Mr. Whiting, I am not quite sure which.

22,764. That was subsequent to the election?—Yes; and of course I considered that it was among the legitimate expenses of the election. I had no notion of its being looked on in any light by which I should have to appear here, certainly not.

22,765. You were not aware whether it was returned as part of the legal expenses of Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—I do not know.

22,766. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you not aware it was against the law for the parties to pay you, or for you to receive the money?—No, I did not know that; I could not suppose that it was; I thought that the travelling expenses were legitimate, bringing me down against my own will, and my own inconvenience, and at extra cost.

22,767. You might have had your ticket but not your money?—I was not aware of that.

22,768. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did Mr. Brand, in the letter he wrote, say your expenses would be paid?—Yes.

22,769. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You are not a lawyer?—I am not.

22,770. Did you ever hear of the case of Cooper *v.* Slade?—No.

22,771. The House of Lords in that case held that it was illegal?—I was not aware of it. I know this, that the money I received did not cover my travelling and incidental expenses; that is all.

22,772. (*Mr. Russell.*) I have no doubt you acted in ignorance of the law, but the law considers it an illegal payment?—Thank you, I did not know it.

G. Clements.

GEORGE CLEMENTS sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

22,773. Have you any documents?—No; you must take my evidence from memory. I have no documents, and you must take also into consideration my age. I am 74, and my memory is not so good as it was many years ago.

22,774. What are you?—I am nothing at the present time. I have been a tailor. I was a coal agent, and now I am nothing at all.

22,775. Did you vote at the last election?—I have never had a vote.

22,776. Did you take any part at the last election?—No.

22,777. We have been told that you received some money from Mr. Steward at the election of 1859?—I did.

22,778. How much was it?—Approaching to 400*l.*

22,779. What did you receive that money for?—To give to voters.

22,780. How much of that money did you expend in giving to voters?—The whole of it. I gave Mr. Steward a list after I had spent the money, and I had not sufficient; he gave me 10*l.* more afterwards.

22,781. When you say approaching to 400*l.*, can you give us any more definite idea of the sum?—No, I cannot. Perhaps altogether, I think, I received at three different instalments 100*l.* each. This is only

from memory; and I think towards the close of it he drew me 50*l.* more, and then I took in my list with that account upon it, and he gave me 10*l.* afterwards for another voter.

22,782. Then you think you received altogether 360*l.*?—That is what my impression is, but I cannot say.

22,783. Can you give us the names of the voters to whom you gave money at that election?—I know some of them, but I cannot recollect the whole. I went through the poll book as well as I could, and I have attended the Commission all the way through the piece, just to ascertain, because I expected to be called upon the 1859 election.

22,784. Give us the names and the sums, as many as you can recollect?—I can recollect some of the sums, because they were exorbitant, but to take the whole I could not say. I know it was from 10*l.* to 25*l.*; but there are some that were exorbitant, which I can recollect perfectly well.

22,785. Tell us those you recollect?—There was Alfred Alexander.

22,786. As you go along tell us, if you please, those voters who are dead since?—I will endeavour to do so.

22,787. As many as you can?—I will.

22,788. How much did Alexander have?—I know that he received 20*l.*; I am perfectly satisfied that he had 20*l.*

22,789. The next?—Benjamin Ashby.

22,790. How much?—I cannot say exactly to that; perhaps it might be 10*l.*, 15*l.*, or 20*l.*, or something like that, but I could not say.

22,791. The next?—William King; he did not vote; I looked at the poll book; but he took the money.

22,792. Is that William King, of Apollo Walk?—Yes.

22,793. How much?—I will tell you, because he was connected with Jeremiah Fransham. William King took 40*l.*

22,794. Do you mean that Fransham and he had 40*l.* between them?—Yes, King took the money.

22,795. Who next?—Henry King, that is the brother of William.

22,796. There are three Henry Kings on the list?—This is in Row, I think, No. 92.

22,797. How much did he get?—I cannot say exactly, my memory is not sufficient as to that. Then Samuel Farman.

22,798. Is he dead?—Yes; I will make a small comment upon that. He received 25*l.* for himself, and 5*l.* he gave afterwards to Charles Dye. Mr. John Child, at Lacon's brewery, gave him 20*l.*, and he came to me and said if I would give him 25*l.* he would return the money and vote for the Liberals.

22,799. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who is Mr. Child?—He is a clerk in the brewery and the stores.

22,800. Is he alive now?—Yes.

22,801. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who is the next?—Charles Dye.

22,802. Is he the one in the Caister Road,or Union Place?—In the Caister Road.

22,803. He got 5*l.* from Farman?—He took the 5*l.* from Farman because he was a friend of Farman's, and got the money. So Farman and Dye received 40*l.* altogether.

22,804. Charles Dye says in 1859 he got 10*l.* from Clements?—Yes; and he received 5*l.* for making the arrangement along with Farman extra.

22,805. The next?—James Bland.

22,806. Is he dead?—No, I believe not. He voted on the other side of the question; he received a very small sum, I believe, but what the sum was I cannot say.

22,807. James Bland is on the register now, is he not?—Yes.

22,808. House and stable, Cemetery Road?—

22,809. He has been examined before us, and says he was offered 20*l.* by Neave at the last election, and received nothing?—I had nothing to do with the last election.

22,810. He denied having received anything in the election of 1859?—Then he is wrong in that.

22,811. How much did he get?—I should imagine from what I recollect of it, I know it was a small sum, I think it was about 5*l.*

22,812. (*Mr. Russell.*) He voted for Lacon and Stracey?—He did afterwards; I think I informed you he voted the other side.

22,813. Did he get 5*l.* from you?—Yes.

22,814. (*Mr. Slade.*) The next?—John Everson Chestney.

22,815. How much did he get?—I cannot say.

22,816. He acknowledges to 10*l.* from you?—I could not charge my memory with that, one of them. There were a body of them, and I could not do it.

22,817. Go on?—George Gillings.

22,818. How much did he get?—I cannot say.

22,819. He acknowledges to 13*l.*?—Very likely that might be right; I cannot say. Then Noah Laws.

22,820. How much?—That I cannot say.

22,821. He acknowledges to 10*l.* from you?—It might be more; I think it was, but still I cannot recollect it.

22,822. The next?—Joseph Laws, and he voted for Lacon at the time; he took, I think it was, 10*l.* of me.

22,823. He denies anything?—Does he?

22,824. Did he get anything from you?—Yes, he did.

22,825. How much?—I think it was 10*l.*; I am not positive. Then Robert Durrant.

22,826. How much?—I cannot say.

22,827. He says he got 5*l.* from you?—He got more than that; from 5*l.* to 10*l.*, I daresay it was, but he got more than that.

22,828. Who else?—William Porter, carrier.

22,829. How much?—That I cannot say.

22,830. He says he got 10*l.*?—He got more than that.

22,831. Who next?—Robert George, of Southtown.

22,832. How much?—I think, if I be not mistaken, it is 25*l.*

22,833. The next?—Robert Scott. I think that was from 15*l.* to 16*l.*; I am not able to say.

22,834. He is not a Southtown man?—No; he lives in the Rodney Road.

22,835. How much?—Say 15*l.* or 16*l.*; I am sure I am not able to say. Then James Claxton, of George Street.

22,836. James Claxton, junior?—Yes.

22,837. How much?—I will not be positive.

22,838. He acknowledges to 10*l.*?—He might have received 10*l.*, but my impression is that they all received more than 10*l.*

22,839. The next?—William Remlance.

22,840. Is he alive?—That I am not able to say; I think he is dead. Many of them were strangers to me, but still I was employed in that business, and I did it.

22,841. How much?—That I cannot say. William B. Layton; he is dead.

22,842. How much?—20*l.*

22,843. Who next?—Shearman Bayfield.

22,844. How much?—I cannot say.

22,845. Bayfield says in 1859 he got 7*l.* from Henry King and 8*l.* from Downing?—He received some money from me. Henry King, I believe, did pay him the money, but then he was a friend. This was in 1859 I am speaking of, but I cannot say.

22,846. The next?—Thomas Moyse, of Norfolk Terrace, I think.

22,847. Is he dead?—No.

22,848. He is not on the register?—In 1859 he was.

22,849. But he is not on the register?—Then that must be in 1857.

22,850. I am talking of the register of the present year, the last election. He is not on the register, so I thought he might be dead?—He is not dead.

22,851. How much did you give him?—That I cannot say.

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22,852. Can you tell us where he lives?—He lived upon the Nelson Road.

22,853. (*Mr. Russell.*) Does he live in Crown Road?—No, in the Nelson Road.

22,854. (*Mr. Slade.*) The next?—Robert Archbold.

22,855. How much?—That I cannot say.

22,856. He said he had 10*l.* put into his hat?—He had more than that.

22,857. Did you put it into his hat?—I cannot say whether I put it into his hat or into his hand. I cannot say that.

22,858. Do you know how much he got?—No. Samuel Cable, of Gaol Street; he is dead.

22,859. How much?—20*l.* He is dead now; he was an old man.

22,860. What is the next?—George Howlett.

22,861. Is he dead?—Yes, I believe so; I was informed this morning he was dead. I did not know it; he was drowned at sea. He lived in George Street I think.

22,862. How much?—I think it was 15*l.*

22,863. The next?—William Kent, of Gaol Street, baker.

22,864. Is William Kent dead?—Yes.

22,865. How much?—I think his was 16*l.* I think it was. I am not positive as to that. Then George Royall.

22,866. That is the tailor, is it?—Yes.

22,867. Is he dead?—No; he has left the town some time. I do not know where he has gone to.

22,868. How much did he have?—I cannot say; the sums varied so that I could not say.

22,869. How much?—I do not know whether it was 10*l.* or 15*l.* I cannot say.

22,870. He says in 1859 he got 12*l.* from Mr. Cooper, and 10*l.* from Mr. Clements?—That might be so, but I am not positive of it.

22,871. The next?—George Humphrey.

22,872. How much?—I cannot say.

22,873. He says in 1859 he got 10*l.* from a stranger?—He had more than 10*l.* He put me down as a stranger. Stephen Peachment; I believe he is dead.

22,874. How much?—I cannot say. And that is all the list that I can recollect, but I am inclined to think there were three or four more which I cannot recollect to give you.

22,875. Was that all the money you received in 1859?—Yes, every penny; and I believe I was money out of pocket at that time.

22,876. Had you received money in the election of 1857?—I did.

22,877. Can you tell me how much?—I cannot. I can tell you I received money from Mr. Spillings to see voters, and he gave me the sums that I required; not at one time.

22,878. Can you say at all how much you received?—Perhaps it might be 50*l.*

22,879. About 50*l.*?—It might be. And he gave me 5*l.* for my services.

22,880. (*Mr. Russell.*) Judging from your evidence it does not seem that the price of votes has risen between 1859 and the last election?—That I cannot say; I had nothing to do with the last election.

22,881. You seem to know the men who received 20*l.* or 25*l.*?—Yes, I recollect that very well, because I said they were exorbitant.

22,882. Had you ever a vote yourself?—No.

22,883. May I ask you how it is that, taking such an active interest in politics, you have never been placed on the register?—I am a Liberal in principle; I was born at Holkam, and it runs in the blood of old Thomas Coke there, and I think I should never swerve from it.

22,884. That is all the more reason for your being placed on the register?—My house did not give me a vote. I had not bricks and mortar enough for that.

22,885. That is it, that you have not a qualification?—No.

22,886. May I ask what rent you do pay?—I pay now 9*l.* with rates.

22,887. A very little stretch of rent would give you a vote?—Yes.

22,888. But your political principles are not strong enough to induce you to take that step?—No; I do not wish to pay for it. I consider that every man is eligible for it if he has the right mind and capacity.

22,889. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Had you been acquainted with Mr. Steward long before this election?—Yes; he was apprentice in the shop when I worked in it.

22,890. Besides Mr. Steward, did you know any others of the leaders of the Liberal party at that time?—No; I did not know any of the others, not of the leaders of the party. I received the money from Mr. Steward. Mr. Steward brought me the money down himself.

22,891. Did you see at the election any others of the leaders of the Liberal party?—Yes; Mr. Charles Miller I saw there at the time, but he is dead.

22,892. Was he aware how you were employed?—Yes, I have not the least doubt of that; because he was an intimate friend of Mr. Steward, and was there at the time I gave Mr. Steward the list.

22,893. But you had no communication with the leaders of the party at the time?—No.

22,894. Mr. Livingston?—No, not at all.

J. D. West.

JOHN DAVEY WEST sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

22,895. What are you?—A coach-maker.

22,896. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

22,897. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

22,898. How much?—15*l.*

22,899. From Mr. John Barber?—Yes.

22,900. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No; I was not.

22,901. Had you got a vote in 1859?—I believe I had.

22,902. How did you vote then?—I cannot say. I have nothing to impress on my mind about it. I do not know whether I voted at all. On one or two occasions I did not vote at an election, when I have been busy at my work.

22,903. You voted for Lacon and Stracey?—If I voted at all I voted for that party.

22,904. Did you receive any money for your vote then?—No; never a halfpenny in my life.

22,905. Were you offered any in 1859?—No.

22,906. Yours is a very thriving business, is it not?—I have to work very hard to get a living out of it. We have no coach building now scarcely; it is all wheelwright's work.

22,907. Do you consider you were in want of 15*l.*?—That I was, I assure you, at that time. In fact I did not ask for it, nor did not know that there was any money afloat at that time. I was not aware of it. I promised Sir Edmund Lacon as soon as he asked me, and I voted. I was not aware there was any money afloat. I did not go about electioneering business.

22,908. As soon as you knew it you took it?—I did not know it at the time. I had no idea there was any money going.

J. Fox.

JOHN FOX sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

22,909. What are you?—A cowkeeper.

22,910. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund and Mr. Brogden.

22,911. Had you received money on both sides, that you divided your favours?—I never received a penny in my life. I have had a vote now 45 years and never received the shine of a sixpence for my vote. What I am here for I know not.

22,912. Are you any relation of William Fox, carpenter and joiner?—I have no brothers of the name. My father died when I was very young. I have brothers, but not of the same name.

22,913. Then William Fox is no relation of yours?—None at all.

29,914. Your name was given to us by Mr. Edwards, the stranger, as having received 15*l.*?—I never received a penny in my life; not a farthing.

22,915. How came you to vote half Conservative and half Liberal?—Because I felt disposed. I felt in my impression that this town ought to be quiet; for I had had the impression that the town had been full of corruption for many years, and I thought I would try and disperse it as far as I could.

22,916. You thought if a Conservative and Liberal was elected the town would remain quiet and stop quiet?—I did.

22,917. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

22,918. How did you vote then?—I voted both Liberal, then, I think.

22,919. After what you have told me of 1865 I will not ask you if you had any money then?—I have never taken any money at all. I came here to swear I have not taken any, and I have not taken any.

22,920. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are your principles Liberal, but are you afraid to vote against Sir Edmund Lacon because you get your grains from him?—There is something of that sort, there is a little leaning that way. That is about the sum and substance of it.

22,921. You get your grains from Sir Edmund, that is all?—I have nothing further. I go there and pay the same for my grains as another man.

CHARLES HENRY CHAMBERLIN recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

C. H. Chamberlin.

22,922. You acted professionally for Mr. Young at the election of 1859?—I really can hardly say whether I did or not.

22,923. This is what I mean. What you said before was, "Mr. Young did not give me a retaining fee, "but he gave me a fee for my professional services at "that election?"—That was so; it was some little time after the election. I never made any entry or charges in the matter, but I had a deal to do professionally in the matter, and some time after the election Mr. Young sent me a fee, I think I told you before, 25*l.* it was.

22,924. Had you known Mr. Young before he came down to Yarmouth? Had you acted for him in the election of 1857?—He was not a candidate, I think.

22,925. Was he returned at the unopposed election?—Yes; I knew him then well.

22,926. August 1857?—Yes; I thought you meant the 1858 election.

22,927. The first election was in March 1857, and the second in August 1857?—Yes.

22,928. You acted for him then?—I think not.

22,929. When did you first act?—I took an active part, I think I may say I did act for him, but I do not recollect whether I had any fee.

22,930. You had not much to do?—Yes, a good deal to do for a few days. I took an active part for those three days, and I think it was through me an announcement that the other side intended not to go on with the election was made, and I think so; I was one of the first who knew it.

22,931. We have been told, at the election of 1859, Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young came down to canvass about a month or six weeks before the election?—I should think that would be some time before certainly.

22,932. Do you know what the expenses were that were sent in to the election auditor of that election?—I have not the remotest idea, not the least. I had nothing to do with that part, I was not the legal agent, Mr. Clowes was.

22,933. I want to know generally if you can give us an idea?—I have not the least idea, not the remotest.

22,934. Do you know who the election auditor was?—Mr. Reynolds Aldred, I think.

22,935. Do you know what sum of money Mr. Young spent beyond the expenses that were sent in to the election auditor?—I do not.

22,936. What sum of money went through your hands?—I will tell you exactly. Not any, with the exception of some sum of money which I received from Mr. Steward; and, if you will allow me, I will tell you exactly how it was. This Mr. Johnson who was examined yesterday, I will not say he was under any obligation to me, because I do not consider he was. There was some trivial matter that had taken place long before the election, the result of which satisfied him very much, and he used to profess a great sense of obligation about it before this election. He was in my office one day, and the election matters were mentioned, and I asked him whether he intended to give us what support he could; and he said he should, and he expressed himself, I remember, in the most bitter terms with reference to Sir Edmund Lacon at that time. Some time after that, a day or two perhaps, he came to me one morning and said he had some names of persons who would vote for the Liberal candidates, but they would want some money for it, and I, of course very foolishly and wrong, I cannot justify it at all, and I should not wish to attempt to do so, I took this list, and after he had left I spoke to Mr. Steward, whose house is very nearly opposite to my office, and he said it would be very desirable; on which I saw Mr. Johnson again, and authorized him to secure those votes, and I took the list to Mr. Steward, who ticked off on the register those names in order that they might not be interfered with by anybody else; and I received the money from Mr. Steward and handed it to Mr. Johnson. I might say with perfect truth it had passed from my mind; but on the very morning that your inquiry was opened I stood in that part of this room, and this man, Mr. Johnson, came up to me and said he wished to speak to me for a moment. I said, "Certainly," and on withdrawing towards the window, he said, "Could you give me a "copy of that list of voters that I bought for you in "1859?" I was astounded for the moment, but I recollected directly afterwards there was some truth in it; and he said, "The voters that you gave me a cheque on Gurney's bank for." I said, "That I can certainly say is untrue." I never gave a cheque at all; but as to Gurney's, that is impossible, for I never kept an account at Gurney's in my own name at all, and that is the fact of the matter. Of course I do not come here to justify the act. I can assure you, with that single exception, I never gave a man a shilling in my life to vote at any one election in Yarmouth, at that or any other; but I was, unfortunately, guilty of that act.

22,937. Mr. Johnson is very positive that he got a cheque for 50*l.* from you, and that he went and got the balance of the nine sovereigns in gold?—I am equally certain he is wrong about that, and I cannot even now divine what could be his possible motive in asking me to furnish him with a list, when it would seem he had a list and I had not. It appears he had it, and I tell you his first statement to me was, that the cheque had been drawn on Gurney's bank. I looked through my bank book carefully last night, and I cannot find a trace of it. I am satisfied I did not give him a cheque; however indiscreet I might have acted, I should not be so foolish as that.

22,938. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I think we understood it was a cheque of Mr. Young's?—Certainly not; if Mr. Johnson says that, it is a base fabrication. I never had a cheque of Mr. Young's in my life, or ever had a word with Mr. Young about it. I do not think Mr. Johnson could have said that.

22,939. (*Mr. Slade.*) I understood it was your cheque. Were you ever recouped that 59*l.*?—I had the money from Mr. Steward.

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22,940. Mr. Steward has not mentioned your name as having been given 59*l.*?—I do not say it was 59*l.* My own impression is it was something less. I will not swear it was not.

22,941. Mr. Steward has given us the names of all the people he gave money to, and your name is not among them?—I am quite sure of this. I know Mr. Christopher Steward very well, and for many years, and I am certain if the matter is brought to him he cannot fail to remember it, because I saw him more than once about it. I think I saw him three times about it.

22,942. You recollect the whole transaction?—Most vividly. It had passed from my mind, but the moment Mr. Johnson mentioned it to me I remembered it instantly, and I am sure of it; and I should be surprised if Mr. Steward, when my name is mentioned, would not remember it too.

22,943. Were you aware at the time that Mr. Young had given money to Mr. Mainprice for election purposes?—No, certainly not; I never did know it till this inquiry took place at all.

22,944. However, you knew votes were being bought?—I had no doubt about that.

22,945. And you knew they were being bought for Mr. Young and Mr. Watkin?—I did not actually know of the fact. I heard of it, and in consequence of what Mr. Johnson said I went to Mr. Steward, and that was the first time I knew it, because Mr. Steward did not deny it; in fact he admitted he was doing it. I heard so before, or I should not have gone to Mr. Steward. Of course that cheque I mentioned with reference to that 25*l.*, I think there was 2*l.* odd that Mr. Young owed to me for some disbursement I had made for chaise hire into the country at the previous election, making altogether 27*l.* odd, and that was the only cheque I ever received from Mr. Young to the best of my knowledge, unless he gave me a fee at the first election, which I do not recollect.

22,946. That was for your professional services?—Yes, I have been through my cash-book and found the entry of it.

22,947. When did you first become aware that Mr. Young had spent money illegally at Yarmouth?—Only by what I have seen in the papers and heard in this room.

22,948. That was the first knowledge you had of it?—I believed at the time, of course I cannot say now, that Mr. Young had given cheques when called upon without giving due regard to the Act of Parliament with reference to legal payments; but I have a strong personal conviction at this moment that Mr. Young never paid a shilling with reference to bribery. I do not say he has any doubt about it now, but at the time; that he knew it was for bribery I do not believe at this moment.

22,949. Were you aware to whom Mr. Young had given cheques at the election of 1859?—Only from what I have heard here and seen in the public prints.

22,950. Did you ever ask Mr. Christopher Steward where he got the money from that he gave you?—Certainly not.

22,951. What made you go to Mr. Steward?—Because I had heard, as a matter of rumour amongst various partisans, that there was something going on, and Mr. Steward was the man who had the management of it. That is the reason why I went to him, when the rumour was confirmed by his statement to me and admission that it was so.

22,952. Do you mean the rumour that Mr. Steward was the man who was spending money on the Liberal side?—Was spending, or about to spend, or would spend—a sort of general rumour. I never mentioned it to him until I had this communication from Mr. Johnson, when I went over to Mr. Steward's house, shortly after, probably within an hour.

22,953. Had you ever heard that Mr. Steward had been engaged in the same way in the election of 1857?—No, I never was in the election of 1857. I voted, but I took no part in that election at all. I think I explained to you the reason why.

22,954. I only ask whether you had heard before the election of 1859, or were then aware that Mr. Steward had acted in a similar way in 1857?—No, I think not. I would not say positively at this distance of time, but my impression is, not.

22,955. Was a rumour current that everybody must have heard that Mr. Steward was the man spending money on the Liberal side?—I should say certainly not. It was a rumour I heard only from partisans. I should think it was current among partisans on our side, but I should think the other side would not know it anything like as soon as we heard it. I should think not, they might.

22,956. Can you tell the Commissioners whom you heard that rumour from?—I cannot at all.

22,957. Did you ever mention to Mr. Young that you heard Mr. Steward was spending money on his side?—Do you mean at or about the time of the election?

22,958. Yes?—No, certainly not; most certainly not.

22,959. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What were your professional services that you rendered to Mr. Young?—I saw him occasionally. I went about canvassing, and took the supervision of the employment of clerks and messengers, and spent a great deal of time at the rooms. If I had made out a bill for my services my fee would have amounted to four times the money I am certain, but I did not wish it, and my strong impression is that I made no charge, and that it was a mere fee sent as a *honorarium* in the sense of what was right. I am almost sure I made no charge in the matter, and I think Mr. Costerton had a similar fee from Mr. Watkin. I considered myself—(how that was I do not know, for there was no direct employment)—I considered myself as more particularly representing Mr. Young, Mr. Costerton representing Mr. Watkin about that time.

22,960. And Mr. Clowes was the general legal agent?—I think so, and I do not think Mr. Clowes charged a farthing.

22,961. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you see Mr. Mainprice about the election of 1859?—Not on election matters. I must have seen him frequently in the streets and possibly in the hotel, but not to have any conversation upon election matters.

22,962. Did you know that he was taking an active part in the election?—I have no doubt I did know that, because I knew he was an active partisan.

22,963. Did you know he kept the canvass book?—I think I did, but I am not sure in that particular department. I had nothing to do, because there were a good many acting on the Liberal side that I was not on personal terms with, and it was distasteful for me to associate with them, and I did not.

22,964. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Young did not consult you on the expenses of the election?—Certainly not.

22,965. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Humphreys, the coroner for Middlesex, introduced Mr. Young to you?—I believe he did. He came down here at the election after Messrs. McCullagh and Watkin were unseated. I think Mr. Humphreys came down then. I am sure it was so.

22,966. Was Mr. Young at any time aware that a large sum of money had been spent at the previous election of 1857?—Not to my knowledge. I never heard he was.

22,967. He never talked on the subject to you?—To the best of my belief never. I always had a strong impression there was not a large sum spent in 1857. It occurred to me that the election was won by a sudden onset, and the thing was over so quickly that a comparatively small outlay produced the result. That was my opinion.

22,968. Mr. Steward, whom you went to in 1859, had received nearly 1,600*l.* at the election of 1857?—If he had I must have formed a wrong opinion about it. Of course I was not aware of that. I should not have thought anything like the money was spent myself, but I have no knowledge of it.

22,969. When Mr. Johnson came to you for this 59*l.*

was that the first you heard of bribery at that election?—He did not come to me for 59*l.*

22,970. With a list of names?—That was about the second interview that he brought the list of names. I told you the conversation that took place before that, and then he brought the list of names. I should not have thought there were more than six or eight together.

22,971. The names were Benjamin Motts, Daniel Beales, John Horn, George Johnson, and John Plummer; making together five names?—I thought there were six or seven or eight, and there are one or two of those names I remember. That man, George Johnson, I distinctly remember. Johnson had been in the police force, and Horn had too—that name was one. I have no doubt those are the names you have mentioned. If you had asked me to tell you one of the names I could not have done it.

22,972. Was that the first time you had heard bribery was going on?—I would not like to say that I think it was the first time. I was sure of it on seeing Mr. Steward, but I must have heard something of it before, or I should not have gone to Mr. Steward. I may perhaps be allowed to add that Mr. Johnson had 5*l.* out of the money I had from Mr. Steward. I understand he says he has not. I do not feel certain about it, but it was my strong impression, since I heard of it here, that he had a small sum for his own trouble. I heard so, but I will not say it positively.

22,973. Have you seen Mr. Steward in Yarmouth since he gave his evidence before us?—Yes, I have.

22,974. Have you asked him if he can recollect whether he gave you money or not?—I saw him this very morning, and I think I might say I did not use those words, but I made him understand that he certainly had given me money, and I think—I will not say that he directly admitted it, but I think it was tantamount to that. I cannot possibly fail to remember it.

22,975. (*Mr. Russell.*) Can you remember in what shape he gave the money?—Partially in notes and partially in gold.

22,976. Can you remember the identical money you received from Mr. Johnson?—No, I cannot. I had advanced a portion of the money, before I received it, to Mr. Johnson on two occasions.

22,977. Out of your own pocket?—Yes.

22,978. And then reimbursed yourself, and handed over the balance to Mr. Johnson?—Yes.

22,979. Do you remember if it was in gold?—No, I think I gave him notes and gold; the first was two or three 5*l.* notes, and then there was another payment. I am not certain; he certainly was paid in three times.

22,980. If you had paid him in less sums on the first two occasions out of your own pocket it rather fortifies your impression that you could not have given him the cheque?—I was certain of that, because, independently of my recollection, I have searched my bank book carefully, and there is no trace of any cheque.

22,981. The cheque would not necessarily have been a cheque of your own?—That I most solemnly pledge my oath to. I am certain I did not give him a cheque; and if by any possibility I did it could not have been anybody else's cheque but my own. I am sure not a word passed at that time about that matter between me and Mr. Young, that I am as certain of as my own existence. I had no knowledge of it. I was perfectly astounded to hear what Mr. Steward said about giving out cheques. Mr. Young will have the honour of appearing before you, and I feel sure will tell you that is a mistake of Mr. Steward's, because I believe Mr. Young, without asking questions, gave cheques. We know in Yarmouth there are expenses for messengers, out-voters, and watchers, and extra clerks, that are paid without being strictly legal, and that is what I believe Mr. Young did, and probably the money was used; but that Mr. Young gave the money, recognizing it deliberately, as it were, admitting it was for bribery, I do not believe for a moment.

22,982. Mr. Young would be the best judge of that?—Of course.

22,983. (*Mr. Slade.*) Those expenses would not come to nearly 2,000*l.*?—I am as sure that Mr. Young never spent 2,000*l.* at that election as I can be.

22,984. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say you were perfectly convinced there was bribery going on?—Yes.

22,985. Whom do you suppose the money came from?—No doubt the money came directly from the candidates, but neither of those gentlemen knew what it was. They must now have heard what it was, as every other candidate. I am only speaking of the time.

22,986. That Mr. Young might not have known it is to a certain extent probable from his giving the cheques at all?—Yes.

22,987. But that either Mr. Young or Mr. Watkin provided the money that went to Mainprice's pocket, and from his pocket to Mr. Steward's, is certain?—As one of the Commissioners has stated, the candidates are the best judges of that, but I do not believe for a moment—knowing what a clever talented man Mr. Watkin is—I do not believe he would send the cash in that way. That some friend of his might have done it is very probable, but that he personally did it I do not believe.

22,988. (*Mr. Russell.*) You are well acquainted with Mr. Steward?—Very well. I have done many matters of business for him. He has been a client of mine on many occasions.

22,989. Had he ever alluded to the fact of having given you this money in 1859 before he was examined here?—Certainly not. Why I mentioned it to him this morning was this. I was going to my office. I saw him standing in the street. I told him, "I had the money from you;" and I considered then from his manner, or what he said, it was tantamount to an admission; he cannot be in doubt about it. I am sure if you call him again he will state that is the fact.

22,990. Have you any reason to think that Mr. Johnson is not so well inclined towards you as he was?—I am obliged to you for making the observation. Mr. Johnson, as I said before, at that time, expressed himself under an obligation to me, but after that there came an election for the vestry clerk. I was a candidate and was defeated. Mr. Johnson had expressed an intention of supporting my opponent; but he came to me and volunteered his support to me. I said I felt, after all that had passed and what he had formerly said, he could not do otherwise than support me, and spoke in the most friendly terms; and I never saw a person more eager than he was, and when we came to the hall he was one of the most bitter opponents I had—not only was he howling me down, but he was shouting and showing temper. From that time I scarcely took any notice of him, but for the last few months I have recognized him, but he was certainly a bitter opponent of mine there.

22,991. The impression on your mind is that Mr. Johnson, in stating that he received a cheque from you, may have made something more than a mistake?—I should not believe that Mr. Johnson would willingly state what was untrue; but for his coming up in the hall, and asking me for a list of voters, when he had a list in his possession, and then telling me I gave him a cheque on Gurney's bank, that has excited my suspicion. I should not like to say he spoke willingly untrue, but it has caused a suspicion in my mind.

22,992. Who was the person upon the Liberal side, among the active people, who would have had the payment of the messengers and runners?—I should think the election agent would have those returned to him.

22,993. Who was that?—Mr. Clowes. I am not at all sure; I did not pay them myself. I am not by any means certain that I did not. I know I have done it at several elections, particularly for the county. I have had a good deal to do with that, and I might have paid them myself.

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22,994. Can you swear you paid them yourself in 1859?—I will not say I did. I think it is exceedingly likely that I did.

22,995. It would be you or Mr. Clowes?—Or Mr. Costerton; or we might have handed the money over to a subordinate. I know I have on more than one occasion done so. I will not say for the borough elections, but the county certainly, and I might have done it then.

22,996. Will you tell me, in your opinion, how it was Mr. Young gave Mr. Livingston a cheque on the 28th April for 200*l.*, and another on the 29th April for 120*l.*?—I do not believe that he did.

22,997. You think it is untrue?—As a matter of belief, I believe he is mistaken about it.

22,998. He has sworn to us that he got two cheques from Mr. Young, one on the 28th April for 200*l.* and one on the 29th for 120*l.*, which he cashed at the National Provincial Bank?—I do not doubt his receiving the cheques. The question is, whether he received them from Mr. Mainprice or Mr. Young. You observe that Mr. Livingston said his impression was that he had them from Mr. Young. I do not understand him to say that he had. My own conviction is that he had not.

22,999. I will take Mr. Mainprice. How did Mr. Young give cheques to that amount to Mr. Mainprice?—Do you wish to have my opinion upon it?

23,000. Yes?—My belief is this, that Mr. Young, as I said before, knowing only of this expenditure, such as these runners and for the out-voters and watchers, gave these cheques without any inquiry.

23,001. That is the reason I asked you, "Who is "the person upon your side who would have the pay-"ment of those people?" Then you say you do not know. The next question is, "Who got it?" And you fixed yourself, or Mr. Clowes, or Mr. Costerton?—No; I fixed them as for legal purposes, and those things. That is what I understood it to apply to; not to those which are not strictly legal.

23,002. I will ask you, having heard that those cheques were given directly by Mr. Young either to Mr. Mainprice or to Mr. Livingston, whether, in your opinion Mr. Young did not give those cheques for the purpose of bribery?—I do not think he did.

23,003. That is your opinion?—That is my opinion. But he showed a degree of want of caution in giving cheques as he did; there is no doubt about that, but I do not think he gave them for bribery.

23,004. It is very immaterial, if Mr. Young drew the cheques himself, to whom he may have given them, whether he gave them directly or indirectly to Mr. Livingston?—That is a matter of inference. It is for you to form your own conclusions.

23,005. If Mr. Young was perfectly innocent in his mind at the time he gave the cheques it appears rather in his favour that he gave the cheques directly to Mr. Livingston?—I hope you will not understand me as stating it as my opinion, when Mr. Young gave these cheques, he thought they were strictly for legal purposes. I cannot conceive Mr. Young could think that.

23,006. (*Mr. Slade.*) You gave us to understand they were for illegal purposes, but not direct bribery?—I do not think at the time he knew that they would be applied for direct bribery.

23,007. (*Mr. Russell.*) What I meant was this, I do not think it is at all material to whom he gave the cheques?—It is not for me to say that it is material, if I thought so. I think Mr. Young is a man of business, and having the greatest possible confidence in Mr. Mainprice, I can understand his doing it with Mr. Mainprice, when I cannot understand his giving cheques to two or three people.

23,008. You can hardly understand his giving the 59*l.* to yourself?—I can only tell you this, I very much regret it. It is hardly credible. I quite admit, being in a sort of semi-legal position, I cannot understand how I should be such an abominable idiot as to do such a thing; but the result has shown for seven years and a half it was perfectly safe. At that time I was quite as sure of Mr. Johnson as I could have been of my own brother.

23,009. Mr. Young may have been influenced by the same reason?—Yes. We are all liable to slips at all times. There are very few of us who have not committed them I am afraid.

T. W. Downing

THOMAS WILLIAM DOWNING recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

23,010. We have had Mr. Diboll Baldwin before us, to whom you say you gave 15*l.* Mr. Baldwin has denied to us that you gave him 15*l.* in the Market Place the night before the election?—I will tell you, as nearly as I can, how it happened.

23,011. Yes, as circumstantially as you can, because he has denied it?—I was in the "Angel" between 11 and 12 o'clock on the night before the election. A man of the name of Botwright came into the "Angel" to me, and called me out. He says, "There is my brother-in-law outside, and he wants 15*l.*"

23,012. Charles Botwright?—I think his name is Charles Botwright. I said, "Where is he?" He said, "He is outside." I goes outside with him. I did not know his brother-in-law then; I knew the man, but I did not know he was his brother-in-law. When I went out I said, "Where is the man?" He said, "Across the road." I goes across the road into the Market Place to this man, and I found it was Baldwin, because I knew Baldwin, he living quite opposite to me, nearly opposite; our front doors are opposite. I had known the man for years, but I did not know he was Botwright's brother-in-law. I was astonished at the man, because I should as soon have thought of touching any man as him. I am going too fast. I said to Botwright, "He does not want any money." He says, "If you do not give him 15*l.* you will lose him." Baldwin called me on one side, and I went on one side. I said, "What do you want?" He said, "I want what other people are getting." I said, "What is that?" He said, "I will be quite satisfied with 15*l.*" I said, "Come across to the 'Feathers.'" We were getting to the "Feathers," and then I stopped, and I said, "Come here." I went to a lamp-post opposite the market gates, and I gave him 15*l.* He held his hand down *so*, as I do now, and I gave it to him. I will swear that I put it into his hand.

23,013. Fifteen sovereigns?—15 sovereigns.

23,014. Did Botwright see you give it him?—Well, I saw Botwright last night, and I taxed him with it, and he said, "I did not see you give him the money." I said, "You are a damned scamp; you were near enough." He said, "I am living in the same house "as he is, but still, if I am subpœnaed I shall have to "speak the truth, though he is living with me." I should not have come up here and stated that I gave him 15*l.* if I had not. If I had not a minute to live, I gave it to him in his own hands. That I will swear in any court in England. I come to set myself right as far as I can, because these matters are only between two peoples words. After I had made my statement, do you not think he would have met me, and said, "Downing, you have made a wrong statement about me?" But he has passed me 20 times, and has never taken any notice about it. If the man had been an innocent man he would have said, "I will not have "you traduce my character. I will not have a man "state a wrong thing about me." I should soon have been at him very quick myself.

23,015. We should like to see Botwright?—And I should like to be here when they are brought here. I only wish I had been here when he said so. I know I gave it to him, or I should not have stated it. It was no interest to me.

23,016. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who was in the "Angel" at the time that Botwright came in?—

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There were a lot of people. The "Angel" was full at the time. Botwright does not deny calling me out, and urging me to give it to him. He told me last night, in the presence of Mr. Livingston, "I heard "that you gave it to him, but I do not believe you "gave it the more for that." I said, "I put it into "his hand; I do not know if you call that giving it to "him or not."

23,017. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was Botwright with you in the Market Place that evening when you gave him that money?—Yes, he was pretty close to me, a few yards off.

23,018. Was he in the Market Place?—Yes.

23,019. Baldwin swears this:—I say to him, "Did "you see Downing in the Market Place the night "before the election?—I do not remember seeing "him."—Botwright cannot deny seeing me, because he admitted, in the presence of Mr. Livingston last night, that him and me were in the Market Place. I happened to go into Mr. Livingston's shop, and taxed him with it, and he says, "I admit he did not call you out, but he saw you at the door." That is very immaterial.

23,020. Was Mr. Botwright with you at the time when you first spoke to Mr. Baldwin about his vote?—Yes.

23,021. Now this is what Mr. Baldwin says: "Did "Downing ever speak to you about your vote?—"Never. He never spoke to me about my vote."—I never spoke to him before that evening. I do not know that ever I spoke to the man in my life, only that time, although so near as he lived to me. I should not have spoken to him then had not his brother-in-law introduced him to me. He said he wanted the 15*l.*, and he said we shall lose him if I did not give him the 15*l.*, and I do not think I ever passed five words with Baldwin before. Botwright wanted the money to give to him himself, but I said, "It will not suit me," and I gave it into his hands.

23,022. (*Mr. Russell.*) Are you on speaking terms with Baldwin?—Though we are so close neighbours I do not think that ever I spoke to this man but that once in my life, when I gave him the money.

23,023. You are sure, he being close to you, that he had the opportunity of denying it many times?—Closer than you or I are; we live only across the street.

23,024. He has never alluded to it?—I have met him every day; I meet him two or three times a day. Every time he comes home I am sure to see him, living so close. The street is not the width of this room, and our doors are directly opposite. In fact I saw him three or four times last week.

RICHARD HAMMOND sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

R. Hammond.

23,025. What are you?—A gardener.

23,026. Did you receive anything for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

23,027. How much?—15*l.*

23,028. Who from?—I think it was Mr. Jones; he was a stranger to me.

23,029. Where did you get it?—At the "New Bridge" tavern, just by Southtown.

23,030. Who gave it to you?—Mr. Jones, I expect it was.

23,031. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who keeps that tavern?—A man of the name of Bowles kept it then.

23,032. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you offered any money on the other side?—No.

23,033. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

23,034. You had not?—No, I had not.

23,035. You are of Southtown?—Yes.

23,036. (*Mr. Slade.*) Just tell me this, was anybody else at the "New Bridge" tavern besides you?—No, I did not see anyone; he was in the room all alone.

23,037. In a private room?—Yes.

23,038. How came you to go there?—Well, it was arranged the day before with Downing and me.

23,039. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes, I did.

GEORGE JOHNSON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

G. Johnson.

23,040. What are you?—A publican and stock dealer—a bullock dealer.

23,041. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—15*l.*

23,042. Who gave it you?—William Tobias Johnson.

23,043. Is that all you got?—That is all.

23,044. Were you offered any money on the other side?—Not the slightest farthing.

23,045. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

23,046. Did you get anything then?—12*l.*

23,047. Who from?—William Tobias Johnson.

23,048. The same person?—Yes.

23,049. (*Mr. Slade.*) You live at the market gates?—At the market gates.

23,050. Whom did you vote for?—I do not bear these matters in my mind; I do not know whom I did vote for; I see Lacon and Goodson at the last election; 15*l.* I received from William Tobias Johnson; and Watkin and Young the election before, and I received 12*l.*

23,051. (*Mr. Russell.*) You voted as you were paid?—Yes, I voted as I was paid.

WILLIAM SPILLING sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

W. Spilling.

23,052. What are you?—I am a builder.

23,053. Have you a vote for the borough?—Yes, in the Southtown Ward; Gorleston and Southtown.

23,054. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—I did not vote at all.

23,055. Were you in Yarmouth?—Yes.

23,056. Did you take any part in the last election?—No.

23,057. Did you canvass anybody?—Nobody.

23,058. Why did you abstain from voting at the last election?—I did not care about it in any way whatever; I had had enough of Yarmouth politics.

23,059. What are you in politics?—I have hitherto been a Whig, not a Radical.

23,060. A Liberal?—I had a very great respect for the old members, Anson and Rumbold, and I always voted for them and did everything I could for them; but since they have been gone I have never interfered in any way whatever.

23,061. What election was that?—That would be 1857, the last time I had to do with politics. I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Rumbold the election before that.

23,062. That was in 1852?—That was in 1852; I never voted since 1857; then I voted for Watkin and McCullagh.

23,063. Did you take any part in the election of 1859?—Not any. I could not take any part; I was laid up at home with a broken leg.

23,064. We do not want to go very particularly into the election of 1857. Did you disburse any money at that election?—I have no doubt I did.

23,065. Yourself?—Yes; if I did not disburse the money myself it was done under my directions. I do

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not think I personally gave any men any money, but I made arrangements with them so that they had the money in 1857. That would be for Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh, when Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker lost the election.

23,066. Can you give us an idea of what sum of money you had the disposal of at that election?—No, I really do not think I can; I am afraid not. I did not come prepared for that. I understood there had been something said here yesterday about my having the management of some bribery in 1859 by a man of the name of Livingston.

23,067. When you say, "a man of the name of Livingston," you know him perfectly well?—I do know him.

23,068. That is so?—That is what I was afraid that I was drawn here for, and I thought I would come and hear what he had to say, but I do not see him here.

23,069. Can you refresh your memory as to what you did in 1857?—I do not think I should like to undertake that now. If you are going to stop here, and I had a little time to myself, I might refresh my memory and bring some things to my mind.

23,070. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) We do not want to enter into any particulars, that is to say, we do not want to make a schedule of the names of those bribed in 1857. We wish generally to inquire into the amount of money spent, and the manner in which it was spent?—I have no idea. I think if I were to refer back to my papers perhaps I could find something better for you than my assertion. I do not think I can undertake to do that to-day.

23,071. (*Mr. Slade.*) What day will it suit you to come?—Any day after Monday, if you please; or Monday I will say, if I can find anything. Perhaps I may find an old register, or something of that sort. I got disgusted with politics. I am afraid I cannot trust to my memory, but if I can find anything I will bring it; if not, I will give you all the information I can think of.

23,072. Then we will fix on Monday, 12 o'clock?—And if I find any papers I had better bring them with me. I will bring you all the information I can.

23,073. We do not want any names of the persons bribed; we want to inquire into the amount of money spent, the manner in which it was spent, and the agents by whom it was spent?—Very good.

J. Wisker.

JOHN WISKER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

23,074. What are you?—I am a dealer.

23,075. In what?—In all sorts; a marine store dealer.

23,076. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—For the Blues.

23,077. For Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes.

23,078. How much money did you receive?—20*l.*

23,079. Where were you paid?—In my own house.

23,080. Who paid you?—Samuel Scago.

23,081. Were you offered any money by the Red side?—No.

23,082. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

23,083. Whom did you vote for then?—Blue then.

23,084. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—For Mr. Watkin, I think it was; Mr. Watkin and his partner; I do not know what his name was.

23,085. Young?—Not Young.

23,086. You were not upon the register in 1859?—Yes, I was; so I was the time before; I voted twice before. I did not vote from Gorleston side, I voted from Yarmouth side then. You will find me "George Street, Yarmouth;" I think you will find that.

23,087. You are not in the poll book of 1859?—I think, if you will look at George Street, you will find my name there.

23,088. You mean you voted for Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh?—Yes, I did so.

23,089. That was in 1857?—Well, I voted for both of them; I polled in 1857 and 1859 too.

23,090. Not in 1859; you did not vote for Watkin and Young then?—It was Watkin and McCullagh.

23,091. Were you paid for your vote in 1857?—No. I never received a halfpenny in my life, barring this last time.

23,092. Were you offered any money by the Conservatives?—No.

J. Johnson.

JOHN JOHNSON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

23,093. Do you live in St. Peter's Road?—Yes.

23,094. What are you?—A wheelwright by trade.

23,095. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

23,096. How much money did you receive?—15*l.*

23,097. Who gave it you?—William Tobias Johnson, of the New Road, "Standard" tavern; in the same road, St. Peter's Road.

23,098. Is he a relation of yours?—Not a bit.

23,099. Were you canvassed by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—No.

23,100. Were you offered any money on that side?—No.

23,100*a.* Had you got a vote in 1859?—I had.

23,101. Whom did you vote for then?—For the Blue party.

23,102. What did you get for your vote then?—Nothing at all.

23,103. If you get no money for your vote do you vote for the Blue party?—Formerly I had voted for the Blue party, till the last election.

23,104. It was the money that induced you to vote against your political principles?—It might be so; it is a great temptation.

28,105. Did you vote in 1857 for the Blue party?—I do not think I did; I was not in posession of the property then; I think not.

S. Goldsmith.

SAMUEL GOLDSMITH sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

23,106. What are you?—A merchant's clerk—Mr. Watling's.

23,107. You voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—I had not a vote. It is my father who had a vote.

23,108. You are the son of Samuel Goldsmith upon the register?—Yes.

23,109. Is your father in Yarmouth?—He is living in London now. He was living in London at the time of the election.

23,110. Do you know if he got any money?—He asked for his expenses, and I believe they paid him 3*l.*

23,111. What were his expenses?—I suppose his travelling expenses. He came upon the Saturday.

23,112. Where was he?—He was in London at the time.

23,113. You do not know whether your father received 15*l.*?—I think if he had he would have told me so. He told me he asked 50*s.* He said he thought that was about fair for his expenses, and they gave him 3*l.*

23,114. Who paid him his expenses?—Some one at the "Angel," I do not know who it was.

23,115. Was that before the polling day?—I think it was the election day morning.

23,116. Before he had voted?—Yes.

23,117. Your father told you this?—He told me that.

23,118. Had your father got a vote in 1859?—No, I think not.

23,119. Will you write to your father, and tell him that unless he admits having received this money we shall be obliged to summons him here as a witness?—The 3*l.*?

23,120. 15*l.*, or any money for his vote ?—Has anyone said that he has taken 15*l.* ?

23,121. He has been given into us by Mr. Edwards, the stranger, as having received 15*l.* ?—I do not think he did. He told me that he had received 3*l.* He asked 50*s.*, and they gave him 3*l.* for his expenses.

23,122. You are quite right. The amount is 3*l.* ?—That is what he told me.

Then I do not think you need trouble your father about it.

HENRY PRATT CRANE sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *H. P. Crane.*

23,123. Do you live in Howard Street ?—No.

23,124. Where do you live ?—Southtown. I lived in Howard Street in 1859.

23,125. When did you move to Gorleston ?—Last March twelvemonth ; not Gorleston, Southtown.

23,126. What are you ?—I am a hotel keeper now.

23,127. What is the name of the hotel ?—The "Bear" hotel.

23,128. Who did you vote for at the last election ?—No one ; I did not vote at all.

23,129. Were you convassed ?—No.

23,130. By neither party ?—No. I have had nothing to do with the election at all.

23,131. Why did you not vote ?—I did not intend to vote, from the system of bribery going on it was of no use giving it, and therefore I would not vote.

23,132. Had your experience of 1859 disgusted you ?—I voted Watkin and Young then in 1859, that was my first.

23,133. What were you in 1859 ?—A cabinet-maker and upholsterer.

23,134. Did you receive any money in 1859 ?—No. I never received any money in my life at election times.

23,135. Did you give any money to others ?—I never had anything to do with elections—nothing at all to do with any election.

23,136. Do you know John Cooper ?—I know the gentleman right well.

23,137. Did he not offer you some money in 1859 ?—No, never in his life.

23,138. Do you know a man named Spilling ?—Yes, I do.

23,139. Did he give you some money in 1859 ?—No, he did not.

23,140. Did he offer you any money ?—Yes, he did.

23,141. How much ?—I do not know how much it was ; he threw some gold on the table, I refused it, and walked out myself.

23,142. And did you promise Watkin and Young when they first canvassed you ?—Yes, I did so, and I voted for them.

23,143. And you never received any money on any occasion ?—I never received any money at all ; when Mr. Spilling sent to me I did not know at all what he wanted with me.

23,144. Do you know anything about the election of 1859 ?—No, not anything. I never busied myself with an election ; I always kept to my occupation ; I never lost any time about an election.

THOMAS NEWSTEAD sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *T. Newstead.*

23,145. What are you ?—A ship rigger.

23,146. Whom did you vote for at the last election ?—I voted for the Liberals ; I always did on that side.

23,147. Brogden and Vanderbyl ?—Yes, I always voted on that side.

23,148. Did you always vote that side without getting any money ?—Yes, up to this time.

23,149. You got no money ?—Yes. There is a man sitting there knows it as well as I do myself, I never had a penny in my life before.

23,150. Do you know Mr. Fill ?—Yes.

23,151. Did he not give you 10*l.* ?—No, he did not give it me ; he told me to go down to Mr. Cattermole's, and I did, and there I got 15*l.*

23,152. That was not for your vote of course ?—No.

23,153. Do you ever go down to Cattermole's out of election times ?—Yes, many times ; I go there and get half a pint of beer.

23,154. Do you get 15*l.* on those occasions ?—No.

23,155. That is only at election times ?—That is only at election times.

23,156. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

23,157. Whom did you vote for then ?—The same party, the Liberals ; I voted four or five times on that side, and I never had a halfpenny before.

23,158. You did not happen to receive any money in 1859 ?—No, nor yet before that.

23,159. This was the first time ?—This was the first time.

23,160. I see in 1859 you voted for Stracey and Young ?—Yes.

23,161. You divided your vote ?—Yes, I did, at that time.

23,162. Why was that ?—Because I was working for a gentleman, Mr. Bracey, and he said if I did not vote one on one side and one on the other he would not let me finish my work.

23,163. What is Mr. Bracey's christian name ?—John Bracey.

23,164. Where does Mr. Bracey live, Dene Side or Queen's Road ?—That is the old gentleman on the Dene Side.

23,165 In Queen's Road ?—Yes, I believe he does live there.

23,166. What is Mr. Bracey ?—A rope maker.

23,167. Does he now live in St. George's Road ?—I do not know whether he does or does not ; I think it is in Queen's Road.

23,168. Were you offered any money by the Red party either in 1865 or in 1859 ?—I was never offered money before this time ; then Mr. Lacon came into my house and offered me 20*l.*

23,169. What Mr. Lacon ?—Sir Edmund Lacon.

23,170. At the last election ?—At the last election I had a bad leg, and he wanted to know if I wanted the doctor. I was at work aboard of *that* gentleman's vessel when I hurt my leg ; he came two days afterwards and wanted to know if I would vote for them, and he offered me 20*l.* ; he said, I will give you 20*l.*, and he wanted to know if I wanted a doctor. I told him no, my old woman was my doctor, and the physisian was up aloft ; and he was that stupid he did not know what it was.

23,171. Do you mean to say Sir Edmund Lacon called on you, and said he would give you 20*l.* if you would vote for him ?—Yes.

23,172. What did you say to him ?—I said, no, I did not want any of his money ; he offered me the same money in Mr. Howes's when I was getting half a pint of beer there.

23,173. Was it the first time Sir Edmund Lacon canvassed you ?—Yes.

23,174. On what day ?—I cannot say.

23,175. About how long before the election ?—About a fortnight before the election.

23,176. Did Sir Edmund Lacon call on you again after that ?—No, he catched me in Mr. Howes's getting half a pint of beer, and the rate gatherer touched me on the shoulder and said, "There is Sir Edmund Lacon here."

23,177. Did he say anything to you on the second occasion ?—No.

23,178. Did he ever again offer you any money ?—When I was on the jetty one evening he sent a man after me, and he said, "Mr. Lacon wants to speak to you," and I said, "I do not want to speak to Mr. Lacon.'

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23,179. Who was the man?—I do not know; the man was unknown to me.

23,180. Did Sir Edmund Lacon canvass you in 1859?—No, he did not come to my house, he stopped me in the "White Lion" opening.

23,181. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who is Mr. Howes?—He keeps the "White Lion."

23,182. What is his christian name?—William Howes.

23,183. You mean at the last election of 1865?—Yes.

23,184. Is that a man who lives in Apollo Walk?—No.

23,185. King Street?—Yes, King Street. I was in there, getting half a pint of beer.

23,186. Who was there?—I know one man who was there.

23,187. Tell me his name?—A man by the name of John Hook.

23,188. Who is John Hook?—He is a man who dredges about the river in a boat for mussels and one thing and another.

23,189. Did he see Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes; he was there at the time, and he heard the words. He often jokes with me about it now. I said, "I would sooner vote for a foreigner than for you."

23,190. Did he hear Sir Edmund Lacon offer you 20*l.*?—No, he did not hear. He asked me for my vote, and I said, "I would sooner vote for a foreigner."

23,191. John Hook heard him ask you for your vote?—I said I would sooner vote for a foreigner than vote for him.

23,192. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who was with Sir Edmund Lacon when he offered you the 20*l.*?—Mr. Hunter, the rate-gatherer.

23,193. Is Mr. Hunter alive?—Yes; I saw him the other day.

23,194. Where does he live?—He lives in King Street.

23,195. Do you know whether he has got a vote?—Mr. Hunter?

23,196. Yes?—I do not know; I cannot say.

23,197. Do you know what his christian name is? Do you know whether it is Cornelius Hunter?—I do not know, I am sure. I know his name is Hunter; that is all I know.

23,198. What sort of looking man?—He is not a bad sort of looking man.

23,199. Old or young?—A young man; he is not an old man.

23,200. Was he canvassing with Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

23,201. Was anybody with you when you were offered the 20*l.*?—No, only my wife. I could not put a foot on the ground for five weeks.

23,202. Have you some particular dislike to Sir Edmund Lacon?—No; I always liked the other party best; I always did. I always took to this party.

23,203. I see in 1859, when you gave one vote to the red party, you gave it to Sir Henry Stracey, and not to Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

23,204. Do you owe Sir Edmund Lacon any grudge?—No, not at all. I should be very sorry to owe anybody any grudge.

23,205. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say your wife was there when Sir Edmund Lacon made you this offer?—Yes.

23,206. Did she hear the offer made?—Yes.

23,207. (*Mr. Slade.*) How far do you live from here?—I live against the "White Lion" opening.

23,208. How many minutes would it take to go and fetch your wife?—A quarter of an hour.

23,209. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was there anybody else besides Mr. Hunter with Sir Edmund Lacon?—No.

23,210. Only you four?—Only we four.

23,211. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You said just now John Hook was there?—That was in the "White Lion."

23,212. Where was the offer made?—The offer was made in my house.

23,213. Did you ever communicate this to anybody else, what you have said to-day about Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

23,214. When?—Many a time.

23,215. Tell us when?—Many a time; a few days ago.

23,216. At the time?—Yes, just after.

21,217. Did you ever tell it to anybody before the election?—No, I do not know that I did or did not; I cannot say about that.

23,218. Did you ever tell it to anyone immediately after the election?—Yes.

23,219. When?—I cannot say.

23,220. To whom?—I cannot tell who, I have mentioned it to so many different people.

23,221. To whom?—I cannot tell you.

23,222. You say you mentioned it to many people, you must recollect somebody?—I mentioned it to John Hook.

23,223. Immediately after the election?—Yes.

23,224. Do you know Mr. Downing?—Yes, I work for him.

23,225. Did you mention it to him?—No; I do not know that I ever did.

23,226. Are you not a supporter of the Liberal party?—Not as I know of; I did not support them in anything of the kind.

23,227. Did you ever hear there was a petition presented against the return of Sir Edmund Lacon?—No.

23,228. Do you mean to say you never heard there was a petition?—No.

23,229. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you say you were laid up in bed?—I had got a bad leg. I knocked it aboard of Mr. Downing's vessel; and I was lying on the sofa at the time he came in. I had not been out for five weeks; and my wife was doing my leg herself without a doctor, and she brought it round. He asked me if I wanted a doctor, and I told him no.

23;230. Did Sir Edmund Lacon come in with Mr. Hunter?—Yes; he came in, and asked me if I wanted a doctor, and I told him no. I told him, "There is the doctor, and the Physician is up aloft;" and I looked at the sky. He did not know the meaning of that. He asked Mr. Hunter what that was for; and Mr. Hunter told him that was the heavens.

23,231. What did he say about the 20*l.*?—He said, "I will give you 20*l.*" I said, "No." He said, "Shall I put your name down; I will give you 20*l.*?" I said "No." I told him I always went that side, and I always should except that time of Sir Henry Stracey.

23,232. Did he ask you for your vote?—Yes, that he did.

C. Hunter.

CORNELIUS HUNTER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

23,233. What are you?—I am a rate collector and accountant.

23,234. Did you canvass with Sir Edmund Lacon at the last election?—Yes, the whole election.

23,235. Can you remember canvassing the man Thomas Newstead, who has just sat down?—Yes; I remember canvassing him.

23,236. With Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

23,237. Was there anybody else with you at the time?—I am sure I cannot call to mind whether Mr. Goodson was with us at the time or whether he was not.

23,238. Thomas Newstead has just sworn that Sir Edmund Lacon offered him, in your presence and in the presence of his wife 20*l.* if he would vote for him?—I say it is a falsehood.

23,239. Was any allusion whatever made by Sir Edmund Lacon to money?—None whatever.

23,240. Can you remember what passed when the

man was canvassed?—No; I cannot call to mind, because I was with them through the whole canvass.

23,241. It may refresh your memory if I remind you that the man was on a sofa, suffering from a bad leg?—I am positively certain that I never heard on any occasion whatever Sir Edmund Lacon offer any inducement to any man for his vote through the whole canvass.

23,242. Do you know Newstead by sight?—Yes, I know him. I see him four or five times every year, when I call on him for the rates.

23,243. Have you any remembrance of the canvass as regards the man Newstead?—No; only a general knowledge about the canvass; no more than anybody else.

23,244. Did you keep a canvass book?—Part of the time.

23,245. Have you got it now?—No.

23,246. Can you remember what entry you made in it as regards Newstead?—I think I was not keeping the canvass at that time.

23,247. Can you remember if the man expressed himself adversely to Sir Edmund Lacon?—I am sure I forget. I always looked on Newstead as a man on the opposite side of the question, and a man that would not vote for us at all.

23,248. He split his vote in 1859?—That I was not aware of. I had nothing to do with previous elections. I have had frequent conversations with Mr. Newstead.

23,249. Have you any reason to believe that he owes any grudge to Sir Edmund Lacon?—I think not; I have no knowledge of it.

23,250. Have you any reason to believe that he is a man who would wilfully state that which is not true?—I should be sorry to say that; but I am positive Sir Edmund Lacon never made such a statement.

23,251. Do you know anything against his character?—I have known him the last seven or eight years; but I have never known anything whatever against his character.

23,252. Are you prepared most unhesitatingly to swear that Sir Edmund Lacon did not offer this man any money for his vote?—Yes.

23,253. Or offer him any money at all for any other purpose?—Not for any purpose. I am quite willing to swear that I never heard Sir Edmund Lacon on any occasion offer any money to any person.

23,254. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say you do not recollect the particular circumstances of canvassing this man?—No.

23,255. Do you think it could have been offered without your hearing it?—I think it could not have been offered without my hearing it.

23,256. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you introduce the voters to Sir Edmund Lacon?—Where he did not personally know them; but, having been a candidate before, he knew them himself generally.

23,257. Did you always stand by while Sir Edmund Lacon canvassed?—Generally; I generally stood as close as I am to this gentleman.

23,258. As you are here I will ask you, of course you voted for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

23,259. Beyond canvassing with Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, did you take any part in the election?—None whatever.

23,260. And you always belonged to the Conservative party?—Yes.

23,261. Can you give us any information which we ought to have?—No; I can give you no information of anything.

William Littlewood sworn; examined by Mr. Russell.

W. Littlewood.

23,262. What are you?—A seaman.

23,263. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—The Liberals.

23,264. Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl?—Yes.

23,265. Did you receive anything for your vote?—15*l.*

23,266. Where were you paid?—At Cattermole's, at the "Army and Navy."

23,267. Who sent you up to Cattermole's?—I went up myself.

23,268. Who told you to go?—Well, I cannot exactly say; many parties told me there was money being got there, and I went up myself and took the money.

23,269. Who went up with you?—Nobody.

23,270. Cannot you remember who told you to go?—No, I cannot do that.

23,271. Were you offered any money by the other side?—I did not come home till a day or two before the election. There were parties came to my house to canvass me, but I never saw anybody.

23,272. Who canvassed you?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson came to my house two or three times. I was not in the way. The Liberal party never came to me at all to the best of my knowledge; if they came I never saw them, and nobody was in the house.

23,273. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

Mrs. Mary Newstead sworn; examined by Mr. Russell.

Mrs. Mary Newstead.

23,274. Are you the wife of Thomas Newstead?—Yes.

23,275. Do you remember your husband being canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon at the last election?—Yes.

23,276. Can you remember what Sir Edmund Lacon said?—Yes.

23,277. Will you tell me?—When he came in he asked my husband if he wanted a doctor. He said, "No, my old lady is my best doctor," alluding to me; that was what passed. He says, "If you do not go for me you will not go against me;" and he said, "That I do not know anything about;" that was what passed.

23,278. Did Sir Edmund Lacon then go away?—Yes.

23,279. Did Sir Edmund Lacon say that if your husband would vote for him he would do anything for him?—I did not hear that.

23,280. You have told us, Mrs. Newstead, all that Sir Edmund Lacon said?—I have told you, sir, all that I heard, every word.

23,281. And you were standing close by, and must have heard everything?—I was close by, but I was walking about the room because there were several gentlemen with him standing there.

23,282. Who was with Sir Edmund Lacon?—That I cannot tell.

23,283. Was Mr. Hunter with him?—I do not recollect at all. Mr. Hunter came with him one time, I know, but my husband was not at home.

23,284. Did your husband tell you he had received some money for his vote at the last election?—No, he never said anything about it.

23,285. You are sure of that?—Yes.

William Diboll Baldwin recalled; examined by Mr. Slade.

W. D Baldwin.

28,286. Is Botwright your brother-in-law?—Yes, he is.

23,287. What is Botwright?—A cabinet-maker.

23,288. Did you ever have any conversation with Botwright about your vote?—Never.

23,289. Do you still adhere to your statement that

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you received no money from Mr. Downing for your vote?—I never received a single penny.

23,290. You see Mr. Downing here?—Yes.

23,291. You know the man?—Yes, I know him well.

23,292. Do you remember the night before the election?—Yes.

23,293. Were you in the Market Place that night?—I called at Botwright's shop because I understood a party was removing some furniture from off my premises. The house had been shut up about nine months. I asked him to go round with me after he had shut up the shop, and he said he wanted to go into the "Angel," and he said, "Wait till I come out," and I suppose I waited five minutes; there were several people in the market; there were about three or four people came out of the "Angel" across the market, and he sang out to me, I could go, that he would soon follow. He was going along with me down to a cottage of mine. He sang out, "You can be going, I will soon follow."

23,294. Did Botwright go into the "Angel?"—Botwright did go into the "Angel," and told me to wait a few minutes till he came out.

23,295. Did you wait?—I waited about five minutes.

23,296. Did Botwright come out?—He came out with three or four people.

23,297. Was Downing one of them?—I do not know.

23,298. What time of night was this?—I should think it might be about 10 or half-past 10; I cannot remember the exact time; he had been with me two or three nights before that down to this cottage of mine on the Denes.

23,299. Did Botwright come out in the company of the people, or was he by himself?—There were two or three more along with him.

23,300. Did you know any of them?—No.

23,301. Were they all strangers?—I did not notice any of them.

23,302. Do you know Downing by sight?—Yes, I do know Downing.

23,303. Was he one of them?—I do not remember seeing him.

23,304. Can you say whether he was or not?—I do not think he was; it was night time; I will not be positive of it on account of being night time.

23,305. Did you speak to any of those men who came out with Botwright?—I never spoke to anyone. Botwright just sang out to me, "You can be going, I will soon follow," and I went down by the market gates.

23,306. When did he sing out to you?—After he came out of the "Angel," after he was coming across the market.

23,307. Where did he go to himself?—He was along with those two or three people; he said he would follow me.

23,308. Did he follow you?—No; I waited about there some time, he did not come, and I went home; I never saw any more of him.

23,309. Did he join you again that night?—No, I never saw anything more of him that night; I got home, it might be about a quarter past 11.

23,310. Did you walk home by yourself?—Yes, all alone by myself.

23,311. Whereabouts in the Market Place were you standing?—I think it was somewhere directly opposite the roadway leading to the market gates by the fish market.

23,312. Was there a lamp-post about there?—I think there was; I forget whether the lights were alight that night; I think it was moonlight; I do not remember their being alight.

23,313. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you been speaking to Botwright about this since you were examined the other day?—About my coming up here?

23,314. Yes?—He first mentioned it directly I went in; he understood I had been up.

23,315. Botwright mentioned it to you first?—Yes; he is living at my house till he gets something to do.

23,316. Is he there at the present moment?—No, he is out at work somewhere.

23,317. Where is he?—When he goes out of a morning we do not often see him till he comes home at night.

23,318. Did you leave this court with the intention of going to find Botwright?—When I left the last time; when I was up the other day, do you mean?

23,319. No, this morning?—I have not left the court; I have been here the whole time.

23,320. Did you not leave this court with the intention of going to find Botwright this morning?—No, I have been sitting here all the time; I have not left the court to-day.

23,321. You are sure you have not left the court to-day?—Not since the gentleman came up to me; he drew up for me directly I got in to dinner; he got into a cab and asked me to come up. That is the first word I heard about it.

23,322. When did you first recollect that you had been to Botwright's on this day before the election?—The day before the election.

23,323. You told us to-day that the night before the election you went to Botwright's?—I had been to Botwright's several times.

23,324. You told us to-day, you recollect, the night before the election you went to Botwright's; afterwards you went down with Botwright to the Market Place?—Yes.

23,325. When did that first come to your recollection?—I sat at home to consider about it, whether I could bring anything to my recollection.

23,326. When?—The other day, since I was up.

23,327. Did you talk to Botwright on the subject?—No, I never said anything to him on the subject.

23,328. You have never said a word to him on the subject of your being examined the other day?—Yes, I just now said he mentioned that to me directly I got in.

23,329. What did he say?—Well, he said he understood I had been up.

23,330. What else?—Nothing else.

23,331. What did you say to him?—I did not say anything but yes, I had been up.

23,332. Is that all you said to him?—I do not think I said anything else to him; I do not remember anything more; he knew I was summoned to come up.

23,333. Did he know why you were summoned?—Yes, he knew I was summoned by the report in the papers about the 15*l.*; he knew what I was summoned up for.

23,334. Did he say nothing to you about it?—Nothing.

23,335. Did you ask him whether he recollected your being with him on that evening?—No.

23,336. Not a word passed between you on the subject?—No; I have not seen him; he has been out all this morning.

23,337. I am not talking of this morning particularly. Did not Botwright remind you since you were examined here the other day that you came to him the night before the election?—No.

23,338. You told us the other day you had no recollection of being in the Market Place that night?—I could not recollect being in the Market Place that night. Since then I have tried to draw things to my recollection whether I had been in the Market Place or not.

23,339. Where is Botwright now, you must know?—No, I do not.

23,340. Where does he work?—He works at all parts of the town.

23,341. Where was he going to work to-day when he left home?—He did not leave word; yesterday he was out paper hanging in different parts.

23,342. What is he?—A paper-hanger and cabinet-maker.

23,343. Does he work for anybody in particular?—No, for different people; jobbing about; anything he can find to do; he is all over the town.

23,344. He cannot be all over the town at the same time; where is he now?—I cannot say.

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23,345. Who do you suppose he is working for now?—I have no idea at all, because we do not often speak to one another though he is in the house.

23,346. Does he not live with you?—Yes, because he has nothing to do.

23,347. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you ever told Botwright you received any money for your vote at the last election?—No, I never received any money.

23,348. I ask you whether you ever told Botwright you received any money for your vote at the last election?—No.

23,349. That you swear?—That I swear.

23,350. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you ever told him you did not?—I told him I did not.

23,351. When was that?—When we see the report in the paper three weeks or a month ago.

23,352. You told us you never said a word to him on the subject, nor he to you?—This is a month ago, when Downing's report came out, that is when I denied it.

23,353. (*Mr. Russell.*) Downing lives very near you?—Yes.

23,354. How many times have you seen Downing since Mr. Burton told you you had taken a bribe?—I do not remember seeing him once.

23,355. How far off do you live?—Across the road.

23,356. Have you ever taken the trouble to walk across the road to tell Downing he had brought a false charge?—No.

23,357. Why did you not?—I do not like to speak to these sort of men because they abuse you a good deal, so I did not like to go and speak to him.

23,358. Do you think it is a natural thing for a man to remain under a fale imputation, and not go to the man who made it to deny it?—Mr. Burton advised me to come up here and contradict it.

23,359. Do you mean to tell me you have not seen Downing 20 times since?—I am confident of it, nor yet 20 times during the year. I very seldom see Downing.

23,360. Downing says he has seen you two or three times a day?—If he has seen me I have not seen him; he must have been in his house and seen me.

23,361. Perhaps you were afraid to see Downing, and Downing was not afraid to see you?—No, I am not afraid to see anyone. I go backwards and forwards.

G. Crosswell.

George Crosswell sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

23,362. What are you?—A bootcloser.

23,363. Do you know a man named Botwright?—I do.

23,364. Have you ever had any conversation with Botwright about the vote of Baldwin?—On Thursday evening he came into my house and called me from my work; he asked me "Have you been to hear the commission to-day." I said "No." He says, "I understand my brother-in-law, Baldwin, has been up." I said, "What Baldwin?" He says, "Do you not know him?" Then I recollected him and said, "Yes, I went "to school with him, and I have known him ever since "I have been a boy." He says, "I understand he has denied taking the money." He says, "I should like to have known what he did say." I said, "As I was not "up I cannot say anything about it, you will see some "one by chance who has been up." He said he had the money, and I helped him to it. He said he should speak the truth when he came up, and I said, "Speak the truth like a man." My wife was present when the conversation took place.

23,365. Did Botwright say it was Downing who had given him the money?—He never said who; he said he had the money, and he helped him to it.

23,366. He never mentioned Downing's name?—Never.

23,367. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know where Botwright is now?—No, I do not know. I only happened to mention it to Downing, I did not wish to come here.

23,368. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you a vote?—No.

23,369. (*Mr Russell.*) Have you ever told anyone besides Downing that Botwright had told you this?—I never told Downing at all. Mr. Eagleton and two or three gentlemen were standing against the rails, and they said Baldwin had the money they believed; and I said, "So do I," and I believe Mr. Eagleton told Mr. Downing.

23,370. You told it to Mr. Eagleton?—Mr. Eagleton and another gentleman were discussing the matter about Mr. Baldwin, and Mr. Eagleton said, "I believe the truth is that Baldwin had the money."

23,371. When was this?—At 2 o'clock.

23,372. To-day?—To-day; and I said, "So do I, by what Botwright said to me."

23,373. Do you know Mr. Downing?—Yes, I know him; he used to live next door but one or two to me. I do not know I ever spoke to the man before, not till to-day.

J. Eagleton.

John Eagleton recalled; examined by Mr. Slade.

23,374. Did you get any money from Mr. Steward at the election in 1859?—I did.

23,375. How much?—If my memory serves me right, about 225*l.*; I think so, I would not be positive of it.

23,376. Was that to give to voters?—It was.

23,377. Did you pay it away to voters?—I did not the whole of it. I took Mr. Steward back the balance at the last. I cannot recollect them all, but I will as well as I can. Isaac Carr Banks.

23,378. As you go on tell us if any of them are dead?—Banks is dead.

23,379. How much?—Either 7*l.* or 10*l.* I cannot say, it is so long back; it is only from memory; it is from no memorandum. Arthur Bland.

23,380. Is he dead?—No.

23,381. He is not on the register?—No. He went off at the registration court.

23,382. How much?—That was 12*l.* That I got back about two months after the election.

23,383. (*Mr. Russell.*) I see Mr. Bland voted for Lacon and Stracey?—He did.

23,384. (*Mr. Slade.*) He gave back the money?—I got back the money about two months after the election.

23,385. Did you hear he was bribed the other side?—We got the whole evidence out about it, something about some repairs he did to some boat, but I forget the circumstance now. William Ellis, Buckenham Place.

23,386. Is that Victoria Road?—No. It was Buckenham Place on the 1859 poll book, but it would be Victoria Road. That is the same Ellis.

23,387. How much?—I fancy it was 10*l.* Mr. Livingston went down and saw him. Then I gave a man by the name of Whittaker, but I do not know what, to go over to Ingham Hall to fetch Robert Frarey.

23,388. Was Frarey a voter?—Yes. He was then living at Ingham Hall. He was a voter on the 1859 election. Robert Frarey; he was then living at a place called Ingham Hall.

23,389. How much money did you send to Frarey?—It was merely to pay the coach hire, and cabs, and a pair of horses to bring him to Yarmouth, given to this Whittaker. I do not know how much it was.

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23,390. Who was the next?—Alfred Goffin.

23,391. Of Fuller's Hill?—Yes, that is the man.

23,392. How much did you give him?—I thought it was 10*l.*, but he said the other day in his examination it was only 9*l.*, so I suppose it was only 9*l.* Then I gave a man of the name of Louttid some money, how much it was I do not know. It was for a man of the name of Goulder.

23,393. And who else?—And Abraham Hall. There might be one or two more, but I cannot say. I daresay I shall be able to recollect.

23,394. You gave him a large sum of money?—I do not say a large sum; whether it was for two or three I cannot say.

23,395. For his own vote?—No. He was a clerk in the room. Then William Hunt, of Gaol Street, it was then.

23,396. Is this William Hunt dead?—No. He lives close by.

23,397. He is not on the register?—He is not on the register now.

23,398. What did you give him?—I think it was 7*l.* Then Elijah Hunt.

23,399. He is not on the register?—Not on the last register.

23,400. How much?—That was 10*l.* Then there was a man on the register of the name of William Lavender. He was some long distance off. I paid him his expenses. I do not know what it amounted to; I think something like 4*l.* or 5*l.*, something like that. Then Charles Lubbock.

23,401. Charles Lubbock, of King Street?—No, it was Regent Street.

23,402. But the same man?—Not the same man.

23,403. How much?—That was 12*l.* Then there was a Robert Myhill, of Gaol Street; that was either 7*l.* or 10*l.*, but I cannot recollect. Then there was a Richard Neave, he had removed to Cambridge, and I wrote to him, and paid his expenses and loss of time. What it was I am not able to say, merely a few pounds. Then I gave William Newman some money; that was not for himself, but for other voters. Some he spent and some he kept.

23,404. Do you know how much you gave him?—I cannot say. I think one of the names was a man of the name of James Palmer, and what he had the other money for I forget entirely. Then John Sumner.

23,405. John Sumner, of St. Peter's Road?—Yes.

23,406. How much?—10*l.* John Watts.

23,407. John Watts, of North Market Road?—No.

23,408. John Watts, of Symonds Square?—Yes.

23,409. How much?—That was 10*l.* Joseph Bensley; that is on the Southtown list.

23,410. How much?—I did not know that I gave him anything, but he said in his evidence I had given him 5*l.* I had forgotten it entirely.

23,411. If he said you gave it him, no doubt you did?—No doubt I did. Then I can give you another list of parties whom I canvassed, but who I cannot say I gave money to or no, it is so long ago. I say a Daniel Beales; I recollect perfectly well going to him two or three times.

23,412. Daniel Beales, of the Victoria Road?—Yes. John Brooks I also went to, and a man of the name of Chaston.

23,413. John Brooks is not on the list?—He was then, he is since dead. I went up to George Chaston; I went there with Mr. Livingston.

23,414. Is he dead?—No. He is in Yarmouth.

23,415. Do you know he is off the register?—He has been out of a 10*l.* occupation for a long time. I also went with Mr. Livingston to that Mr. Ellis you have got down. I went with Mr. Livingston there. I do not know whether he can recollect the money he had.

23,416. Was that William Ellis?—Yes. I also went to Samuel Goodwin. I went to see him two or three times, but I do not know whether I gave him any money.

23,417. Any others?—Yes. I went with Mr. Livingston to Alfred Harpley.

23,418. He is not on the list now?—No, he is not, I think he is dead. And I and Mr. Livingston also went to Stephen Holdsworth.

23,419. Is he dead?—No.

23,420. He is not on the list?—He is in a cottage. He has been off the register for some time. I went to a James Johnson and Samuel Johnson. I fancy I gave James Johnson some money; whether I did Samuel I do not know.

23,421. Is that James Johnson, of the Queen's Road?—Yes; I saw them both two or three times.

23,422. Do you know a man of the name of Scarles?—Yes; perfectly well.

23,423. Johnson took 9*l.* of Scarles?—Which Johnson are you speaking of?

23,424. James Johnson, of the Queen's Road?—Then I might have given Scarles the money; he was acting with me at the time. I forget the circumstance, it is so long ago; and I also went with Mr. Livingston to a man of the name of John Cubitt Nichols, but I do not think we did anything with him.

23,425. When you say Mr. Scarles was acting with you, had you given Mr. Scarles money?—I would not be positive, but he was up, I think, in the room with me, the same as Louttid and others. He was very active.

23,426. Is Mr. Scarles living?—No. He went up to the petition; he got a bad cold there, and came back and died. He was a very active man.

23,427. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Where did he get his money from?—Who?

23,428. This Scarles?—I cannot say whether I gave it him, or whether he had it from Mr. Steward.

23,429. Mr. Steward has not given us his name?—It is most probable he had it from me, as we were in and out together.

23,430. His name is not given by Mr. Steward?—It is most probable from me. I cannot account for the amount I had, except the balance I took back; therefore I think it is probable Scarles had the money from me, the same as Newman and Louttid, in the same way I gave James Sharman some money. In fact I feel certain I did, but I do not know anything about the amount. He is not on the present register. That is as many as I have been able to recollect.

23,431. Did you give back the balance to Mr. Steward?—I did.

23,432. How much?—I have had an impression it was between 40*l.* and 50*l.*, but I could not be positive as to the amount. I recollect this perfectly well. When I took it back he was rather pleased at the work that was done with so little money, that he offered me any money I thought proper out of the balance. I refused a single penny. I said I would have my bill out of the regular money, but would not take a farthing out of the bribery money.

23,433. What did you get for your services?—Nothing out of that. I was six weeks throughout the whole election.

23,434. What did you get in the regular way?—I think my bill was 20*l.* for the six weeks.

23,435. Was that all the money you received in 1859?—That is all. I received none of anyone else.

23,436. That is all you received?—Yes, that is all I received.

23,437. Had you spent any money in the year 1857?—I had done a great deal in 1857 to my sorrow, but not in the bribery way, not a farthing; I would not do it.

23,438. Did you give in any papers to Mr. Steward at the time?—Yes; I returned every penny of it to Mr. Steward.

23,439. Mr. Steward says he gave you 250*l.*?—I do not think he did; I have an impression it was about 225*l.* I recollect his saying this, that I had bought ten men more than another man who had 100*l.* more than I had.

23,449. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you receive it all at one time?—I think not, but I could not be positive; I do

not think I did all at one time. As I took the names I took the money.

23,441. Have you made any calculation of how much you have been able to account for of the 225*l.*?—I have made a calculation somewhere on a piece of paper, about 147*l.*, something like that; but what I paid to Louttid, Newman, Lavender, and Neave, I do not know.

23,442. Those being of course large sums?—Two of the men would have larger sums.

23,443. When was it that you received this money, do you remember?—I had refused, the same as I had in 1857, to have anything to do with the bribery at all. But they sent for me, I think it was the day, or the day before the election, and begged of me to take these lists because they were fearful they had not another man. I said, "Here I am; I have been "round with the canvassing parties, and upon the score "of agency, if anything comes out, what is to become "of the seats?" However they had nobody else to do it, and I took it.

23,444. Do you know when the bribery began on that side in 1859?—I know it began two or three days before I knew anything about it, because I knew Mr. Clements and others had received money for that purpose.

23445. Do you know when bribery began by the Conservatives at that election?—I could not tell at this distance of time.

23,446. With which side did the bribery first begin?—That I would not undertake to say at this distance of time.

23,447. But the bribery had began some few days on your side before you received the money?—It had, because for this reason. I had seen Mr. Clements's list, and I had seen another list besides.

23,448. Can you remember what day of the week the polling day was in 1859?—I can by reference to the poll-book, but I cannot from recollection.

23,449. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) On the Friday?—Yes, the Friday.

23,450. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was that within a week that you received the money from Mr. Steward?—I think the night I spent the money, if I recollect, was the night of the day before, the night previous to the election.

23,451. I asked the time you received it?—I spent it the same day.

23,452. The moment you received it you spent it?—I received it in the evening, and I finished at the "Star." I went to Mr. Steward's and received it.

23,453. You did not receive it earlier than the Wednesday before the polling day?—It was only a day or two, I am positive of that.

23,454. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was Mr. Neave acting under you?—Which Mr. Neave?

23,455. Either of them?—No, not at that election.

23,456. What were the names you gave at this election, Scarles, Newman, Louttid, and who?—I had forgotten Scarles until you brought it to my memory.

23,457. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I took down the name of Richard Neave?—Yes. That was the man who removed from Yarmouth to Cambridge, and I wrote to him to come, and I would pay his expenses.

23,458. (*Mr. Slade.*) I want to know the names you gave us as acting with you. I mean the men you gave money to to give to the other people?—Louttid was one.

23,459. Scarles another?—Yes.

23,460. And Newman?—Yes.

23,461. And the fourth?—I had an impression until I heard the evidence of Greenhow, that he had. He was one that was in my room, but I cannot say whether he had or no.

23,462. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know a man named William Spillings?—Yes, perfectly well.

23,463. Do you know whether he took any part in bribing in 1859?—I should rather say no. My impression would lead me to say no.

23,464. His name was given to us by Mr. Livingston as being one of the bribers in that election?—In 1857?

23,465. He was examined before us to-day, and says he did take a part in bribing in 1857, but felt he did not in 1859?—I do not think he did in 1859. That was my impression.

23,466. Do you know a man named Thomas William Clarke?—Perfectly well.

23,467. Did he take an active part in 1859?—I never knew an election but what he did not take an active part.

23,468. He was a Gorleston man?—Yes.

23,469. Do you know whether he had any money entrusted to him in 1859?—I have heard him complain of being a good deal of money out of pocket, but I cannot say he had money. He was a man in Gorleston that I looked to, as you would to Mr. Rivett on the other side.

23,470. Did you regard him as the Mr. Rivett on the other side?—Yes.

23,471. Then, in fact, you had no doubt that he spent money in bribery?—If he did not spend it he had parties who did it.

23,472. In fact, to such an extent that you have heard him complain he was out of pocket?—Yes. He told me so, and so have the family since.

23,473. That he paid more than he received?—He was considerably out of pocket by the party.

23,474. Can you give us the names of men who were concerned in bribing in 1859, that we have not got at present?—George King would be a likely man; and I have no doubt Mr. Chapman too. I should fancy what money he spent might not come through Mr. Steward; I should fancy so. George King, I should fancy, would act under some one from Gorleston, and perhaps not direct from Mr. Steward.

23,475. Who would George King get his money from?—I can scarcely say; I should rather fancy it would come from such as Mr. Reynolds. I should think so. I do not think George King was known enough among us at the time to have money of Mr. Steward.

23,476. Do you believe any money was received in 1859 by the sub-agents except Mr. Christopher Steward?—I can scarcely say that. My impression has been ever since 1859, as it is now at this moment, that the amount of money spent at that election, which I have heard in this court, would not tally with my opinion ever since the election.

23,477. What is your opinion?—My opinion was that the sum was a good deal larger. I have a very strong impression.

23,478. Much more was spent than we have before us?—I think so.

23,479. Then, in fact, if Mr. Christopher Steward has accounted for all he disbursed, somebody else must have been entrusted with money?—That is my opinion.

23,480. Have you any opinion in your own mind sufficiently strong to justify you in venturing who that person may have been?—No. I will not attempt to say that I have, for two or three reasons, though my opinion is there was more money spent than I have seen shown here.

23,481. I should like to hear your reasons?—I recollect talking the subject over privately different times with Mr. Livingston.

23,482. Was Mr. Livingston's opinion, then, more money had been spent than has been accounted for?—I think so.

23,483. Has Mr. Livingston ever mentioned any sum as he estimated as probably spent?—We have talked the thing over many times. In fact there was a disagreement with several parties then as to the money Mr. Steward had received.

23,484. What do you in your own mind estimate as the amount of the illegal expenditure on that side?—My impression was a little over 3,000*l.* That always was my impression, and that is so at this moment.

23,485. Do you know whether Mr. Livingston was

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of the same opinion when you discussed it with him ?—I think he was.

23,486. Was he ?—I should say he was. I perfectly recollect this, a meeting being called at the "Star" by Mr. Livingston, and I would not say a particular person, but him and me, and two or three more, asking Mr. Steward to render up an account of the money he received.

23,487. Which side do you think spent most money illegally in the election of 1859 ?—I can say little about the 1859 election, further than what I have now said to you. I can hardly form an opinion. Of course there was a deal of talking at every other election, the same as at this.

23,488. You have no accurate information of the expenditure of the Conservative side at the election of 1859 ?—I do not think I have.

23,489. Have you never since you have changed your political party heard what the expenditure was estimated at on the Conservative side in 1859 ?—I do not think I have; if I have I forget it now.

23,490. Do you consider the price of votes has risen since 1859 ?—Yes. I do not recollect a single case in 1859 that I spent, except in one case, the amount of 12*l.*, and there I got the money back. The next highest was 10*l.* I had none higher than that. I had 5*l.*, 6*l.*, and 7*l.*

23,491. A man named George Clements, who has been examined before us this morning, said that sums were paid up to 25*l.* ?—There was a reason in that. That man had taken some large amount of money from the other parties, and he offered Mr. Clements if he would make it higher, he would take the money back. There was a particular reason in that case.

23,492. What should you put as the average price of a vote in 1859 ?—I think Mr. Clements was not particularly up to it, so much as two or three of them. I think his votes cost a little more.

23,493. My question is this, what should you put as the average price of a vote in 1859 ?—In asking a man what he wanted, which we used frequently to do, it was rarely we were asked 10*l.*

23,494. I suppose 10*l.* was considered a good deal in 1859, and it was considered very little in 1865 ?—Yes, certainly.

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CHARLES BOTWRIGHT sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

23,495. What are you ?—A cabinet-maker.

23,496. Whom did you vote for at the last election ?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

23,497. What did you receive for your vote ?—Not a farthing.

23,498. Were your rooms taken at the time of the election ?—Yes.

23,499. Who by ?—By the Liberal party.

23,500. Who by ?—Mr. Livingston. It is my show-shop, it was a case of emergency. They had hired Savory's on the Quay. They had found he was doing all he could against them, and was not going to vote, and Mr. Livingston asked me to clear my show-shop ; stand the things on one side, and they would be obliged to me. They did not know where else to go, and they should not keep there.

23,501. What did you get paid for your rooms ?—I took the bill in to Mr. Clowes. They ordered refreshments there. I supplied them with refreshments, tea and coffee, and whatever they wanted. I put it down, and took the bill to Mr. Clowes. He said, "I "cannot pay you for this, it is not legal." I said, "I "am a poor man and cannot afford to feed the 'bus "drivers, and fly drivers, and people coming in. I "cannot afford to feed them."

23,502. What was the amount of your bill ?—I cannot say exactly what it was, 7*l.* or 8*l.* Not for refreshments, but including the room. I was to have 1*l.* a-day for the room. They hired the room from the Friday up to the Wednesday.

23.503. And your bill was 7*l.* or 8*l.* ?—Yes.

23,504. Did you get paid ?—I got paid for the room.

23,505. What did you get paid for that ?—4*l.*

23,506. Who paid you the 4*l.* ?—Mr. Clowes.

23,507. What was done with the remainder of the bill ?—He told me to take the bill home, and make a new one out for the room by itself, not the refreshments.

23,508. Which was the 4*l.* bill ?—Yes.

23,509. And that was paid ?—Yes.

23,510. The remaining 5*l.* or 4*l.*, or the remaining 3*l.* ?—I felt a little uneasy about that.

23,511. You got 4*l.* paid ?—Yes.

23,512. What became of the remaining 3*l.* or 4*l.* ?—I did not get it from Mr. Clowes, he would not pay me.

23,513. Did you get paid at all ?—Yes.

23,514. Who by ?—Mr. Livingston, about a month or five weeks after that; he paid me more than that.

23,515. What did Mr. Livingston pay you ?—I think it was 10*l.* or 11*l.* I cannot say. I had an account with him, and we squared it off.

23,516. What did he pay you the 11*l.* for ?—For the refreshments, and they damaged some of the furniture in the shop; they took the French polish off the tables with their feet, and I told him I was stopped in my business. It was an injury to me, they damaged the glasses. I told Mr. Livingston about it, and he said I should not lose by it, and his son told me one day when I was passing to call in, and so I went in, and we squared off.

23,517. Did not Mr. Livingston pay you as much as 15*l.* ?—No ; he will not say he did that.

23,518. I think he has said so ?—I think not ; he said wrong if he did. It made up about 14*l.* or 15*l.*, including the letting of the room ; I cannot say to a pound. He had a bill against me, and we squared it off, somewhere about 14*l.* or 15*l.* I owed him 3*l.* or 4*l.*, and we squared it off.

23,519. What was your room used for ?—A sort of committee room. The committee from the other place, from Savory's, came there, the same men. They did not stop there after they found out Savory being a sort of a turn-coat. There is one gentleman sitting there, Mr. Lawn; he was one of them.

23,520. Had you made any arrangement with Mr. Livingston as to how much was to be paid for your rooms ?—He said he would satisfy me for it. I said it would stop the trade, being a show-shop, stowing the things on one side.

23,521. No sum was mentioned ?—He said afterwards, "I shall give you a pound a-day for your rooms."

23,522. Did he ask you for your vote at that time ?—No.

23,523. How had you voted in 1859 ?—I always voted Liberal, three times.

23,524. Did you ever receive money for your vote ?—Never voluntarily.

23,525. Did you involuntarily ?—Yes.

23,526. Who was that from ?—Mr. Cooper.

23,527. What year was that ?—In 1859.

23,528. How did Mr. Cooper force money upon you ?—He came round to me. I was under an obligation to Dr. Norman. He was a great friend of mine, who lent me money to go into business. He was a strong Conservative. Mr. Cooper came and asked me to vote Conservative on Dr. Norman's side. I said, "No." He said, "You must not go against him, he is a good friend of yours." I said, "Yes, a kind friend." He said, "What is the price of that glass there ?" that was hanging in the shop. I had a card hanging in the shop, "Terms, cash ;" that is my business there. "What is the price of that glass ?" he said. I said, "About 2*l.* 10*s.* or 2*l.* 15*s.*, I cannot say exactly." He said, "I shall give a higher figure than that for it." I said, "If you like to buy the glass you "can ; but if you buy the glass I shall not vote your "side."

23,529. Did he buy the glass ?—No, he left. Then I saw him after that down by the packet.

23,530. You said that Mr. Cooper forced money upon you ?—Yes.

23,531. Now go on and tell us how?—I saw him after that at the packet. I saw a friend off the packet on the Wednesday. He came across and said, "Botwright, I shall give you 20*l.* if you vote our side ;" and Mr. Page stood by and said, "What is Mr. Cooper up to ?" I said, "He offers me some cash." Then he went away up the Star Row, where he lived, and I saw nothing more of him. Then the nomination day I took half a dozen chairs home to the Market Place to a cook-shop. My man was with me coming along. I saw Mr. Cooper at the bottom of the Row, and someone else. He said, "I want to see you." We went up. A young man was standing at the desk. He told him to go away. He took and barred the door and bolted it, and put his back against it, and said, "You are not going against Dr. Norman, your best friend." I said, "Yes." He said, "You cannot contradict it." I said, "Yes, I shall go against my best friend." I said, "I want to go ; I am not a prisoner." I undid the door, and as I was coming out, I had a short coat on like this, and he said, "Take that. I shall trust to you. Do not go against the Doctor ;" and he put it in my pocket.

23,532. How much was in your pocket ?—I did not know how much was there at the time ; but I went down and told my brother. He said, "You are a poor man ; it is tempting you." I said, "I shall not vote for them after all this."

23,533. How much was there ?—There was 15*l.*

23,534. What did you do with the 15*l.* ?—I went to Mr. Watkin the election morning about half-past 7, to the "Star," and I told him exactly how Mr. Cooper had been treating me ; and I said, "What shall I do with the money ?" and he said, "Go to Mr. Costerton." I went to Mr. Costerton's office, and he was not at home. That was the time they were speaking out of the balcony window ; so I kept the money in my pocket that day until I got home at night.

23,535. Did you return it to Mr. Cooper ?—No ; it would have been put down to me all the same for that if I had returned it. No doubt about that.

23,536. Did you receive any money on the other side ?—Never a penny in my life. I challenge everybody in Yarmouth. Never a penny. If I did, you can condemn me. I always voted for the Liberals, and never took a penny ; and never a man in Yarmouth can say that I did.

23,537. Had you voted in 1857 ?—Yes.

23,538. For the Liberals ?—Yes.

23,539. I do not understand how you came to keep this money that was forced upon you ?—I should have carried it back, only my brother said, "Do not carry "it back ; he will put it down to you just the same ; you "will be branded just the same. He will collar it him-"self," he said.

23,540. You thought the mischief was done, and you might as well keep it ?—I did not care much about keeping the money. It is very tempting ; but I did not like the system. He is a manœuvrer, a regular schemer.

23,541. Did you say that your rooms were taken instead of Savory's ?—Yes ; they did not leave Savory's at once, but they found out how he was going. I think they stopped there a day or two after that, after Mr. Livingston spoke to me ; but he paid me just the same.

23,542. Savory got paid for his rooms ?—Yes, Savory got paid for his rooms, but they found out how he was going. They were suspicious about him two or three days before they came to mine. They did not come on the Friday, though they engaged them ; and I stowed the goods on one side. I do not think they came in before the Monday or Tuesday. I cannot recollect, but I do not think they did.

23,543. What were your rooms used for ?—For the messengers, to see the state of the poll, and so on ; to see where the voters were, and who had voted.

23,544. What gentlemen came there ?—Mr. Brogden came in.

23,545. Did he sit there ?—No.

23,546. Who sat there ?—There was Mr. Lawn and the two Normans, plumbers and glaziers.

23,547. They sat there and took refreshments ?—They had their refreshments.

23,548. They were not doing the business of the election ?—They were looking over the papers to see who had voted, and who had not, so that they might see who wanted looking up.

23,549. Did Mr. Livingston say anything to you about your vote when he took your rooms ?—Never in his life, and I did not want asking.

23,550. He seems to have asked Mr. Savory about his vote ?—Yes.

23,551. How is it he did not ask you ?—I do not know.

23,552. He thought Savory was going to vote the other side ?—He did afterwards.

23,553. When he found Savory was going to vote the other side he came and engaged your rooms ?—Yes.

23,554. In order to spite Savory ?—I do not know about spite.

23,555. To withdraw his custom from Savory and bring it to you ?—Yes.

23,556. Was nothing said to you about your vote ?—Never a word. I was not asked by a man this last election.

23,557. Did not Mr. Savory ask you which way you were going to vote ?—No, not a man in Yarmouth, only Mr. Brogden. Sir Edmund Lacon called at mine.

23,558. You were examined in the House of Commons after the election of 1859 ?—Yes, that is in reference to Mr. Cooper's offer.

23,559. And this offer of Mr. Cooper's was pretty well known in Yarmouth ?—Yes ; and I saw him in London just after I gave my evidence. I think his name was called in the House of Commons, and he did not appear. I have seen him since, when he used a deal of sarcasm about me, and when I came out I saw Cooper and Mr. Bunn here, in a public-house, and they tapped at the window. I went in with Mr. Greenhow. He attacked me about the money, and I said, "Why do not you go and contradict it ? you are close by."

23,560. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What did you do with the 15*l.* ?—I went to Mr. Owles, a magistrate of the town, and told him about it.

23,561. I do not want you to go through the whole story. The 15 sovereigns were produced before the Committee of the House of Commons ?—Yes.

23,562. And what became of the 15*l.* ?—Mr. Owles gave them to me back again.

23,563. You put the money in your pocket ?—Yes. I stopped in London a few days.

23,564. You kept it ?—Yes.

23,565. And you spent it ?—Yes ; Mr. Owles told me I had as much right to it as Mr. Cooper.

23,566. You knew the money was not yours ; why did you not return it to the owner ?—I did not know who the right owner was. I knew Mr. Cooper had not the money.

23,567. You knew where it came from ?—I knew it came from Mr. Cooper, but he was as bad off as I was.

23,568. Why did you not return it to him ?—I had no inclination to return it to him.

23,569. You knew it was not yours ?—I knew it was not mine, and I did not think it was his.

23,570. But you knew it came from him ?—I imagined it was Sir Edmund Lacon's.

23,571. Why did you not return it to Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Because he had more money than I have.

23,572. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you remember going to fetch Downing at the "Angel" before the last election ?—I saw him at the "Angel."

23,573. Was that the night before the election ?—Yes, I think it was.

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23,574. What time in the night was it?—I do not know, about 9 or 10, something like that.

23,575. Did you go up to the room where Downing was?—No, I saw him at the bottom of the stairs. I went to speak to Mr. Livingston.

23,576. What did you say to Downing when you saw him there?—I asked him whether Mr. Livingston was there. I think first I told him there was Baldwin, a neighbour of his. He had not said anything to me about money. I heard him say he was going to vote for Mr. Brogden; I was down there when Mr. Brogden called, and I thought he was going one and one; I was rather suspicious about it. I said, "He is now going "out of the market gates; let us see if we can see "him."

23,577. Did Downing go out with you?—Downing went out with me.

23,578. Into the Market Place?—Yes.

23,579. Did you see Baldwin?—Baldwin stood leaning against the fish market-place; he was waiting for me to go down to Somerset Place to watch his house. There was a tenant there going to take the furniture away, and we watched two or three nights, and he was to meet me at the opening just opposite, to go down there.

23,580. And did you point Baldwin out to Downing?—Baldwin did not speak to him. I said, "William, you go on, I will soon overtake you." I said that to Baldwin; his name is William. I said to Downing, "He has not said anything to me about money;" but I said, "Cannot you give me some money for him?" I imagined he would go the other side, one and one.

23,581. You asked Downing to give you money for Baldwin?—Yes.

28,582. What did Downing say to that?—"We will go to the "Feathers,"—that was the house he mostly used. He put his hand in his pocket, and there were some coins there. He said, "I will not pay you now, I will leave him some to-morrow morning." I said, "That will not do." I said, "I would get some to-night if I could," and he said, "Go up to the 'Angel,' and I will get a ticket." He went up to the "Angel," and he met Mr. Mainprice, and that is all I saw of him.

23,583. Did you go down into the Market Place with Downing?—Yes.

23,584. How long did you stay in the Market Place with him?—We went right across; there were five or six people together at the time we went over to this opening.

23,585. Where Baldwin was?—Yes.

23,586. Where Baldwin was waiting?—Yes. He did not know I was going to ask for money for him. He never asked me. I do not know if he would have taken it if I had offered it. I did it at my own responsibility.

23,587. What made you do that?—I imagined he wanted it. He voted for the Conservatives the other time, and I imagined from the manner of him he would go for Sir Edmund Lacon, and I thought if we gave him the money it would tempt him to go for both.

23,588. Did he tell you he was going to vote for the Conservatives?—No, he did not tell me that. He said he should vote for Mr. Brogden, only his employer is a Conservative, and I thought he felt inclined to go the other way. He did not tell me he should vote for Sir Edmund Lacon, but I thought so from the manner of him.

23,589. Then Baldwin had not given you any authority to ask for the money?—No, he never asked it or breathed it. He told me he could have money the other side.

23,590. When did he tell you that?—I think the same night; it is one night I mostly go down to him or he comes to mine. He said he went to the barber's shop to a man of the name of Fry, and he said he would give him money if he voted for the Conservatives, and he said he would not have anything to do with money.

23,591. He said he would not take money?—Not of the Conservatives.

23,592. Did he say he would not of the Liberals?—No. I thought he would.

23,593. And that is the reason you went to Downing?—I did not go on purpose for that. I went to speak to Mr. Livingston about a voter of the name of Parsons. I went with Mr. Livingston and Mr. Brogden down to Parsons. He said, "I think the Blue "party are hanging fire. I think I shall go the "other side," so I went and told Mr. Livingston.

23,594. What do you mean by "hanging fire?"—Hanging fire for money. He was a poor man.

23,595. Would not pay money?—They were not bribing.

23,596. They were hanging fire—that is, were not giving money?—That is what he told me, and I went with Mr. Brogden and Mr. Livingston to this man.

23,597. As soon as you saw Downing, you say you spoke to him about Baldwin?—Not at once. I spoke to one or two persons before then.

23,598. What did you say to Downing before you spoke to him about Baldwin?—I think I asked him whether Mr. Livingston was there, and I said, "There "is a party outside, I think if you were to give him "a little money, I fancy he is shaky, he will go one "and one; if you give him a little he may not go "against the party, but go for both."

23,599. That was Baldwin?—Yes. It was only imagination of him, I thought from the manner of him. He said, "I will vote for Brogden," and he being at the office he was I thought he was a strong Conservative.

23,600. Downing went out with you?—Yes.

23,601. And you heard him chink some money in his pocket?—He put his hand in his pocket.

23,602. And you heard the chink of money?—Yes; but he did not take any out.

23,603. He went into the Market Place?—Yes.

23,604. And Baldwin was there?—Yes; he was there waiting for me to go to Somerset Place; but Baldwin did not speak to Downing, or Downing to him.

23,605. Did you walk off with Downing?—No. I said to Baldwin, "I will overtake you at Somerset Place," and I saw no more of him that night.

23,606. (*Mr. Russell.*) How do you know Downing did not speak to Baldwin if you went away directly?—I was close by Downing, walking along with him. There were several persons walking backwards and forwards, and Downing seemed rather afraid. He said, "Let us go into the 'Feathers.'" That is the house Downing used. But I said, "I will go back;" and as we came back from the "Feathers," I said to Baldwin, "I shall overtake you," and I went back with Downing to the "Angel," and did not follow Baldwin. I did not go that night to watch.

23,607. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Downing and Baldwin go away together?—I did not see them speak to each other.

23,608. Did they go away with each other?—No; they went away in an opposite direction.

23,609. What did Downing go down to the Market Place for?—I do not know.

23,610. He came down with you?—He said, "I shall go down with you."

23,611. You fetched him out?—I did not fetch him out.

23,612. You said, "Here is a man wants money?"—I said, my brother-in-law was outside—Baldwin; see if we can find him.

23,613. And you took Downing out, saying to him, "There is my brother-in-law wants money?"—Yes. I said, "If you pay me it will do."

23,614. He was not so green as to pay you?—No.

23,615. He went out with you?—Yes.

23,616. And there you saw Baldwin?—Yes. I only said one word to him.

23,617. You saw him with your own eyes?—Yes.

23,618. Downing was with you?—Yes.

23,619. What did Downing go out for?—I do not know.

23,620. What did he go out with you for? He went back to the "Angel?"—I went back with him.

23,621. What did he walk out into the Market Place for?—To see Baldwin, I suppose.

23,622. Did he give Baldwin any money?—No.

23,623. Do you know a man named George Crosswell?—Yes.

23,624. A boot-closer?—Yes.

23,625. Did you ever tell him that Baldwin had the money, and you helped him to get it?—No, never in my life.

23,626. That you swear?—Yes.

23,627. Never told him anything of the sort?—He never got it.

23,628. Did you ever tell Crosswell that to your knowledge Baldwin had the money, and you helped him to it?—No.

23,629. That you swear?—Yes.

23,630. And if Crosswell has come here and said that he has perjured himself?—I never recollect saying so.

23,631. That will not do. Crosswell has come here and sworn that. Do you mean to come and take your oath you never said it?—I never did.

23,632. You take your oath to that?—I never did.

23,633. Or anything like it?—I do not recollect it.

23,634. Did you ever speak to Crosswell about this man Baldwin?—I do not know that I ever did.

23,635. Never in your life?—I used to live neighbours with him.

23,636. Baldwin was examined here the other day, do you know that?—I think I was in London at the time.

23,637. Do you know Baldwin was examined here two or three days ago?—Yes.

23,638. Have you ever spoken to Crosswell since then about it?—I think I asked him what was going on at the commision.

23,639. Have you ever spoken to George Crosswell about the examination of Baldwin before us?—Yes, I think I have.

23,640. What did you say to him?—I asked him who had been up to-day. He told me Baldwin had been up. He said he was very nervous. I do not recollect anything else.

23,641. What did he say besides that? Did he say Baldwin had denied taking the money before us?—Yes, I think he did.

23,642. When he said that what did you say to him? Did you say you knew he had got it?—No, I did not say that.

23,643. What did you say?—I did not know he got anything.

23,644. Did you say he had got it, or had not?—I said he had not got it.

23,645. You did not say you had helped him to it?—No, I did not, because I did not know he had got it.

23,646. If he got it you helped him to it, because you fetched Downing to give it him?—I do not think he gave him any that night, because I should have seen it.

23,647. It does not matter if he got money that night, you helped him to it?—Yes, if he got any.

23,648. You did not boast of getting him some?—I did not boast of getting him some.

23,649. You took Downing to him?—He did not go to speak to Mr. Baldwin.

23,650. You took Downing into the square where he was?—I took him past where he was standing.

23,651. How far was he off?—In the middle of the road, and he was leaning against the fish market.

23,652. I suppose about four yards?—Five or six yards.

23,653. About four yards off?—Yes, five or six yards off. We were rather more than that, we were rather past him.

23,654. You saw no money pass?—That I did not.

23,655. Downing has sworn to us that he paid him that night 15 sovereigns under the lamp-post?—I did not see it.

23,656. Whether he did or not you cannot say?—It is impossible for him to pay him without my seeing.

23,657. Why?—Because he was talking to me all the time.

23,658. Who was?—Downing. He said, "There "are so many people passing backwards and forwards, "let us go back to the 'Angel.'" He laid his hand on the door of the "Feathers," and he said, "Let us "go back to the 'Angel,' and I will take Baldwin's "to-morrow morning."

23,659. Have you ever spoken to Baldwin since that day about this money?—I live at his house; I lodge there.

23,660. Have you ever talked the matter over?—Yes. He has been very nettled about it. I said, "It was reported he took the money."

23,661. Do you remember when Downing mentioned to us he had given Baldwin the money? Did you see it in the paper?—I was up here at the time.

23,652. You were in the court?—Yes.

23,663. Did you ask Baldwin about it?—I told him his name was mentioned there, and he felt very wild about it. He said, "I do not like to go across to tell "Downing of it; he is a hot sort of man, and he may attack me for it."

23,664. You say he appeared very much nettled?——Yes. He told me he should speak to his solicitor about it.

23,665. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he tell you he would go to his solicitor?—He said he would speak to his solicitor about it.

23,666. Who is his solicitor?—A gentleman of the name of Burton.

23,667. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did he say he would go of his own accord and speak about it?—He said he would go.

23,668. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he go?—He said two or three times he had seen Mr. Burton, but I do not know where it was.

23,669. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you believe Baldwin is a man who would take money for his vote?—I do not hardly know; I was going to try him.

23,670. Had he given you any authority to go and get the money?—No.

23,671. If Downing had given it to you, and he would not have taken it, what should you have done with it?—I should have taken it back to Mr. Downing, being a neighbour.

23,672. As you took it back to Mr. Cooper in 1859?—That is another thing.

THOMAS DOWNING recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

T. Downing.

23,673. Did this man talk to you the whole time you were in the road?—No; he came to me first, and asked for the money for Baldwin. I said, "I will give you a ticket." He said, "That will not do." I said, "I will leave it at his house." He said, "That will not do; you must give it him now." I went across, and gave it to Baldwin in his hand; and this man standing here is telling a palpable lie. I do not think I was three yards off when I gave it him. He went away with Baldwin as far as Dr. Stafford's, the corner of the Market Place, and he was gone 10 minutes or a quarter of an hour, and then he came in again.

23,674. (*Mr. Russell.*) What o'clock was it?—Between 11 and 12, as near as possible. I went into the "Angel," and said to Richard Steel, "Here is a case." I said, "Here is a man that I did not think would take a penny." He said, "Who is that?" I said "Baldwin." "Damn him," said he, "he is down as a poll clerk; I will strike him out."

23,675. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Whom did you say that to?—Mr. Steel.

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

C. Botwright.

6 Oct. 1866.

CHARLES BOTWRIGHT recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

23,676. Do you hear that?—I take my oath I never saw a farthing pass.

23,677. Nobody ever says you did; but could that man have given Baldwin the money?—He could not without my seeing him.

23,678. Was he ever near enough to put anything in his hand?—No, he was not near enough by five or six yards. I did not see him speak to him.

23,679. Nobody said you did; but was he near enough to put the money in his hands?—He was not.

23,680. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When was it that you and Crosswell had the conversation?—I had been up to London, I think. When I came back from London.

23,681. Was it yesterday morning?—I think it was Wednesday.

23,682. Was it not yesterday morning you had the conversation?—No. I think it was Wednesday night or Thursday; I do not know which. I came up from London last Wednesday. I think it was Wednesday night or Thursday; I do not know which it was.

23,683. Baldwin was examined on Thursday, and therefore, this conversation could not have taken place before then?—Then it was the night; it was Thursday night.

23,684. Who was present when this conversation took place between you and Crosswell?—There was an old woman sat there.

23,685. Was that Crosswell's wife?—I think it is. I thought it was his mother, but I think it is his wife. She is an older woman much than he is a man.

23,686. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did she hear the conversation?—I do not think she did. It was a large house, and she sat almost the further part of the house.

Mrs. S. Crosswell.

Mrs. SARAH CROSSWELL sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

23,687. Are you the wife of George Crosswell?—Yes.

23,688. Do you know Charles Botwright?—Yes.

23,689. Do you remember his coming to your house last Thursday night?—Yes, quite well.

23,690. What did he come about?—He was talking about the election affairs.

23,691. About the election—about Mr. Baldwin?—Yes.

23,692. What did he say about him?—He said he took some money, and it was through him; he helped him to it he knew; he certainly took the money, because he helped him to it. Those were the words as far as I can say.

23,693. He knew he took the money, because he had helped him to it?—Yes, those were the words I heard him say.

23,694. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you know what you were coming here for?—No, not exactly, I did not.

23,695. Did you know that your husband was here this morning?—I did not know he was here this morning. I thought he was here this afternoon, but I did not know exactly he was here.

23,696. Mr. Ellis fetched you?—Yes, Mr. Ellis fetched me now. I was at home when the gentleman came.

23,697. Did Mr. Ellis tell you that you were wanted here?—Yes, he told me I was wanted here.

23,698. He did not tell you what you were wanted for?—No.

23,699. Did you know what you were wanted for?—I had an idea of it.

23,700. Why?—Because my husband told me.

23,701. When?—To-day, at dinner time. He thought I should have to come, he said.

23,702. Did your husband tell you what to say?—No, he did not tell me what to say.

23,703. He told you what he had said here?—Yes, he told me what it was upon.

23,704. And you are quite certain that that conversation occurred?—I am quite sure of it.

23,705. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know if Botwright said how much money it was?—No, I do not recollect the sum. I do not remember the sum at all.

23,706. Did your husband tell you to be sure and tell the truth?—He said but very little about it. He said, he thought I should have to go about the conversation which Botwright had at mine on Thursday night.

23,707. And did he then remind you what that conversation was?—Yes. He said, "Do you recollect what it was?" and I said "Quite well."

23,708. Did he tell you, or did you tell him?—I told him. He said, "Do you recollect what it was?" And I repeated it to him.

23,709. He did not in the first instance remind you of what Botwright had said?—This afternoon he did, before he came out.

23,710. He reminded you?—Yes. He asked me if I could recollect what it was, and I said, "Yes, I recollected what it was," and I repeated it to him.

23,711. You repeated it to your husband before your husband repeated it to you?—Yes.

23,712. And did he say, "That is right?"—Yes, "That is quite right;" and he said to me, "I do not know that you will not have to go up." I said, "Oh, nonsense;" I did not think anything of it.

Adjourned to Monday morning, at half-past 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 8th October 1866.

R. Steele.

RICHARD STEELE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

23,713. Did you see Downing the night before the election at the "Angel?"—Yes, several times.

23,714. Do you remember seeing him at the "Angel?"—Yes.

23,715. Do you remember his coming in and saying anything to you about a man named Baldwin?—No; he did not say anything to me. He was talking about him, and I was present at the time, and he made a remark as to a Mr. Baldwin having been paid some money. What it was I do not know, but I turned round and said, "What Baldwin do you mean?" He said, "Baldwin, clerk to Mr. Watling." "What!" I said, "a man like that holding a good situation. I "have him on my list as a check clerk; if that is the "case I will cross him off." He said, "I have paid him," and I did cross him off.

23,716. What time of the evening was that?—Rather late in the evening, because I did not get back to the "Angel" until between 10 and 11 o'clock, I think.

BENJAMIN MOTTS recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

23,717. What are you?—A baker.

23,718. Have you been examined before?—Yes.

23,719. When you were examined before you told us you received no money in 1859?—I said I could not recollect. I was put down as such.

23,720. Have you remembered anything since?—I remember since that I did do so.

23,721. Who from?—Mr. William Tobias Johnson.

23,722. How much?—10*l.*

23,723. Can you remember if you were offered any money on the other side in 1859?—No, not at all.

23,724. You voted for Watkin and Young?—I did so.

N. Swann

NATHANIEL SWANN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

23,725. Do you live at High Hill, Gorleston?—Yes.

23,726. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

23,727. What are you?—A fisherman.

23,728. Did you receive any money for your vote?—15*l.*

23,729. Who paid it to you?—Mr. John Hammond gave it me at night; in the evening anyhow.

23,730. Did you know old Mr. Rivett?—Yes, quite well.

23,731. Did he offer you any money?—No; he stopped the gig the morning before the election against my gate as he was passing to Yarmouth, and he asked me if I was going to vote. I told him, "Yes." He said, "Who for?" "Sir Edmund Lacon," said I, "as I have promised, and Mr. Goodson." "All right," said he, and he drove off. That is all he said to me.

23,732. Do you know any man he gave money to?—No, I cannot say.

23,733. Were you offered any money by the Liberal party at the last election?—Yes.

23,734. Who by?—I was offered money by Mr. King, of Gorleston.

23,735. Henry King?—No, George King.

23,736. How much did he offer you?—He did not offer me any sum.

23,737. Did you refuse it?—Yes.

23,738. Was that after you had the 15*l.* from John Hammond?—No, before that. I promised Sir Edmund Lacon I would vote for him when he was canvassing.

23,739. Should you have voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson if you had not had the money?—Yes.

23,740. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

J S. Skipper.

JAMES STARK SKIPPER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

23,741. Are you on the register?—I think not; I have not looked. I was, I believe, but I do not think I was at the last election.

23,742. What are you?—I am a solicitor, in Norwich.

23,743. Were you in Yarmouth at the last election?—No, I was not; I was the legal agent in Norwich for the Conservative interest, and, therefore, of course I could not be here.

23,744. You were on the register for Yarmouth?—I do not know whether I was or not. I was put off before, I think.

23,745. Do you live in Britannia Terrace?—I did so.

23,746. Did you vote at the last election?—I did not.

23,747. Were you canvassed for your vote?—I was not.

23,748. By neither party?—By neither party.

23,749. The reason you were summoned was, that your name was given in a list by Mr. Jones, the "stranger," as having received 15*l.* We have had a great many cases before us where money was evidently drawn for voters and never paid to them. No doubt this is one of those cases?—I certainly knew nothing of Mr. Jones, or Mr. Jones' money.

23,750. There is very little doubt that the 15*l.* went into somebody else's pocket?—Very probably.

23,751. Were you in Yarmouth in the year 1859?—In the course of the year I might have been. I did not reside here, merely in the summer for a few weeks.

23,752. Did you vote?—No; I never voted at a Yarmouth election.

23,753. In fact, you have taken no part?—No part whatever.

23,754. We are sorry that you have been put to the inconvenience of coming?—I am very glad to attend. I wish to state, as I was the legal agent of the Conservative party in Norwich, on principle, I entirely abjure all bribery in elections. I have had something to do with elections, but I never offered a bribe to a man in my life, and never wish to.

W. C. Rushmer.

WILLIAM CHARLES RUSHMER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

23,755. You are on the register as "Charles William Rushmer?"—I know I am; I have tried several times to have it altered.

23,756. What are you?—A lodging-house keeper now.

23,757. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

23,758. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—No.

23,759. Do you know a man of the name of Page?—I do not know that I do personally.

23,760. It was mentioned to us that you received 15*l.* from Page, which had been given to Page by Mr. Greenhow for you?—I do not know either of the names.

23,761. I believe there was a namesake of yours on the register in 1859?—I was on the register in 1859.

23,762. There was also a namesake of yours on the register at that time?—Yes. I knew him at that time; poor fellow, he was killed.

23,763. I will merely go through the form of asking if you received any money in 1859?—I received travelling expenses.

23,764. Who from?—I cannot tell you; because I asked for it, and they said it was not allowed. It was left at my house, and my own servant gave it to me.

23,765. What was the amount?—The amount was 6*l.*; I had 350 miles to travel, besides cab hire.

23,766. Where had you come from?—I came from Trafford Hall, about six or seven miles from Chester. I had to get a cab to go there, and then there were all my travelling expenses up here and back again.

23,767. Who was it to whom you applied for your travelling expenses?—Poor man, he is dead. To John William Green; he was an old friend of mine. He said, "I cannot tell you anything about it." He said, "Leave it as it is." I said, "Very well; I do not ask for a bribe or anything else."

23,768. And shortly after that the money was left at your house?—It was.

23,769. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—For Sir Henry Stracey and Sir Edmund Lacon.

23,770. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you know at that time who the agents of the candidates were?—No; I did not interest myself enough for that. I came down, and I went back again as quick as I could, because my time was so engaged that I did not feel it worth while inquiring or interesting myself in it.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

E. D. Louttid.

8 Oct. 1866.

EDWIN DUNCAN LOUTTID sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

23,771. What are you ?—A general agent and inspector of weights and measures for the port of Great Yarmouth.

23,772. Did you vote at the last election ?—I did.

23,773. Who for ?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

23,774. Did you take any part in the election besides voting ?—No.

23,775. Did you canvass any people for their votes ?—No.

23,776. In the election of 1859 we have heard you received money from Mr. Eagleton ?—I did.

23,777. How much ?—25*l.*

23,778. What did you do with that money ?—I gave 10*l.* to Abraham Hall, a pork butcher, living then on the White Horse Plain.

23,779. Is he dead or alive ?—He is alive ; and 15*l.* to John Goulder, on the register as John, but his christian name is Robert ; still he is on the register as John Goulder, of Victoria Cottages, or Victoria Place, in this borough.

23,780. Do you mean on the register now ?—He is dead now ; he died a year or two ago. He was on the register then for Victoria Place, I think by the name of John Goulder, but his christian name was Robert.

23,781. (*Mr. Russell.*) There are two John Goulders ?—The one I bribed, his christian name ought to have been on the register as Robert ; he lived then in Victoria Place.

23,782. There are two men down on the register of 1859, both as John Goulder, one living in Alfred Terrace and the other in Queen's Road ?—It must have been the Alfred Terrace one ; I think he removed from Alfred Terrace to the Victoria Road.

23,783. (*Mr. Slade.*) I understood you to say that you received no sum at the last election to give to anybody ?—Not to anybody.

23,784. Nor to yourself either ?—Nor to myself.

23,785. In the election of 1859, did you receive money for yourself ?—No.

23,786. Were you paid for your services ?—I was paid for my services as a clerk in the general committee room.

23,787. You voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey, I presume, in 1859 ?—No ; I voted then for Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young ; I think they were the candidates.

23,788. What were you paid as clerk ?—I think it was 8*l.* ; I was there for about 14 days.

23,789. When were you appointed inspector of weights and measures ?—30 years ago.

23,790. How came you to change your politics ?—That is a subject I would rather not enter into.

23,791. Was it for any pecuniary motive ?—No.

23,792. Or for any personal advantage to yourself ?—It was a personal advantage, I considered. That is the reason I did change.

23,793. We must have it, if you please ?—That was, I was fearful if I did not that I might lose the situation I hold ; therefore, I considered it would be better for me to vote on the Conservative side.

23,794. What made you fear you would lose the situation you hold ?—Well, something similar to what was done in the municipal investigation, when all the officers were turned out when the new councillors came in. That was in 1832.

23,795. Are you appointed to your place from year to year ?—Yes.

23,796. Was any threat held out to you ?—No.

23,797. You judged from what had happened to other persons ?—I did.

23,798. You were appointed clerk to the committee room, of course, by the Liberals in 1859 ?—Yes.

23,799. How had you voted in 1857 ?—Liberal.

23,800. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you personally canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—For which election ?

23,801. The last election ?—I was.

23,802. Did you promise them when they first canvassed you ?—I did.

23,803. Did you represent to either of them that your political feelings were not in accordance with theirs ?—No, not one word was spoken on either side.

23,804. Were you canvassed by Mr. Brogden or Mr. Vanderbyl ?—No.

23,805. Were you canvassed by anybody on their behalf ?—No.

23,806. If you had had no personal interest whatever at the last election should you have continued to vote for the Liberal party ?—No, I think not.

23,807. On what ground ?—Opinions vary you know.

23,808. If you found yourself in another place, and supposing it was not Great Yarmouth, and you had no personal interest one way or the other, should you now vote as a Conservative, or as a Liberal ?—As a Conservative.

23,809. How do you mean you might have voted differently ?—It is my impression that the Conservatives are the most liberal of the two parties. That is my firm opinion.

23,810. I do not understand why you did not give that as your reason for voting differently at the last election, instead of stating you had reasons that you would rather not state ?—I had that reason, but I have since found that the Conservative party are much more liberal in their dealings than the others.

23,811. Then your pure feelings are since the election of 1865 ?—Yes.

23,812. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you take any part in the election of 1857 ?—No, not any, except being a clerk ; I was a poll clerk then.

23,813. You had no money given you to disburse ?—No, not a farthing.

23,814. And was 25*l.* all the money you received in 1859 ?—Yes, and I spent the whole ; 15*l.* to one man and 10*l.* to the other.

23,815. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is your appointment made by the mayor, or by the corporation in general ?—It is made by the town council now.

23,816. You told my friend just now you thought you would be removed, from what had happened to others ?—I said, "Very probably I might."

23,817. I want to know what had happened to others ?—When the municipal investigation took place, and the new style of things came in, all the old officers were removed from their offices.

23,818. When did that take place ?—In 1836.

23,819. That was the reason you changed ?—That was one part.

23,820. How could what took place in 1832, have anything to do with what took place in 1865 or 1859 ?—That is when the Reform Bill passed.

23,821. You were a long time coming to that judgment, if you judged in 1865 from what happened in 1832. You did not mean that when you said just now you judged by what happened to others. Tell me who had been turned out by the corporation, whose fate was a warning to you ?—Not recently, they have not ; but under the old system there were certain officers.

23,822. Do not go back to the old system ?—I do not know of any case.

23,823. You voted Liberal in 1859 ?—Yes.

23,824. And Tory in 1865 ?—Yes.

23,825. And you told us you had changed your party because you were afraid that would happen to you which had happened to others ?—I meant at the time, what had happened to others a long while ago.

23,826. Why did you not change before ?—There was no reason.

23,827. That is not it. You knew of some cases of parties who were turned out by the corporation, which acted as a warning to you. Give them ?—I am not aware of them. I would give them in a moment if I were.

23,828. (*Mr. Russell.*) 1836 was the year you were appointed ?—Yes, in 1836.

23,829. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) To your knowledge, there was no one turned out of the corporation?—Not recently; only at the first.

23,830. And that was in 1832?—In 1835, I think it was; because I was appointed in 1836.

23,831. Had anybody reminded you of that?—No, nobody.

23,832. Why should you have expected to be turned out more in 1865 than in 1859?—I do not know that I anticipated it.

23,833. Why did you give that answer just now?—Because that was my impression at the time—if I did not probably vote Conservative I might lose the situation.

23834. Was it your impression in 1859?—No.

23,835. Why not?—Because I did not anticipate anything of the sort then.

23,836. Do you know a man of the name of Beales, who was in the employ of the corporation?—Yes.

23,837. Do you know he was turned out?—Yes, as a sergeant-at-mace. That was in 1835.

23,838. After the election of 1835?—It was after that time, but I cannot tell you the year he was turned out.

23,839. That was not your reason?—It was not.

23,840. Did no one speak to you on the subject at all?—No.

23,841. Not a creature?—Not a creature.

23,842. I am told that Mr. Beales was turned out in 1852?—He might be; that I cannot say.

23,843. Did that operate as a warning to you?—I do not think it did.

23,844. Did it not; you must recollect it?—I might have thought something of it—that I might share the same fate, perhaps; but I cannot tell you now.

23,845. Was there any other case?—No.

23,846. (*Mr. Slade.*) I see that the names of Abraham Hall and John Goulder were given in to us on Saturday as having been bribed by you?—Yes.

23,847. Are you sure those are the only ones?—Quite certain. I never went after another creature.

23,848. You cannot have forgotten any others?—Not a creature. I had no more money than that, and that was given to me by Mr. Eagleton to give them.

JAMES OLLEY sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Olley.

23,849. What are you?—I keep an eating-house on the Jetty Road.

23,850. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

23,851. Did you receive any money?—No.

23,852. Did you give any money to anyone else?—No.

23,853. Was there much entertainment going on at your house during the election?—No.

23,854. Are you aware of any men that frequented your house and received bribes at the last election?—No, no one.

23,855. Did you take an active part yourself?—No.

23,856. Did you canvass any men?—No.

23,857. In 1859 you had a vote also?—Yes.

23,858. Where did you live then?—In the Market Place.

23,859. In the same house?—No; I live on the Jetty Road now.

23,860. Did you live then in the house that Mr. Thompson has got now?—Yes.

23,861. You took an active part in that election?—No, not at all.

23,862. Did you receive any money at that election?—No.

23,863. Whom did you vote for?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

23,864. Was your house made use of in that election?—They had it for a day, on the day of the election.

23,865. The polling day?—Yes.

23,866. Who hired it?—Some of the committee came after it, and asked if they could have it for a day, and they had it for a day only.

23,867. What use was made of it?—For a committee room.

23,868. Did the committee meet there?—Some part of them were there, and had a lunch there some of them.

23,869. What were you paid for the use of that room?—I think altogether what I had for the use of the room and the lunch was under 2*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

23,870. Who paid you?—Mr. Charles Preston.

23,871. He was the legal agent for the election?—I think he was. I am not able to say.

23,872. Did you take your bill to him after the election?—He sent for it, and he paid it.

23,873. Did you receipt it?—I did when he paid the money, but I am unable to say what the amount was. It was something over 2*l.* What the exact amount was I cannot say. That is all I received.

23,874. Do you know whether the amount of the rent of your room was returned as part of the election expenses?—No.

23,875. Was that all the money you received?—That was all the money I received.

23,876. Have you always voted on the Conservative side?—No.

23,877. Had you previously voted Liberal?—I once voted Liberal.

23,878. What year?—That was when Watkin and McCullagh were here.

23,879. And previously to that had you voted Conservative?—Since then I have.

23,880. And previously?—I never voted except three times at general elections.

23,881. How came you to change?—On one municipal election I voted one and one. I got Mr. Edwards, who is sitting there to fill up a paper, and Mr. Howes was one and Mr. Francis Worship was the other; and I do not know whether Mr. Edwards did it, or some of the parties, but they crossed Mr. Worship's name off. I was offended with that, and afterwards I always voted against them.

23,882. Is Mr. Worship a friend of yours?—I wait on Mr. Worship occasionally; no more than that.

23,883. But for that personal pique should you still continue to vote for the Liberals?—Not after that. I never voted after that for the Liberals.

23,884. Can you tell us anything of your own knowledge either of this election or the last?—No, nothing. When they came I told them I should vote for them, and that was an end of it.

JOHN SUMNER recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

J. Sumner.

23,885. In 1859 did you get 10*l.* from Mr. Eagleton?—Yes.

23,886. Did you get 10*l.* from Mr. Clements?—No.

23,887. That was all you got?—That was all.

23,888. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you sure it was not 12*l.*?—No, 10*l.*

23,889. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you offered any money by Clements in 1859?—No.

23,890. Do you know him?—No, I do not.

ROBERT SCOTT sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

R. Scott.

23,819. What are you?—I live on the Rodney Road.

23,892. But what are you?—I keep a public-house.

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23,893. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

23,894. Did you receive any money?—No.

23,895. Were you offered any?—Not by that party.

23,896. Not at all?—No.

23,897. Were you canvassed by Lacon and Goodson?—I was.

23,898. Did you promise them as soon as they canvassed you?—I believe I did, and voted for them.

23,899. You cannot remember whether you promised them first?—I think it is very likely I might.

23,900. You cannot say that you did?—I really cannot say now; at any rate I voted for them.

23,901. Were you canvassed by the Liberal party?—Yes.

23,902. Were you offered any money on that side?—I believe Mr. Livingston would have given me anything the night before the election.

23,903. Have you any reason for that belief?—He walked me on one side from Captain Emerson, whom I was with, and spoke to me.

23,904. What did Mr. Livingston say?—He asked me what I wanted. I said I should vote for Lacon and Goodson, and I walked away and left him.

23,905. Was that all that passed?—Yes, that was in the Market Place the night before the election.

23,906. Was that sufficient to make you believe you could have anything you liked from Mr. Livingston?—I believe he called me aside for that purpose.

23,907. Did Mr. Livingston mention any particular sum?—He asked me what I wanted, and I told him I was going to vote for Lacon and Goodson, and I walked away.

23,908. He did not say, "Do you want any money for your vote?"—No, he did not.

23,909. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

23,910. Whom did you vote for then?—I voted the other side then.

23,911. You received some money in 1859 did you not?—Yes.

23,912. How much?—From Mr. Livingston?

23,913. How much?—I think it was 13*l.*

23,914. Who gave it you?—George Clements.

23,915. Are you sure it was not 15*l.* or 16*l.*?—I think not.

23,916. It may have been?—I think not.

23,917. But it may have been?—I should not like to swear to that now.

23,918. Mr. Clements has said he gave you 15*l.* or 16*l.*?—I do not think Mr. Clements is right there. Mr. Clements has not been known to speak the truth at all times more than Mr. Livingston.

23,919. You see if you express an opinion so very hostile to Mr. Livingston, it begins to make one suspect why you accuse Mr. Livingston of having offered you money?—I do. He called me on one side from Captain Emerson, in the Market Place, and I suppose for that.

23,920. Were you offered any money by the Conservative party in 1859?—No.

23,921. How came you to vote Liberal in 1859, and Conservative in 1865?—I will tell you. I had a party met me on the drive one morning. He said, "I will ask through a side-wind for you to vote for "Lacon and Goodson." "Very well, Mr. Side-wind," I said to him, and that is Mr. J. A. Foreman. He said, "You have a son holding a situation on the line." I said, "I have; what have you to do with that?" After I left him, my son came down, and I said, "What wind blew you here?" He said, "This election," or some answer of that sort; and he asked me not to stand in his way. As a matter of course I said I would not; and that is how I came to vote Conservative.

23,922. That is how you came to vote Conservative?—Yes.

23,923. Because your son held a situation on Mr. Goodson's line?—Yes.

23,924. Did your son tell you that before you had been canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—I cannot say. He asked me not to stand in his way, of course.

23,925. If there had been no inducement you would have continued to vote Liberal?—Very likely I should. I could not stand in his way.

23,926. Do you know what Mr. Foreman's christian name is, or where he lives?—I think it is J. A. Foreman, but where he lives I cannot say.

23,927. Is it John A. Foreman, near Marine Parade?—I cannot say where he lives.

23,928. Warehouse and stable?—It is very likely.

23,929. What is he?—He is a fish agent.

23,930. Did Mr. Foreman give you to understand if you voted the other way your son would lose his place on the line?—No.

23,931. Do you know whether Mr. Foreman had been to your son?—I cannot say. I never heard him name it.

23,932. Is your son in Yarmouth now?—I believe he is.

23,933. What is your son's christian name?—Robert.

23,934. Where does your son live?—He is down here on sick leave. He is at present stopping with me. He leaves to-morrow morning, so I understood him this morning.

23,935. I suppose you voted Liberal in 1857?—I am sure I cannot say; I cannot recollect.

23,936. For Watkin and McCullagh?—In 1859 I voted for Mr. Watkin.

23,937. That was Watkin and Young?—I cannot recollect, I am sure.

23,938. Can you remember what Mr. Foreman said to you when he came?—He met me on the drive.

23,939. Tell us, as nearly as you can remember, exactly the words he made use of.—I cannot, only as I repeated before.

23,940. Tell me as nearly as you can.—He brought it up. He passed the seal of the morning, and about the election, and so forth, and said, "I must ask you, "through a side-wind, for your vote for Lacon and "Goodson." "Very well, Mr. Side-wind," I said to him, or something was named about not standing in the way of my son, or he holding a situation on the line.

23,941. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he say anything about your son?—He did. Of course I should not have thought of such a thing.

23,942. (*Mr. Russell.*) When Mr. Goodson canvassed you did he make any allusion whatever to your son having an appointment?—Never. I believe, if my memory is right, the candidates called at my house six or seven times before they saw me. I am not always at home. I am no house bird.

23,943. Has Mr. Foreman any employment upon the railway?—I should say his appointment is from the railway. He conveys all the fish to the line.

23,944. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you understand from what Mr. Foreman said that your son was likely to be turned out of his employment if he voted the other way?—He never breathed such a thing.

23,945. Did you understand that was what he meant?—I thought that was the meaning of it. It was natural I should, as his father.

23,946. Did you promise the Liberal party to vote for them?—At the same election?

23,947. Yes, this last election?—Certainly not.

23,948. When did you see Mr. Brogden?—I saw Mr. Brogden as I passed John Thomas's, and Mr. Edwards was with him, and I told him there and then I would not vote for him.

23,949. And that is the first time?—Yes.

23,950. They give you credit for having promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—Who is the man that can come before me now and say so?

23,951. The book says so?—That is wrong.

23,952. (*Mr. Russell.*) When you told Mr. Brogden you should certainly not vote for him, was that after you had had this conversation with Mr. Foreman?—I think I had seen Mr. Foreman previous to that.

23,953. If you had not seen Mr. Foreman previously

should you have promised to vote for Mr. Brogden ?—I cannot say.

23,954. Do you believe you should?—I really cannot say.

23,955. Have you no political convictions ? Are you a Conservative or a Liberal ?—I was a Liberal until my son had an appointment, and of course I had a right to consider my son's appointment; it is natural I should.

ROBERT GEORGE sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

R. George.

23,956. What are you ?—A beerhouse keeper.

23,957. Living in Bridge Road, Southtown ?—Yes.

23,958. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Lacon and Brogden.

23,959. How came you to split your vote ?—To please both parties.

23,960. Does your house belong to Sir Edmund Lacon ?—No.

23,961. Do you get your beer from him ?—Yes.

23,962. Was the beer the reason that you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon ?—No.

23,963. What was your reason for voting for Mr. Brogden ?—I do not know that I had any particular reason. I voted one and one.

23,964. Were you given any inducement to vote that way ?—Not the slightest.

23,965. Were you offered any ?—No.

23,966. Were you offered any money by either party ?—Not by either.

23,967. Were you canvassed personally by Sir Edmund Lacon ?—No.

23,968. Were you canvassed personally by Mr. Brogden ?—No ; I did not see either of them. They called at my house, but I did not see them.

23,969. Did you see either of the candidates ?—I do not remember speaking to either of them.

23,970. Mr. Vanderbyl ?—No.

23,971. Do you consider yourself a Conservative or a Liberal ?—A Liberal.

23,972. You are put down on the Liberal canvass-book as having promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—I never promised anyone.

23,973. Were you canvassed by Mr. Marshman ?—No ; they called at my house, but did not speak to me. I did not see them.

23,974. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

23,975. Whom did you vote for then ?—The Liberals.

23,976. Did you keep a public-house in 1859 ?—I did.

23,977. Did you get your beer from Sir Edmund Lacon then ?—He was nothing to do with me. I always paid him for what I had.

23,978. If you voted for the two Liberals in 1859, why did you not vote for the two Liberals in 1865 ?—I should have split my vote then if I had not been induced by a little money. Mr. Clements offered me a little money for it.

23,979. That was the reason ?—Yes.

23,980. Was it 20*l.* Mr. Clements gave you ?—Yes.

23,981. Were you offered any money by the Conservative party in 1859 ?—No.

23,982. Did you know old Mr. Rivett ?—The Mr. Rivett who is dead ?

23,983. Yes.—Yes, I did know him.

23,984. Did he offer you any money at any time ?—No ; I never spoke to Mr. Rivett in my life.

23,985. Was it 20*l.* or 25*l.* that Mr. Clements gave you ?—20*l.* I believe it was.

23,986. May it have been 25*l.* ?—I do not think it was. He gave me 9*l.* for another man.

23,987. Who was that ?—A man by the name of Symonds, of George Street.

23,988. Was that Joseph H. Symonds ?—I cannot say. He was a shop-keeper.

23,989. Was he a gasfitter ?—No.

23,990. He lived in George Street ?—Yes; he kept a shop there. I think it was Sam Symonds.

23,991. Is Samuel Symonds alive ?—I do not know. I have not seen him since.

23,992. (*Mr. Slade.*) He is on the register now ?—I do not know.

23,993. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you receive any money in 1859 for any other man except Symonds ?—No.

23,994. That was all ?—That was all.

23,995. Do you know Mr. Lummis ?—Yes, I knew Mr. Lummis.

23,996. Did he ever offer you any money ?—No.

23,997. Do you know any man to whom Mr. Lummis gave money at the last election ?—No.

23,998. There is a man named Godfrey Symonds in George Street ; may it have been him ?—No ; it is the man that has been named.

23,999. Do you remember how he voted ?—No, that I do not, but I think he voted the Liberal side.

24,000. Samuel C. Symonds voted for Watkin and Young ?—That is what I say.

24,001. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you give him the 9*l.* ?—Yes.

24,002. To vote for the Conservatives ?—Yes.

JOHN JOHNSON sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Johnson.

24,003. Where do you live ?—In 60 Row. I formerly lived in the Market Place, No. 13 in the Market Place.

24,004. What are you ?—A confectioner.

24,005. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—For Brogden and Vanderbyl.

24,006. Did you receive any money ?—Yes.

24,007. How much ?—20*l.* and 12*l.*

24,008. Whom did you receive the 20*l.* from ?—From a strange gentleman.

24,009. Where were you paid ?—At a shoemaker's in the Church Plain.

24,010. Wright's ?—Yes, Mr. Wright's.

24,011. Who sent you up to Mr. Wright's ?—That I cannot say, but I knew they were going there to be paid, and I went there. There was some one came in and said I could be paid there, but I do not recollect who.

24,012. You do not remember ?—No.

24,013. Whom did you get the 12*l.* from ?—John Hickling.

24,014. Are you sure it was not 15*l.* you had from Hickling ?—I was informed he got 15*l.* for me, but I got only 12*l.*, and he informed me if he had known it before he would have kept that. I gave him a share out of the change for half a sovereign which I changed for some grog we had.

24,015. You received that 20*l.* before you got the 12*l.* from Hickling ?—Yes. We went after the 12*l.* at the same time, and I got the other. I did not know he had it until late at night.

24,016. Were you offered any money by the opposite party ?—No.

24,017. None at all ?—No.

24,019. Were you canvassed ?—I was canvassed by Sir Edmund and Mr. Goodson ; and Sir Edmund came personally with a clerk, but I do not think he paid anybody himself. I tried very hard; I had a great deal of illness; my wife was laid up, and he came in and left the clerk at the door. I told him if I had to vote against him it would not be my fault.

24,020. You told Sir Edmund that ?—Yes ; and he would not attempt to offer any money or anything.

24,021. If you had had no money at all for your vote, which way should you have voted ?—I should

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have voted Tory, but I wanted money very bad at the time.

24,022. Did you not know that Mr. Cooper was giving money ?—I heard that he was.

24,023. Why did you not go up and get the money from him ?—He was a stranger to me, and I did not go to him.

24,024. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—Not in Yarmouth.

R. J. Symonds.

ROBERT JOHN SYMONDS sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

24,025. Are you Robert John Symonds of Southtown ?—Yes.

24,026. What are you ?—A boat builder.

24,027. Whom did you vote for at the last election ?—Lacon and Goodson.

24,028. Did you receive any inducement to vote at the last election ?—Yes ; both sides came, because I voted on the side that I always did wish to vote for ; that was on the Conservative side.

24,029. What did you get on that side ?—Not a penny.

24,030. Do you know a man named Dumbleton ?—I do.

24,031. Did you not receive some money from him ?—Not a fraction ; not one farthing.

24,032. Is Dumbleton your landlord ?—He is part of the landlord ; part of the premises are leased to me.

24,033. Did you not have some arrangement with Dumbleton about the rent before the election ?—No ; I did not owe him a penny.

24,034. Not at all ?—Not at all ; I never received a penny from him.

24,035. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he ever allow you anything in the rent ?—Not a farthing, not one farthing ; and I never paid for it. It was tendered to me, but I refused it.

24,036. (*Mr. Slade.*) What was tendered to you ?—The rent.

24,037. Who by ?—Mr. Dumbleton ; and I refused it, I would not accept it.

24,038. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) He offered to allow you something ?—Yes.

24,039. (*Mr. Russell.*) How much did Mr. Dumbleton tender you ?—A receipt for 10*l.*

24,040. And you swear you did not take it ?—I swear I did not accept of it.

24,041. And you received no inducement whatever on that side ?—No further than that, not at all. I did not want any inducement, because that was the side I intended to vote for.

24,042. Did you promise Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson when they called upon you ?—No ; I was busy that day. I always voted that way, and they did not want to come and ask me.

24,043. Did you receive any money from the Liberal party ?—Not at all.

24,044. Nothing ?—Not a fraction.

24,045. Were you offered any money ?—Yes.

24,046. Who by ?—Mr. Downing, and the party that came with him.

24,047. How much were you offered by Mr. Downing ?—20*l.* or 25*l.* I told them it was no use their coming to ask me, as I did not intend to vote for them.

24,048. You refused it at once ?—Yes.

24,049. Were you canvassed by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl ?—I could not say ; I was very busy when they came into the yard, and I could not say whether Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl, or who it was.

24,050. Did you vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

24,051. Did you vote Conservative then ?—Yes.

24,052. For Lacon and Stracey ?—Yes.

24,053. Did you receive anything at that election ?—No.

24,054. Were you offered anything ?—No.

24,055. By neither side ?—No.

24,056. Did you know old Mr. Rivett ?—Yes.

24,057. Did he offer you any money ?—No.

24,058. Do you know it was old Mr. Rivett who sent Mr. Dumbleton to you with the receipt for the rent ?—No ; he never sent Mr. Dumbleton to me, to my knowledge ; however, at that time I was not living in the house, and Mr. Dumbleton had a lease one side of the yard, and I had a lease of the other.

24,059. Have you ever paid Mr. Dumbleton the rent you owed him ?—I do not owe him a penny, not until the quarter comes due.

24,060. When he brought you the receipt for the 10*l.* rent you did owe him some money ?—I did not owe him any.

24,061. That was a receipt for rent in advance ?—Of course.

24,062. And when the rent became due you paid it ?—Of course I did ; and I have a receipt for it at home.

H. King.

HENRY KING sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

24,063. Where do you live ?—I am residing in Norwich now.

24,064. Where were you residing at the time of the last election ?—In the Market Place.

24,065. What are you ?—A publican.

24,066. Were you a publican when you lived in the Market Place ?—Yes.

24,067. Who did you vote for at the last election ?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

24,068. Did your beer come from Sir Edmund Lacon's brewery ?—Sometimes. Mine was a free house ; I took it where I thought fit, but I did deal with Sir Edmund Lacon.

24,069. Who was the landlord of your house ?—Mr. Woolsey.

24,070. Had Mr. Woolsey a vote ?—He is dead. It was carried on by a deputy landlord.

24,071. Did your landlord interfere with the way you voted ?—No ; he does not reside at all in the town.

24,072. Did you receive any money at the last election ?—Yes.

24,073. How much ?—I think it was 13*l.*

24,074. Who gave it to you ?—I do not know ; a stranger.

24,075. Where were you paid ?—At the "Angel."

24,076. Are you sure it was not 15*l.* ?—I am certain of it.

24,077. Quite certain ?—Certain.

24,078. Were you asked your name when you went into the "Angel ?"—No.

24,079. Did you mention the sum you were to receive ?—No. I did not know what I was to receive.

24,080. Did a strange gentleman give you 13*l.* ?—Yes.

24,081. Wrapped up, or loose ?—Wrapped up.

24,082. You are certain it was 13*l.* ?—I am certain it was 13*l.*

24,083. Who sent you up to the "Angel ?"—Mr. Newman.

24,084. Did you say you thought 13*l.* too little ?—No.

24,085. How much did you receive on the other side ?—Not anything.

24,086. Were you offered any money by the Conservative party ?—Yes.

24,087. Who by ?—Robert Bullimore.

24,088. How much did Mr. Bullimore offer you ?—He asked me to go with him to Mr. Bunn's, and he

thought he could get 20*l.*, and I did not go. I refused to go.

24,089. To Mr. Bunn, or Mr. Buston, did Mr. Bullimore offer to take you?—I think it was Bunn.

24,090. Were you canvassed by Brogden and Vanderbyl?—No.

24,091. Would you have voted for them without money?—Yes.

24,092. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

24,093. How did you vote then?—For the Liberals.

24,094. Did you receive any money at that election?—No, not for my vote.

24,095. Did you receive any money that was not for your vote?—Yes.

24,096. How much?—8*l.*

24,097. Who paid you that?—I am not certain whether it was Mr. Newman or Mr. Eagleton. I am not certain who it was, but I rather think it was Mr. Newman.

24,098. What was that 8*l.* for?—For the use of the front room, and the leads in case they should want it to speak off.

24,099. Were your rooms used at all?—They came two or three times, several of them, but it was there for the purpose. I had to move the things out, and it was for their convenience for about a fortnight.

24,100. Where did you live in 1859?—In the Market Place, in the same house.

24,101. Do you know if you were on the register for Queen's Road in 1859?—I think I was. I removed from Queen's Road to the Market Place.

24,102. Were you paid the 8*l.* after the election?—I think it was about three days after the election.

24,103. Did you ever take the bill to Mr. Clowes?—No. I think I gave a receipt to Mr. Newman for it.

24,104. Why did you not take it to Mr. Clowes?—Because Mr. Newman was the man that engaged the room. I am nearly certain it was him, and I looked to him for payment.

24,105. Were you offered any money by the other side in 1859?—I was.

24,106. How much?—I was not certain the sum. A man came and asked me how much I wanted.

24,107. Who was that?—Harris Wilshack.

24,108. Was that after your rooms had been engaged by the Liberals?—No; both before and after, up to the night previous to the election.

24,109. Did you refuse it?—Yes. He came several times.

24,110. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you understand when Mr. Newman hired this room of you that he was hiring it for the candidates?—Yes; for the purpose of the election, for them to use it as they wanted it. I had blue lights, and they burnt them off the leads several nights.

24,111. You looked to the candidates for payment?—I expected Mr. Newman would pay me.

24,112. Did you not look to them as the persons?—I thought he was a person sent by them.

24,113. In point of fact, you were letting it to them through him?—Yes.

24,114. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you ever see the candidates at your house?—Yes.

24,115. They never used the rooms you let?—No.

24,116. Was there ever a committee meeting there?—I had one public meeting there of working men, and so on, a sort of political meeting.

24,117. But never a committee meeting?—No, not to the best of my knowledge.

24,118. When you had this meeting of the working men did they have anything to eat and drink?—No, only what they paid for themselves.

24,119. Was there no treating at your house?—Not any.

24,120. Had you promised to vote for Watkin and Young before your room was engaged?—I think I had.

24,121. You will not be sure that you had?—I am nearly certain I had.

24,122. Had you got a vote in 1857?—I do not think I had. There was some omission. I was off; I think so, but I am not certain.

24,123. Have you always voted on the Liberal side?—Always.

RICHARD HASTINGS sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *R. Hastings.*

24,124. What are you?—A baker.

24,125. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

24,126. What did you get for your vote?—20*l.*

24,127. Where at?—The "Angel."

24,128. Who sent you to the "Angel?"—Nobody. I went up myself.

24,129. Did you hear that money was going?—I heard that they had got the tools, and they meant to use them; so I went to see what sort of tools they were.

24,130. Do you know of other people going to the "Angel" to be paid money?—No.

24,131. What took you to the "Angel"?—I heard they had got these sort of things flying about, and some gentleman spoke out of the "Angel" window, that they had got the tools and were going to use them.

24,132. That was long before?—That was a night or two before; I could not say to the time.

24,133. Who gave you the 20*l.*?—I do not know; it was a stranger to me.

24,134. Was anybody else in the room?—Not where I was. There were lots of people close by.

24,135. But not in the room?—No; only this gentleman.

24,136. Did you receive anything else besides that 20*l.*?—No.

24,137. Were you offered money by the other side?—I might have had, but was not offered.

24,138. Who from?—I do not know the gentleman's name; three or four I was troubled with.

24,139. Who offered you?—I do not know the parties.

24,140. Do you know a man named William Beales?—Yes.

24,141. Did he give you anything?—No.

24,142. Be careful?—No, he did not.

24,143. Try and recollect?—I know he did not.

24,144. Do you know him?—Yes.

24,145. Do you know his writing?—No. I never saw his writing. I do not think he is a scholar; but I did not get any money from him.

24,146. Did you vote in the year 1859?—Yes.

24,147. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*

24,148. Who from?—Mr. Beales.

24,149. From William Beales?—Yes, I think his name is William.

24,150. Did you get any other money besides that 15*l.* from Mr. Beales?—No.

WILLIAM CATTERMOLE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE. *W. Cattermole.*

24,151. We have heard you received some money in 1859?—That is correct.

24,152. How much?—I could not say positively; about 30*l.* from Steward, or thereabouts.

24,153. What did you do with that 30*l.*?—I made use of a portion of it, and the other I gave to Mr. Steward back again.

24,154. Did you give any of it to voters?—Yes.

24,155. Can you tell us who you gave it to?—I gave 12*l.* to Thomas Cattermole.

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24,156. Is he dead ?—Yes ; and I gave 6*l.* to a Mr. Robert Rushmer.

24,157. Why did you give Rushmer 6*l.* ?—Because he voted.

24,158. For his vote ?—For his vote ; and I am not sure whether I gave a man by the name of Fleet 5*l.* I am almost positive I did ; but Mr. Steward ought to know, because I returned him a list. I am not positive whether I gave him 5*l.* I gave the names to Mr. Steward, and what I did not use I gave back again.

24,159. Did you give Mr. Rushmer the money yourself, or did you give it to his son for him ?—Well, the son had 1*l.* and the father had 5*l.* ; that is how it was, I believe.

24,160. Did you mention a man named Fleet ?—Yes, Simon Fleet.

24,161. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is he alive ?—I believe he is ; I saw him some time ago.

24,162. (*Mr. Slade.*) He is not on the register ?—He was then ; he is not now.

24,163. Then there was 7*l.* left ?—Yes. I really could not say exactly what I did give to Mr. Steward ; when we settled he said, "What for yourself ?" I said, "The thing has gone as it has after the election, I did not care about anything." He said, "You had better have your expenses;" and I took 2*l.* for my expenses.

24,164. You are certain you returned the balance to Mr. Steward ?—I am certain I returned him some ; about 1*l.* or 2*l.* ; I could not say what it was.

24,165. But you are quite certain you returned him some ?—Yes ; it was the Robert Rushmer who has been here.

24,166. In 1859 Rushmer says he got 4*l.* from his late son ; the son is dead ?—I think that is wrong ; he got 5*l.*

24,167. But his son is dead ?—Yes.

24,168. That is what he says you gave his son—6*l.* ?—Yes, with the understanding that he was to have 1*l.* and his father 5*l.*

24,169. Did you receive any other money besides that 30*l.* from Mr. Steward ?—No, not a penny from anyone ; and I would not be positive that that was exactly 30*l.*, but it was somewhere thereabouts ; it was not much out ; it was nothing over. I am certain it was under, if anything ; but it is several years ago.

24,170. Did you keep the "Army and Navy" at that time ?—At that time I did.

24,171. Was there any payment of voters going on at the "Army and Navy" in 1859 ?—No, nothing of the kind at that election ; no meeting, and nothing of the sort there.

24,172. Was there a committee room at your house in 1859 ?—No, nothing of the sort.

24,173. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you, at the last election, write to men who were at sea, to say if they came ashore they would be paid ?—Yes. I did not write the letter myself ; it was written at my instigation at the committee room, and sent off to sea to the man, that if he came to the shore, and voted, his legal expenses would be paid.

24,174. Have those men been examined ?—That man has never been examined ; he did not vote, for he did not get ashore.

24,175. What is his name ?—Mr. Jones. It was too late on the Saturday morning. I met Mr. Woolverton at Gorleston with a letter to the same man.

24,176. You directed letters to be written to men who were at sea, saying they would be paid their expenses if they would come and vote ?—Only this one ; that was all I knew.

24,177. What was his christian name ?—I really forget.

24,178. Where does he live ?—He lived at that time somewhere about St. Peter's Road, if I mistake not ; I do not know exactly where he did live.

24,179. Do you know whether it is John Jones, of the Havelock Road ; what is he described as ?—This man is a fisherman—a fish merchant he would be described, I suppose. I said all his legal expenses (that is how it was worded) would be paid if he would come on shore and vote.

24,180. Did you believe it was legal to pay the man his expenses ?—I was under the impression it was ; I asked Mr. Edwards up at the committee rooms, and Mr. Satterthwaite, first, and it was them gave me their authority to get the letter written ; I should not have done so of my own accord.

24,181. Mr. Satterthwaite told us he mentioned to somebody, who contemplated making a payment of that sort, it would not be legal to do it ?—He did not mention it to me.

24,182. You were under the impression it was legal ?—I was under the impression it was legal.

24,183. But this man, Jones, did not come in time ?—No ; I went to Gorleston ; he was fishing with Mr. Hewitt's smacks.

24,184. Did he arrive too late ?—I do not think he came ; it was worded to this effect, if he thought he could not get home in time it would be folly for him to come.

24,185. Who did you tell to write the letters ?—One of the clerks in the office ; I could not say who it was now.

24,186. The letter was signed by you ?—Yes, I believe my signature was to it ; and I met Mr. Woolverton there the same morning, and he sent a letter off by the same boat to the same man ; Mr. Woolverton, the painter, on the Conservative side.

T. Leggett.

THOMAS LEGGETT sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

24,187. What are you ?—A Trinity pilot.

24,188. Who did you vote for at the last election ?—Lacon and Goodson.

24,189. Were you paid any money ?—Yes.

24,190. How much ?—15*l.*

24,191. Who by ?—Mr. John Grimes Rivett.

24,192. Had you been canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—No, I was not at home at the time of their canvassing, or a day or two before the election.

24,193. Did you consider that 15*l.* was for your vote ?—For my detention and time stopping on shore I thought it was for.

24,194. Were you paid before or after the election ?—The night previous or the day previous.

24,195. Did the Liberal side offer to pay your expences if you would vote for them ?—No.

24,196. Did you think it was legal to take the money ?—Yes, I did at that time.

24,197. Have you got a mate of the name of Stanford ?—Yes.

24,198. Is he in Yarmouth now ?—No, he is at sea.

24,199. Do you know whether he was paid for his expenses ?—I am not positive, but I have heard as much.

24,200. Who told you he had been ?—I do not know in particular. I have heard it commonly spoken of among ourselves, but I cannot say anyone in particular.

24,201. Was he at sea at the time of the election ?—No, he was at home, detained at home. He was at home three or four days previous to the election, and stopped for that purpose.

24,202. Have you ever heard it mentioned in his presence that he was paid at the last election ?—I think I have.

24,203. Have you ever heard him deny that he was ?—I have never heard him deny it.

24,204. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—Yes.

24,205. Who did you vote for then ?—Lacon and Stracey.

24,206. Did you receive any money then ?—10*l.*

24,207. Who gave you that?—Mr. Rivett.

24,208. Was that for your expenses?—Yes.

24,209. Were you at sea then?—Yes.

24,210. How came your expenses to be 10*l.* in 1859, and 15*l.* in 1865?—It was tendered. It was offered, and was not asked for. I should have voted that way without a farthing, if I had been in the way to have voted, without being detained.

24,211. Do you know of other men besides yourself to whom Mr. Rivett gave money?—No, I do not.

24,212. Neither in 1865 or 1859?—Not in either of them.

24,213. Do you know whether Stanford, your mate, had money in 1859?—No. We did not sail together at that time. I do not know.

24,214. Do you know of any mate of yours that had money in 1859?—No, I do not. The other two have been here.

24,215. Did the Liberal party offer to pay you in 1859?—No.

24,216. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is William Leggett your brother?—No.

24,217. (*Mr. Russell.*) I see that Stanford voted the other way in 1859?—I do not know. I was not shipmate with him at that time.

WILLIAM SPILLING recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

24,218. In the year 1859 your leg was broken, we hear?—I was laid up.

24,219. Did that prevent you taking any part in the election?—I could not get out.

24,220. Did any of the voters come to your house?—Not that I am aware of.

24,221. How do you mean "not that you are aware of?"—It has been said a man came. I did not see him. I had nothing whatever to do with the election of 1859.

24,222. Did you give any man any money at your house?—Not a penny piece.

24,223. Had you the disposal of any money in 1859?—None.

24,224. Henry Pratt Crane is the man?—A man of the name of Henry B. Crane, the man who made the assertion before the Committee of the House of Commons, stated I did.

24,225. There is no truth in it?—Not a bit of it. There might have been in 1857. Perhaps the man has made a mistake.

24,226. Have you been able to refresh your memory, and tell the Commissioners how much money you disposed of in 1857?—I have made a little rough calculation. I could give you some information about it.

24,227. We only want to know the rough estimate?—I can tell you. I have got it here. You said I was to come on Monday at 12 o'clock. I have taken what little time, I had to spare about it and run it together. I had 630*l.* in 1857.

24,228. Who from?—From Mr. Steward and Mr. Costerton. Mr. Costerton came to my house, and brought Mr. Steward with him. He introduced Mr. Christopher Steward to me, saying he had the management of the money, and said that I ought to oblige him, Mr. Costerton, he not living far from me, and endeavour to assist him in winning the election. This 630*l.* came to me at different times in various small sums. The first was 60*l.* to commence with. The largest sum that I had was 150*l.* out of this sum. Mr. Steward came to me one evening and said, "We must give Mr. Reynolds, of Gorleston, 60*l.*, and Mr. Tom Lettis 50*l.*," leaving the amount to be spent, to my knowledge, as far as I can recollect, to win this election of, 520*l.*

24,229. Thomas Lettis?—Yes, Tom Lettis. Mr. Reynolds had 60*l.*, and Lettis had 50*l.*, which Mr. Steward was aware of.

24,230. Was there a balance returned to Mr. Steward?—There was no balance due to him.

24,231. You had 520*l.*?—That is all I could give an account of. I deducted the 50*l.* and the 60*l.* off of it. Mr. Steward came for it, and I went with Mr. Steward and gave it to this man, Reynolds. That was on the night before the election.

24,232. Did you understand from Mr. Steward where he got the money from?—No, I did not; I never asked him. Mr. Costerton was the principal man I had to deal with in the matter, and I believe he was the legal adviser of Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh. Mr. Costerton, a friend of mine, came to me, and I acted uniformly under his advice; and he then introduced Mr. Steward to me, and said Mr. Steward was to be the man to bring the money to my house, which he did, to that amount.

24,233. Then the money, except what you gave to Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Lettis, I presume you gave to voters?—I have no doubt that was so.

24,234. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know Henry Pratt Crane?—I have seen him.

24,235. Do you know a man of the name of Davey?—That is a man that is in my employ, that worked for me.

24,236. At that time?—I think he was then. He is working for me now.

24,237. Do you know at the time of the petition, when the Committee of the House of Commons sat, Henry Pratt Crane was examined?—I do, and I was sent for to London.

24,238. But you were not called?—Mr. Costerton telegraphed for me.

24,239. You were not called?—I went in and volunteered my services. They said the evidence the man had given was of no importance, and they should not call me.

24,240. He told a circumstantial story?—Yes. I have seen it in print.

24,241. And the whole of it is untrue?—I think there is a gentleman here, Mr. Cooper, who could speak to his capability as to what he could say on former occasions. It is a very singular thing; he makes an assertion that he came to my house, and he says I offered him the money to vote for Sir Henry Stracey and Sir Edmund Lacon; and then you find another man swearing at the same election I offered him 10*l.* to vote for Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin.

24,242. Who is that?—He was a very active partisan.

24,243. Did he act in the election of 1859?—I have no doubt about it.

24,244. He is dead?—No, he is not dead; he has been very unfortunate.

24,245. Where is he now?—I think he is in London. I do not know.

24,246. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you happen to know how much was spent altogether in bribery upon the Liberal side in 1857?—I have no idea. If they spent any money they could not have spent it about bribing. There was quite enough to win the election then.

24,247. By you?—Through my management, not by me. I never bribed a man in my lifetime.

24,248. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know of any other except yourself, Reynolds, and Lettis, who acted as operators?—No. I do not even know what Lettis did with the money. Mr. Steward and Mr. Costerton came to me and ordered me to give them the money. I went with Mr. Steward and gave Mr. Reynolds 60*l.*, in a little public-house called the "Anson Arms," and Mr. Lettis had the 50*l.* There were some other little sums of money I advanced during the election, but what they were for I do not know.

24,249. Do you believe the 630*l.* you received was all the money spent in bribery upon your side?—If there was any more spent it was thrown away. There was plenty spent to win that election.

24,250. What was your belief as to the operations upon the Conservative side?—I think they were taken aback at the time; we had laid the foundation for the election, that the men who were to be bribed were secured by us before the other man came. I think there

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was an idea afloat that the thing was to be compromised, one and one, and if it had been it would have been a good job for Yarmouth.

24,251. Am I to understand that the Conservatives became aware that all the men you had bribed had been bribed?—I think the leading parties knew the election was made sure. I do not think they spent any money on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker. They might have done, but I do not know it.

24,252. Do you believe the men who had been bought by your side in 1857 could not have been bought away for a larger sum by the Conservatives?—I believe they could if they had been properly arranged with. There are always a certain number of people that are in the market, and have been for years, to win an election if they are bought; but I think these men were secured by the principals, with the assistance of Mr. Costerton. We began a month beforehand, and the election took place on the Saturday. On the Saturday week before that, there was an arrangement with me and Mr. Costerton to go to Mr. Neales, the printer, at 8 o'clock at night, as the candidates were not certain about the canvass; and I went to him on the Saturday night, and stopped till half-past 10 on the Sunday morning, and went through the whole of the register, and added to the list those people who could be secured, that I fancied I had an opinion would not deceive me in election matters. That list was got up on purpose for Mr. Richard Hammond, to meet the candidates, upon the Sunday afternoon at the "Star." Whether he did or did not I do not know. He has always been looked upon as a very powerful man in the Liberal interest, and his opinion has been taken in preference to anybody else's, whether it is right for a man to go and stand the contest after he has seen the canvass, or not. I and Meall stopped till half-past 10 upon the Sunday morning making up the list. On the Monday night Mr. Costerton came in as usual, and said, "The thing is looking very safe, and Mr. Ham-"mond tells me if we can manage these men we can "win the election by a hundred." Whether he saw the list, or whether he saw Mr. McCullagh or anybody else about it, I cannot tell you. That is the only thing that took place in my recollection about the time the election took place, upon the Saturday night, when I sat up with Mr. Meall. Poor Meall is dead now, but Mr. Costerton is still in existence.

24,253. I understand you began to bribe a month before the election?—We began to bribe a month before the election.

24,254. Can you tell me when it was concluded?—I should think upon the election morning.

24,255. And you continued bribing the whole time?—Not bribing, but making arrangements for their being bribed.

24,256. Is it your belief that the party who bribes first in Yarmouth is sure to win the election?—With a little management. The party I used to profess to belong to are no party whatever now; they are all sixes and sevens.

24,257. Do you account at the last election, for the loss by the Liberals, because they did begin too late?—I think the Bank of England would not have saved it. I think there were a lot of men who wanted to put the money into their pockets.

24,258. At that time you speak of, was Richard Hammond informed of the mode in which the election had been made secure?—I do not know anything about what passed with Richard Hammond. The only thing is, that Mr. Meall and Mr. Costerton came to me on the Saturday night and begged of me to go through the canvass, as Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin wished to go through it, and they looked upon Mr. Hammond as the best man to say if there was to be a contested election, and if his opinion was in their favour they made up their minds to stand.

24,259. They acted upon Richard Hammond's opinion?—I suppose the candidates did.

24,260. I want to know if Richard Hammond's opinion was formed from a knowledge of the canvass book?—That I cannot say; I never spoke to Mr. Hammond upon the subject in my life. This is what Meall and Costerton told me, that they pinned their fate upon Mr. Hammond and placed a great deal of confidence in Mr. Richard Hammond giving his opinion, and if they had a chance they would stand. That was upon the Saturday, eight days before the election, but whether Mr. Hammond met them, or whether he did not, I did not know.

24,261. Tell me this: are you of opinion that Mr. McCullagh had any chance of winning that election without the expenditure of money?—I am afraid he had not.

24,262. That is your opinion?—Yes, that he had not; but the expenditure of money for Mr. McCullagh alone was not very large. I think Mr. McCullagh was the fancy man, and I think Mr. McCullagh was very badly used at the election before, when he came with Sir Charles Napier. Perhaps I am going too far back with you.

24,263. No; we will hear that.—Mr. McCullagh and Sir Charles Napier came down here and there was a split then among the party who call themselves "Whigs." We had, originally, a very strong party for Mr. Anson and Mr. Rumbold. They were gentlemen, and we took a very active part for them, and would have done anything to have secured Mr. Rumbold's election. For many years I could not bear the idea of a man like Mr. McCullagh mixing himself up with whoever he thought fit, and getting a man like Sir Charles Napier, a man who would vote for pulling down Church and State, to join him. The Radical party turned their backs upon him. There was an idea of shunting and casting him over, after they had fleeced him to the tune of 26,000*l.* or 30,000*l.* I was one of the parties that stuck to Mr. Rumbold, and I coalesced with Sir Edmund Lacon to return him in preference to the other party. I believe Mr. McCullagh's party was a very strong party. A lot of men I see here, who call themselves Dissenters, as a cloak for their religion, voted for Sir Charles Napier and Mr. McCullagh, and tried everything to turn Mr. Rumbold out. They did not do it. I managed to put him in, and I had not much time either.

24,264. By an expenditure of money?—By a very little.

24,265. But there was an expenditure of money?—And there would not have been any then if the Conservatives had kept their promise and voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Rumbold, as they ought to have done; I should have had no trouble. After they had carried their own man, Sir Edmund Lacon, they got a little proud of their position, and they put my man behind, and I then had to resort to the same means.

24,266. (*Mr. Russell.*) The compromise you agreed to was not honourably carried out by the other side?—Not by the Conservatives.

24,267. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) It is your opinion that Mr. McCullagh would not have won the election of 1857 if no bribery had been resorted to?—I do not think he could. I do not know what were the means of the other party. The object was to carry the two, I think, and Mr. McCullagh stood a greater and better chance than Mr. Watkin did.

24,268. That is all I want to come at?—That is my opinion.

24,269. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. McCullagh was at the head of the poll?—I have been giving you an account that I had from Mr. Steward for people to vote for Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin. There was an object. They would have voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. McCullagh, a lot of them.

24,270. (*Mr. Russell.*) At what period of the election did you resort to bribery for Mr. Rumbold?—I think it must have been about 1 o'clock in the day.

24,271. Upon the day of the election?—Yes; there was nothing before, because we thought we had so arranged the thing that, had the Conservatives been honest, it would have been Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Rumbold without a shilling of expenditure.

24,272. Have you any idea of what was spent on that day for Mr. Rumbold?—A very trumpery expense, —400*l.* or 500*l.* from Mr. Rumbold. We then had

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a lot of fellows that had been lately disfranchised, who were Mr. Rumbold's friends. There were a lot of them 10*l.* householders. They had an idea that they had lost their birthright as freemen. A lot of them who had been originally freemen got their two guineas for the election for their loss of time, and they used to have a half-guinea ticket. The two guineas used to be paid six months after the election. I have had it frequently to pay; and that I think was the most of the money spent to secure Mr. Rumbold. There was not much spent otherwise, because he beat Mr. McCullagh by 24 or 25.

24,273. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you think any money was spent by Sir Edmund Lacon at that election?—I do not think Sir Edmund Lacon spent a shilling. He did not want to spend any. He was at the head of the poll. When I commenced, McCullagh was at the head, and I began to operate, because it was too close to be pleasant.

24,274. (*Mr. Russell.*) When you say Mr. McCullagh was the fancy man, he was very popular?—He was very popular here. A great many people felt for him, that Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Rumbold should be returned in preference to him that had all the ear of the mob.

24,275. You believe but for the bribery Mr. McCullagh would have been returned?—I believe he would; and he would have been glad to have been returned with Mr. Rumbold.

24,276. If you are sufficiently imaginative, what do you believe at the present time would be the result of a pure election?—I have been out of the political market a great time. The amount is so large that I do not like to look at it.

24,277. The question I mean is this, supposing an election at the present time, at which no money was spent on either side, what do you believe would be the result of such an election?—I could not say; but, as far as my own opinion goes, Sir Edmund Lacon, with the position he ought to hold, ought to have the borough in his pocket till his hair traped the ground. He is a very large employer in the town. I have been taxed by a great many people why I did not vote for Sir Edmund Lacon, because they said I was under an obligation to him. I did not think fit to vote. I believe I am under no more obligation to him than to anyone of you three.

24,278. Supposing two Conservatives and two Liberals, in no way connected with the town, were to come down and contest it, which side do you believe would win?—I could only go back and tell you that Sir Edmund Lacon's influence ought to have the borough in his pocket.

24,279. I put him out of the case?—Then I could not say anything about it.

24,280. You have no idea on which side the balance of political opinion is?—I have been out of the political world since 1857. I have never paid any attention to any register since, and I do not know how it would turn out. I could not give you an opinion.

24,281. Is it disgust with bribery that has induced you, who took a very great interest formerly in political matters, to set yourself against all parties?—Certainly not.

24,282. Then, may I ask you, what has induced you to retire?—There was some little difficulty at the time when the petition was presented, by the friends of Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker, against Mr. Watkin's and Mr. McCullagh's return. I have not taken an active part in it, but I was instructed by Mr. Costerton that I had better leave the town. Well, I did not know, I thought I was under legal advice, and I left the town, and I went away. After the thing had been going on in the House of Commons, some very unpleasant things came out about me, and Mr. Costerton, knowing where I was, telegraphed for me. I came up to London. I went to the House of Commons. I requested to be heard; they would not hear me. Some five or six there, I do not know who they were, I believe they were some friends of Mr. Livingston's, got up some extraordinary tale about me. The evidence has painted me blacker than the Old One; all of which I was innocent of, and from that time I have made up my mind, whenever there was a solicitor as an election agent again, I would never have anything to do with an election, if it was for my own brother.

24,283. I suppose the truth was, your suggestion of the compromise with the Conservatives and Whigs made you unpopular?—I did not trouble about that. If I had carried it out I should have been satisfied in my own mind that I had been doing such justice to Yarmouth, that if it had been carried out it would have been a great thing for the town; and I would make one to-morrow to return Sir Edmund Lacon, and also another man, if he was a respectable man.

THOMAS BOOTH EDWARDS recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

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24,284. Did you receive any money from Mr. Steward in 1859?—Yes.

24,285. How much?—I can hardly tell you; I think somewhere about 50*l.*

24,286. What did you do with that money?—I disposed of it among different people. Daniel Gravener is the first.

24,287. How much Gravener?—I could not tell you; the amount was divided between them. The highest I should think was about 10*l.*; in fact they might be all 10*l.* for all I could tell. William Riches, Samuel Aldridge, Thomas William Barber, John Jackson, and I am not sure, but I think Benjamin Ashby.

24,288. Daniel Gravener was not on the register at that time?—Not in 1859.

24,289. No. You gave Gravener 15*l.* at the last election?—No, 20*l.*

24,290. 15*l.* he acknowledges?—15*l.* he first of all arranged for, and when I had been to him, he said he had been offered 20*l.* on the other side, and he would not take less than 20*l.* from me.

24,291. And you gave it him?—I gave it him.

24,292. In 1859 Riches says he got 9*l.* from you?—It must have been more than that. If my memory serves me right, I think it was 10*l.* that Riches got, but I will not be sure, it is so far back; I think it was 10*l.*

24,293. Samuel Aldridge says he got 10*l.* from you, and Thomas William Barber has admitted 10*l.*?—Yes.

24,294. Is that what you gave him?—I think it must have been 10*l.*

24,295. It is Thomas Robert Barber?—Yes. Is it Thomas Robert Barber? It is Wrestler's Plain.

24,296. Yes. He says 7*l.* 10*s.* he had from you?—He acknowledges 7*l.* 10*s.*, but I think he must have had 10*l.* in fact, if Gravener was not on the list, which I am very much mistaken about. Are you quite sure he was not on the list?

24,297. Yes.—Then I must have taken the wrong poll book. Living in the North Ward, and being mixed up with that for so many years, perhaps I have blended the one with the other.

24,298. John Jackson, is he a baker?—Yes.

24,299. (*Mr. Russell.*) He is not on the register?—Indeed! Then I must have taken the wrong poll book.

24,300. Probably you have taken the poll book of 1857?—Very likely.

24,301. I see you have taken the poll book of 1865?—Well, if I have, I was not aware of it.

24,302. And that is all the men you bribed in 1859 in the North Ward?—Yes.

24,303. All of them?—These would be in the North Ward.

24,304. You had better look through the 1858

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register of the North Ward?—Where am I to get one?

24,305. Here is the register of the men who voted in 1859. I think if you will stand down, perhaps you will find out who they are. Take the register, and look through it, and just see?—I will.

24,306. (*Mr. Slade.*) I see Benjamin Ashby has been paid by Clements?—So he may be.

24,307. Does that alter your belief at all?—No, it does not; it does not alter my belief at all.

J. Bracey.

JOHN BRACEY sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

24,308. You live in the Queen's Road?—Yes.

24,309. What are you?—A shipowner, and partner in a ropery.

24,310. Did you vote at the last election?—I did, at the last election.

24,311. Who for?—For Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

24,312. Did you take any part at the last election?—No; only gave my vote, nothing else.

24,313. Did you vote at the election of 1859?—I had no vote at all.

24,314. Do you know a man named Thomas Newstead?—Yes, a rigger.

24,315. Did you speak to him about his vote in the year 1859?—Yes, I asked him who he was going to vote for.

24,316. What did he say?—He said he did not know. It is a good many years ago. I have been to sea since then. I talked the matter over with him. I said, "Are you going to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon, or who for?" And he says, "I have employment on both sides;" and I believe he eventually voted one and one.

24,317. Did he say that his politics were Liberal?—He did not say.

24,318. Did he say he was going to vote one and one?—I do not remember whether he did or not; he certainly did not promise to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

24,319. He did not vote for Sir Edmund Lacon; he voted for Stracey and Young?—He did not make me any particular promise. I remember asking him. I was a captain, and he was rigging for me, and I asked him the question who he was going to vote for.

24,320. Do you think you made him change his mind?—No; I do not think I had any influence at all. I argued the point, as I was a Conservative myself, but I used no influence whatever on earth. I was not his employer, only the captain of a ship.

24,321. Did you say to him this, that if he did not vote one on one side and one on the other, you would not let him finish his job?—Certainly not.

24,322. That is what he said?—Yes.

24,323. That is not true?—No, it is not true.

J. Child.

JOHN CHILD sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

24,324. You are employed in Sir Edmund Lacon's brewery?—Yes, a storekeeper.

24,325. Did you vote at the last election?—I had no vote at the last election; I was not on the register.

24,326. Do you know a man of the name of Samuel Farman?—I did know a man of that name; he is dead.

24,327. Did you ever make him an offer for his vote?—Well, I believe once upon a time he came to me and asked me for money for voting; he asked me on two or three occasions, but I did not take much notice of him.

24,328. What answer did you give to him when he asked you for money?—I told him I had no authority for giving any, two or three times over. I did not know anything about it.

24,329. Did you give him to understand that he would have money if he voted the way you wished?—No, certainly not; he was an applicant to me; I did not go after the man at all.

24,330. Did you always tell him you could not get him any money?—Well, I do not know that I did; perhaps not.

24,331. May I ask you what happened as regards Samuel Farman, because we understood you offered him some money?—He came to me on two or three occasions; he happened to be a beerhouse keeper, and as a customer he used to come to our place. He asked me on two or three occasions if money was going. I told him I had no authority to give any money at all. I mentioned the circumstance to Mr. Nightingale, and Mr. Nightingale told me he did not want to be seen with the fellow, or anything of the kind; but if I thought fit to do anything with the fellow I could; but mind you, Mr. Nightingale was not aware I was going to do anything of the kind. That is all he said to me, "If you think fit you may; I will have nothing to do with it."

24,332. From what Mr. Nightingale said, did you give Farman any money?—I did; I gave him 15*l.*, and, moreover, I may tell you, about two days afterwards, he brought it back again.

24,333. Why did he bring it back again?—Because he was afraid of voting against his father's principles; his father threatened to cut him out of what little property there was, and he brought the money back to me.

24,334. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Farman did?—Yes.

24,335. This was the election, of 1859 or the election of 1865?—This was the election of 1859 I am speaking of.

24,336. Is that the only person that you gave money to at that election?—I believe there was one other, a companion of his; a man of the name of Richmond.

24,337. Is that Robert Richmond?—I do not know his christian name.

24,338. Did he live in Howard Street?—In either Howard Street or Charlotte Street.

24,339. That will be William Richmond, in Charlotte Street, that voted for Lacon and Stracey?—I cannot say; I do not know.

24,340. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember how the man voted?—He voted for Lacon and Stracey.

24,341. (*Mr. Slade.*) How much did you give Richmond?—15*l.*

24,342. Are those the only two men?—Those are the only two.

24,343. Did you get back that 30*l.* from Mr. Nightingale?—I did.

24,344. Do you recollect how soon after the election Mr. Nightingale paid you the 30*l.*?—A day or two, I suppose.

24,345. Had you disbursed money at the election of 1857?—Not any, not a penny.

24,346. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) The 15*l.* which Farman returned to you I suppose you gave back to Mr. Nightingale?—I gave it back to Mr. Nightingale.

C. Woods, jun.

CHARLES WOODS, jun., sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

24,347. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—I received 20*l.* for my father from a gentleman, I do not know who it was, at Gorleston.

24,348. Are you a voter?—No; I was a voter before, but not at this last election.

24,349. You are not upon the register?—No. I have told you about my father. At the election before I had a vote, and I got either 10*l.* or 12*l.* from Mr. Reynolds, I do not know which it was—from Reynolds, the baker, of Gorleston.

24,350. Is your father ill in bed?—Yes, he is confined to his bed.

24,351. What is your father?—A fish merchant.

JOHN ELY RIVETT sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

24,352. What are you?—A little bit of a farmer I have been.

24,353. Did you get any money for your vote at the last election?—I never voted at the last election.

24,354. Yes, you did?—No, once, but not the last election; I did not vote then.

24,355. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you got a son of the same name?—No.

24,356. You did vote at the last election; you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

24,357. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*

24,358. Who gave it you?—Mr. Bunn said he gave it to me.

24,359. Had you a vote at the election before; did you vote for Lacon and Stracey?—I have not voted for Sir Edmund Lacon, only once, some years ago; but I have not voted for any other one since.

24,360. In 1859 it was Lacon and Stracey?—Well, I do not know.

24,361. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you ever get any money for your vote?—No.

24,362. Why did you not vote in 1859?—Well, both of them asked me to vote; they bothered me so I would not vote for either of them, and I took 5*s.*, and I went and spent it.

24,363. Who gave you the 5*s.*?—I took it out of my own pocket.

GEORGE NELSON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

24,364. What are you?—A master carpenter.

24,365. Do you live in Pier Road, Gorleston?—No, I live in Fenn Street, Gorleston.

24,366. Do you know that you are down upon the register, Pier Road, Gorleston, farm buildings and land?—No, that is my brother.

24,367. His name is John Nelson?—Yes; my name is George.

24,368. You are not on the register; you have not a vote?—No, not at the last two elections.

24,369. Did you take any part in the election of 1865?—No.

24,370. Do you know whether your brother had any money?—No, I do not know anything about it.

24,371. In 1859 had you a vote?—No.

24,372. Did you in 1859 live on the Common Road, Southtown?—No, it was 1857, to the best of my knowledge.

24,373. I will tell you it was in 1859?—If I answered you wrongly it was a mistake of mine; I had one when I was on the Common Road.

24,374. That was in 1859?—I do not know it.

23,375. What did you receive then?—15*l.*

24,376. From Reynolds?—From Mr. Greenhow.

24,377. Did you receive anything from Mr. Reynolds?—No.

24,378. Do you know him?—Yes.

24,379. You are sure you did not receive anything?—I am quite sure I never received any money from anyone except Greenhow.

24,380. Is that the only money that you ever received?—That is the only that I ever received; I never had a vote, only that year.

24,381. Did you vote for Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young?—I believe they were the names; I can hardly recollect the names now, it is so long ago; it was for the Blue party.

24,382. How came you to be off the register now?—Because the place was sold away from me. I have not been able to get another one since to rate me for.

JAMES BLAND recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

24,383. What are you?—A fish owner.

24,384. You have been examined before?—Yes.

24,385. When you were up here before you told us that you did not vote in 1859?—Yes; I made a mistake in the election.

24,386. You did vote for Lacon and Stracey?—Yes, that is right.

24,387. How much did you receive?—15*l.*

24,388. Who gave it you?—Robert Symonds.

24,389. Do you know who Robert Symonds had the money from?—No.

24,390. Where does Robert Symonds live?—Just over the water; he is a boat builder.

24,391. Waterside, Southtown?—Yes.

24,392. Did you not receive 5*l.* from Mr. Clements?—Yes.

24,393. Clements belonged to the opposite party to Mr. Symonds?—Yes.

24,394. And you voted for Symonds' party?—Yes.

24,395. How came you to take the 5*l.* from Clements and vote against his party?—I told him when he offered it me. I said, "I am going to vote for Lacon and Stracey," and he gave me that to go out of town with, and not to vote; and I told him I should not do so.

24,396. He gave you the money, and you took it?—Yes.

24,397. Was that all you had?—Yes.

24,398. How did you vote at the last election?—Lacon and Brogden.

24,399. Or Lacon and Goodson?—Well, Goodson; I forget the names.

24,400. Since you were here before you have remembered you had some money in 1859. Do you remember whether you had some money in 1865, at the last election when you voted for Lacon and Goodson?—No, I had no money then, not a sixpence.

24,401. How is it you did not get any money at the last election?—I refused it. Mr. Neave offered me money, and I refused it. I never was offered money by the other party.

24,402. Why did you take money in 1859, and refuse it in 1865?—I stood in need of it then.

24,403. You are better off now?—Yes, thank God, a great deal better off.

WILLIAM NEWMAN recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

24,404. You gave us a list of men you gave money to at the election of 1865, when you were here before?—Tickets, not money.

24,405. Can you tell us anything about the election of 1859?—Well, only a very little I had to do with that; what I had to do with the affair was under Mr. Eagleton. I think I had some 28*l.* from Mr. Eagleton in 1859.

24,406. And what did you do with that 28*l.*?—I gave 10*l.* to James Palmer that was on the register for the back of the Walls, a publican; and 10*l.* to Edward Smith, a blacksmith, living in St. Peter's Place. Edward Smith is now off the register, and I believe he resides on St. Peter's Plain; I know the house very well.

24,407. Is he off the register at this time?—Yes.

24,408. Is James Palmer on the register?—Yes.

24,409. That is 20*l.*?—And the other 8*l.*, I think it was something like that, I went and engaged a room from Henry King, living in the Market Place, the "Half Moon." Mr. Eagleton ordered me to engage it, and I did receive the 8*l.* for Mr. King, and I paid him; that is all I know about the election of 1859. It was Henry King who kept the "Half Moon" in the market.

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24,410. Is that all the money you received in 1859?—That is all the money I received in 1859.

24,411. From anyone?—From anyone.

24,412. Did you receive any money in 1857?—No, not a farthing.

THOMAS B. EDWARDS recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

T. B. Edwards.

24,413. Are you able to recollect any more names?—No. I have not added any more, unless I add a dead man or two, which I do not feel disposed to do.

24,414. Do not mind adding them if you gave them the money?—I have no recollection of it, and I will not add them; therefore I feel confident I could not even have taken 50*l.* from Mr. Steward, because what I did take I spent every penny of. I took him the the names and amounts to be paid to each man.

24,415. Mr. Steward gave in your name as having received 60*l.*?—About, he says; it must be evidently wrong.

24,416. He is wrong then?—Decidedly; because it was very little I had to do with it in 1859, I was more writing; so I was in 1857.

24,417. What did you give Ashby?—I am not quite sure about Ashby. I will not swear anything about Ashby. I think I told you so before I went away; I would not be sure about Ashby.

24,418. You only account for 22*l.* 10*s.*?—If you ask me if I will give you my opinion, I think they were 10*l.* each.

24,419. Mr. Riches?—Yes; and Aldridge and Barber.

24,420. You make it 30*l.*?—Something like that.

54,421. The worst of it is, Riches says he only got 5*l.*, and Barber says 7*l.* 10*s.*?—I feel confident it was more than 5*l.*

24,422. (*Mr. Russell.*) You admit you cannot remember what you received from Mr. Steward?—Yes.

24,423. Therefore it is very probable you do not remember what you paid?—Very good.

24,424. Barber has sworn he only received 7*l.* 10*s.* from you, and Riches swears he only received 5*l.*?—I give you my ideas. I would not swear to it through thick and thin, or anything like that.

24,425. A man who receives money is more likely to remember it than the man who gives away another man's money?—Very probable.

24,426. Now we have Mr. Steward swearing he gave you 60*l.* in 1859, and you have only accounted for 22*l.* 10*s.*?—I had no such sum as that certainly, but what I have accounted for. I have accounted for all I had from him, because I gave each man's name in for the amount.

24,427. Did you return any money to Mr. Steward? I drew only what I wanted.

24,428. Whatever you did receive was not in one sum?—Yes. I believe I took their names to him in one sum.

24,429. He did say about 60*l.*?—Yes.

24,430. It will be more than 22*l.* 10*s.*, will it not be?—Of course; that is, decidedly so.

24,431. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know anything of the election of 1857?—1857, I have John Jackson——

24,432. I do not want the names. Did you receive any money to give away then?—I received it to give to these parties, of course.

24,433. Who from?—I think Mr. Steward.

24,434. You did receive money from Mr. Steward?—Yes.

24,435. You cannot say how much?—No, I am sure I cannot. I would not attempt it.

24,436. Can you say whether you received money from anybody else, except Mr. Steward, at either of the elections?—No.

24,437. Are you certain of that?—Quite certain.

24,438. (*Mr. Russell.*) If you can remember any other man to whom you did give money in 1859 you will tell us?—You shall have them; or if Mr. Cooper or anybody else present can put me in possession of any names I shall be very much obliged to them.

DANIEL MARJORAM sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

D. Marjoram.

24,439. What are you?—A labourer. I work on the Quay.

24,440. You had no vote at the last election?—No.

24,441. But you had in 1859?—Yes.

24,442. Who did you vote for then?—For the Liberals.

24,443. Watkin and Young?—Yes.

24,444. Did you receive any money in 1859?—Yes.

24,445. How much?—10*l.*

24,446. Who from?—A man of the name of Roberts gave it to me. I have understood Mr. Greenhow said he gave me 13*l.* Two 5*l.* notes is all I had from a man of the name of Roberts.

24,447. What is Roberts' christian name?—James, I think.

24,448. Do you know where he lives?—I know where he works. He works for Mr. Gooda, a blacksmith, over the bridge.

24,449. He is a wheelwright?—Yes.

24,450. Is James Roberts a voter?—I do not know, I am sure.

24,451. Did James Roberts tell you he had the money from Greenhow?—No, he never told me, and I never did know until the last day or two where he did get it from.

24,452. You knew it was not his own money?—I did not know anything about it till the last day or two. I understood Mr. Greenhow to say he gave me 13*l.* He did not give it to me at all.

24,453. Were you offered any money besides the 10*l.* in 1859?—No; I do not recollect that I was.

THOMAS MOYSE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

T. Moyse.

24,454. What are you?—A carter.

24,455. You had not a vote at the last election, had you?—No.

24,456. But you had a vote in 1859?—The election before then I had.

24,457. And you voted for Watkin and Young?—Yes.

24,458. Did you receive any money?—None at all.

24,459. Did not a man named Clements give you some money?—No.

24,460. Will you swear he did not?—No, I never had a halfpenny.

24,461. Do you know whether Clements gave any money to anybody for you?—Not anyone that I know of.

24,462. Have you got a wife?—Yes.

24,463. Do you know if your wife had any money?—No, she had not a halfpenny.

24,464. Are you sure she had not?—She told me she had not.

24,465. Clements has given us your name as having received money in 1859?—I did not receive a halfpenny from him.

24,466. Or from anybody else?—Not anyone.

24,467. How came you to vote for Watkin and Young in 1859?—They were my way inclined. The time before I voted the other way.

24,468. Did you vote the same side in 1857?—No.

24,469. Which side then?—The other side. I voted for Mr. Coates. I worked for Mr. Coates then,

and he made me vote his way when I worked for him.

24,470. Did you promise to vote for Watkin and Young when they canvassed you?—I did not promise anybody till the day. I did not make up my mind.

24,471. What made you hang back?—I did not think about voting at all.

24,472. You are sure you did not get something that stimulated you a little?—No, not a halfpenny at all.

24,473. Have you ever taken any money at municipal elections in this town?—No.

24,474. Never?—Never.

24,475. You never took any money for any sort of vote?—No.

24,476. Has Mr. Cooper ever given you money for your vote at municipal elections?—Not a halfpenny.

24,477. Never?—Not to my recollection. I have no learning.

24,478. Upon your recollection you may have taken money for your vote, and have forgotten it?—I do not think I did.

24,479. Do you think you took some money for your vote in 1859, and have forgotten it?—No; I do not think I had a vote in 1859.

24,480. Yes, you had, and you voted for Watkin and Young?—I forget it then.

24,481. If you forgot that you had a vote in 1859, may you not have forgotten that you got some money for it?—No, I never took any money, I know.

24,482. Mr. Clements has sworn that he did give you money for your vote in 1859?—Mr. Clements never gave me a halfpenny.

24,483. Now you say that you never had any money for your votes at municipal elections?—Never a halfpenny.

24,484. I am told that Mr. Cooper will get into the box and swear that he gave you money?—Mr. Cooper will swear to a great falsehood. I never took a halfpenny in my life.

24,485. Then Mr. Clements and Mr. Cooper will swear falsely, and you will swear the truth?—I never got a halfpenny from anyone.

24,486. How come you to have no vote now?—Because I have left the other house. I have been in this house about two years last August.

24,487. You pay less rent now than you did then?—Yes.

JOHN COOPER recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

J. Cooper.

24,488. Do you know this man?—Yes. I have given him money on two occasions.

24,489. At municipal elections?—I recollect at one place, the "Rose," giving him some money at breakfast time.

THOMAS MOYSE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

T. Moyse.

24,490. Did you hear that statement of Mr. Cooper's?—I never recollect taking any money from that man in my life.

24,491. Mr. Cooper has said that you did. Do you recollect taking any money or not, now?—I never took any money.

24,992. At the "Rose?"—No, I never took any. I recollect going into breakfast. The whole room was full of them, but I never received a halfpenny. He never gave me a halfpenny.

24,493. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Clements says that he gave you 5*l.*?—He never gave me a halfpenny; I can declare that before Mr. Clements.

24,494. You have denied that you received money at the municipal elections, and Mr. Cooper has stated he paid you?—He has never paid me.

24,495. It is two witnesses against one?—I never had any money.

JOHN COOPER recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Cooper.

24,496. Have you found out anything more? We want you to give us some account of the election of 1859. At that time, we have heard, you were not the chief agent for illegal purposes?—No, William Green was the principal agent.

24,497. Did William Green employ you to assist him in bribing?—He did.

24,498. Besides what he employed you for, were you acquainted with his proceedings generally?—No. I knew he had money for the purpose of bribing.

24,499. You knew only of what you did yourself, as far as the actual distribution of the money was concerned?—Yes, I gave money to several sub-agents.

24,500. You had sub-agents under you?—Yes.

24,501. What did you receive from Mr. Green?—The amount of money I could not state, but I should suppose some 600*l.* or 700*l.*

24,502. The election, I believe, was on Friday?—Yes.

24,503. How soon before the election did you get this 600*l.* or 700*l.*?—I believe it was the Tuesday previous to the election. I think that was the day as as near as I can now remember, two days before the nomination.

24,504. Not all in one sum?—No; I had two or three sums of money.

24,505. In the course of the day, or between that and the election?—Between that and the nomination day.

24,506. Are you aware, except from what you have heard here, where Mr. Green got the money from?—No, I am not. I never asked him the question. He was a very singular man; he would not tell anyone, I am sure.

24,507. Had you been employed at previous elections too?—I was assisting at the election of 1857.

24,508. Were you as convinced at the election of 1859, as you seem to have been at the election of 1865, that the money would come, and that you would be employed?—I did not know anything about it till Mr. Green called on me at my shop. I must say, candidly, I believed there would be money.

24,509. You believed there would be money?—Yes, I believed that.

24,510. Had you made conditional promises previously to the money actually coming?—Yes, I had done so.

24,511. You had prepared the way?—Yes, I had prepared the way to give the money.

24,512. Will you tell us how you distributed that money?—I should tell you there may be one or two men I gave money to as sub-agents, that I am not certain about. I will give you as near as I can recollect the names. I think I gave Mr. Benjamin Lane about 120*l.*; John Trueman Buston, junior—I am merely speaking from recollection.

24,513. How much?—About 100*l.*, I should think.

24,514. The next?—Benjamin Lindoff. I think you have had his name. 45*l.*, he says. I think that was about the amount. I only recollect it from the evidence he has given here.

24,515. The next?—A man of the name of Edmund Stolworthy. I cannot tell you anything like the amount of money I gave him. I do not know whether it was 100*l.* or 200*l.* He is still living, but he is paralysed and blind. He lives in Yarmouth. He had taken the same position then in the North Ward that George Watson took this time. I do not recollect giving Watson money; I may have done so, but I do

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not recollect it. I think I gave Mr. Rivett some money. I cannot recollect it myself, but I was told so this morning that I did. It would not have been much if I did. He would not have had his money principally from me.

24,516. That altogether would amount to some 300*l.* or 400*l.*?—That would amount to some 300*l.* or 400*l.*, I should suppose so.

24,517. Besides that, did you give any to voters yourself?—Yes.

24,518. Will you name them?—The first man on my list here is a man who was here on Saturday, Charles Botwright.

24,519. What did you give him?—15*l.* I wish to say I did not give it him in the way he has described. I called at the man's house, and he told me he wanted money, and I told him to come up to my shop, and I would give him some. He called and told me he had been offered 15*l.* on the other side, but Dr. Norman was a friend of his, and if I would give him 15*l.* he would vote Conservative. I counted the money into his hand, and he said he would poll by 9 o'clock in the morning. He stated before the House of Commons I put it into his trowsers pocket without his knowledge, and he did not find it out till he got home. Of course it was not a likely thing I should do so. If you knew as much about him as is known of him in Yarmouth you would not attach the slightest importance to any evidence he gave. He stated, I think this time here, I put it into his coat pocket, and before the Committee of the House of Commons he said his trowsers pocket.

24,520. His story here essentially differs from what he told the House of Commons?—Yes, it does. He stated there he sent for a minister, and had a kind of incantation over the money. And that he was bribed in 1859 by the Liberals, there is no doubt of it; he is not a man to vote without money.

24,521. You say distinctly he took 15*l.* from you, and put it into his pocket?—I counted it out to him into his hand. I do not know whether he put it into his pocket or not; he counted the money over after me.

24,522. You understood that he was to vote for Lacon and Stracey?—Exactly. I should not have parted with the money without.

24,523. (*Mr. Russell.*) Botwright came to you at your shop?—Yes, he came to the office at the back of my shop, and I paid him the money there.

24,524. (*Mr. Slade.*) Will you go on with your list?—Edward Brady, Row 50. I think you had his evidence.

24,525. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How much?—I do not know further than what he stated. Rouse Colby, Row 70. I can tell you the ward: it is the Regent Ward. He is not residing in that row now.

24,526. How much?—Well, perhaps, I should not like to give any amount for this man, from 10*l.* to 15*l.*, they will come up and tell you; really I have forgotten the amounts.

24,527. Where is he now?—I think he is lodging in a row in Gaol Street; I can obtain his address for you this evening; I saw him only on Saturday—Samuel Dunn, Gaol Street—he has left the town; I do not know where he is; 10*l.* or 15*l.*; you will not find him; he is in London somewhere; he is not in Yarmouth. William Eliis, Buckenham Place.

24,528. He is dead?—He is dead; he had money from me and the other side too, and he voted one and one; many of these men are either dead, or they have left the town; Charles Green, King Street, he has left the town. Alfred Harpley, Belgrave Place, he is dead; you will find his evidence before the House of Commons in 1859; he was a witness, I think; I think he stated there the amount of money he had; I am sure I forget what it was.

24,529. Ten sovereigns?—I daresay that will be about it; more likely 10*l.* than 15*l.*; most of them had 10*l.* Stephen Holdsworth, Gaol Street.

24,530. Is he on the register now?—He is on the register now; he is living in Yarmouth; I think he had 10*l.*

24,531. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know where he lives now?—No; I think he is generally on the Quay here every day. I can soon ascertain for you; he will be very glad to come up, I daresay. James Horth, Row, 57, you have had him; he says I gave him only 10*l.* in 1865; I know I gave him 15*l.*; Henry Hunter, Gaol Street, 15*l.* I recollect he had; he is residing in London. William D. Hunter, Roman Place I do not know what has become of him; he is not in Yarmouth. Thomas Leyton, Providence Place; he was a Queen's pilot, but he is dead; I do not know whether he had 10*l.* or 15*l.* William Marshall, Gaol Street; he is dead; I think he had 10*l.* William Miller, South Quay you have had him before you; he is now residing on the Denes, Albion Place.

24,532. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What did Miller acknowledge to?—I do not recollect; I think it was 10*l.*

24,533. (*Mr. Slade.*) He says 15*l.* from Cooper; that is the last election; nothing about '59?—Nothing about 1859.

24,534. He is a lodging-house keeper?—I thought you examined me about 1859; he had 15*l.* from me at the last election.

24,535. (*Mr. Russell.*) He denied receiving any money?—There are two William Millers.

24,536. (*Mr. Slade.*) Where did he live—No. 1, Ely Place, Albion Road?—That is the man.

24,537. He is asked, "Had you a vote in 1859?—"I had. Did you receive any money for your vote at "that election?—Nobody ever gave me anything."—He is mistaken.

24,538. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You are sure he had 10*l.*?—Yes, he is one of the men on my list.

24,539. Have you seen William Miller since?—Not since he gave his evidence here; he is a very old man, and might have forgotten it.

24,540. The question is, whether it is worth while our sending for him again?—Of course, if the Commissioners are so determined, they can; I gave him the money; I do not believe that he wilfully mis-stated it.

24,541. It was not put to him whether he would undertake to swear that you did not?—No; I gave him the money.

24,542. You are quite certain?—Yes; he is a respectable old man; he is an invalid, I think.

24,543. (*Mr. Slade.*) He is a thin, old man, with weak eyes rather?—Yes, that is the man; he wrote to the Commissioners, I think, once before; he came, or his wife wrote; I do not believe he wilfully mis-stated it. Then Stephen Peachment, Garden Lane; he is dead; he had 15*l.* from me, and, I think, 15*l.* from the other side; he voted one and one; he had money from me again this time. William B. Pye, Howard Street; he lives down Blackfriars Road now if you want him; he was not on in 1865.

24,544. Had he 10*l.* or 15*l.*?—I think he had 15*l.*; it is the son of the woman who came up here this time. Then Samuel B. Roberts, St. Peter's Road.

24,545. He has been examined?—He has been examined.

24,546. In 1859 he got 15*l.* from Mr. Beales?—Then I must have given the money to Beales for him; I recollect taking some money down to Beales. The next is Stephen Rudrum, Alfred Terrace; he had 15*l.*

24,547. He has been examined?—He has been. John Sharman, King Street.

24,548. What is he?—A confectioner.

24,549. John Sharman who was examined was a tailor?—It is John Sharman, a confectioner, King Street.

24,550. He has not been examined—the one in King Street?—No.

24,551. How much?—15*l.*, I think, he had.

24,552. (*Mr. Russell.*) One word about Sharman. How is it you did not go to John Sharman this last

time?—I went to him, but his price was so high that I would not give it.

24,553. Do you remember what he asked?—He asked 20*l.* two or three days before the election; we did not want him, and so I thought I would not give him anything. Then Abraham Solomons, the Jew, in King Street.

24,554. How much?—10*l.*; he is dead. Charles Spurgeon, Howard Street.

24,555. He is not on the register now?—No; he is residing at Hull now.

24,556. How much?—I think he had 15*l.*; I am not positive about it, but I think that is the amount. Then Edward Whitesides, St. Peter's Road; he is dead; he had 15*l.*; I gave it to him in the presence of Rudrum; the two were working together as carpenters; they were working at the same place, and I paid them at the same time. Then William Mayes, in the Gorleston list.

24,557. Has he been up?—No, he has not been up; I have been expecting to see his name this time, though it did not come out; no doubt he was bribed by the Liberals.

24,558. What did he get?—He had 15*l.* from me; he is residing in Southtown now; he is on the register for 1865 for Southtown; you will find him there; he has not been up; I have been particularly looking out for him.

24,559. (*Mr. Slade.*) He has not been examined?—No; he had money.

24,560. Is it William Mayes, St. Andrew's Place?—That is the man. In 1859 I gave him, I think, 15*l.* to vote for Lacon and Stracey, and I have no doubt he was bribed by the others to vote for Young and Watkin. I mentioned it to him after the election, and told him he was a scamp to take the money and not vote; but he said his brother-in-law Mr. Menthorpe, on the Southtown Road, had been to him, and I suppose Mr. Menthorpe gave him the money. It is George Menthorpe.

24,561. The next?—Robert Fisk, of Charlotte Street; you had him here—a cabman. He had, I think, 12*l.* He went out of town; they got him to go to Breadwell. They shut him up, and he did not vote at all.

24,562. How much did you give him?—I think it was 12*l.* You pressed him about the 1859 election when he was here, and he had no recollection about it.

24,563. "I do not remember Mr. Cooper giving me any money in 1859. If he did I have forgotten it." That is what he says?—That is the man; they bottled him up and got him to Breadwell. He was taken away.

24,564. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) He could hardly have forgotten it then?—He could not have forgotten it.

24,565. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do I understand that Robert Fisk was paid and did not vote, or was paid to keep away?—He was paid by me to vote, and I daresay he was paid to go away and abstain from voting.

24,566. The next?—Those are all the names that I can recollect. There may be possibly three or four more. I had marked two names here, but I am not certain whether I gave the man the money or not. I do not like to mention the names.

24,567. What are the names?—George Bilsdon, residing at Acle now. I am not sure I gave him the money.

24,568. He is not on the register?—He is not on the 1865 register.

24,569. He is living at Acle?—Yes, he is living at Acle, within seven miles of Yarmouth.

24,570. And the other one?—This man that I have marked here had money, but not from me. I now know—Samuel Seago, junior.

24,571. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Your list of names is 24?—Yes.

24,572. That would not be, according to your calculation, less than 240*l.*?—It would not be less than that; more likely it would be 300*l.*

24,573. Nor more than 360*l.*?—I should think it would be something like 300*l.*; that is the fair way of putting it. There was no one less than 10*l.* I did not give any voter less than 10*l.*

24,574. It would not be less than 240*l.*?—No, it would not.

24,575. And it would not probably be more than 360*l.*?—It would be about 300*l.*

24,576. And what you gave away to other agents was about 300*l.*?—I should think rather more than that. I do not know; it was 700*l.* or 800*l.* that I had, I think.

24,577. I thought you said you had 600*l.*?—No. I think if you refer to the first part of my evidence it was always my impression it was about 700*l.*

24,578. (*Mr. Slade.*) You had 600*l.* or 700*l.*?—Yes, that was it.

24,579. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you think you received as much as 800*l.*?—I would not swear that I did, or that I did not. There is 50*l.* which, with the knowledge of Mr. Green, I retained for my own services.

24,580. The 50*l.* from Mr. Green you retained for your services?—Yes.

24,581. And you are confident that you gave away 365*l.*?—Yes.

24,582. I suppose you did not give less than 100*l.* to Edmund Stolworthy?—I should not give less than 100*l.*

24,583. Supposing he had 100*l.*, you gave away to other agents 365*l.*, without reckoning what you gave to Mr Rivett?—About 250*l.*

24,584. You said 120*l.* to Benjamin Lane, 100*l.* to John Buston, 45*l.* to Benjamin Lindoff, and 100*l.* or 200*l.* to Edmund Stolworthy?—Yes.

24,585. If you put it at 100*l.* that would be 365*l.*?—It would. Then I think I recollect something the election morning of giving Mr. Rivett money. In fact I do not recollect it, but I was reminded of it, and I thought I had done so.

24,586. Most of these men, you say, had been arranged with before?—Yes.

24,587. (*Mr. Slade.*) The money you gave to sub-agents was in a great part spent in Gorleston?—No, in Yarmouth; all in Yarmouth, except Lindoff.

24,588. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Lindoff was in Gorleston?—It is in Southtown that he lives, just over the bridge. That is all.

24,589. Were you aware whether Mr. Rivett had any money from Gorleston on that occasion?—Yes.

24,590. Do you know the amount?—No, I do not. I have no idea.

24,591. Are you aware whether Lummis had money on that occasion?—He had not any.

24,592. Mr. Green, according to your view, had it all?—I should think Mr. Green had the whole of it.

24,593. In the first instance?—Yes. Mr. Green occupied at one time in Yarmouth the same position as Mr. Spilling did during the former elections in Yarmouth, during the time of the freemen.

24,594. For the Conservative party?—Yes. You will find in 1835 his name mentioned in the House of Commons.

24,595. I suppose Mr. Nightingale can tell us when the money, or at least part of it, passed into the hands of Mr. Green?—Yes, I should think so.

24,596. Had you and Mr. Green any conversation about the proper time for commencing?—Yes; we talked it over, and Mr. Green asked my opinion about it. I recollect well I told him to be beforehand with us this time, and not to let them buy us out as they did the previous election.

24,597. When did you begin?—Some time on the Tuesday previous to the election.

24,598. Had you any reason to believe at that time the other side had began?—Yes, I had. I recollect a neighbour of mine, a very warm partisan on the Liberal side, Mr. Charles Miller, a great friend of Mr. Steward's, going into a shoe shop, and offering to bet any money that the Liberals would be returned again. I asked him his reason, and he said, "Whatever money it costs, we mean to have it;" and I knew if Mr. Miller said so there was something in it.

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He was a man engaged in the election, no doubt, in spending money for the Liberals.

24,599. Did any fact come to your knowledge that made you believe that the actual expenditure of money had commenced?—I do not recollect further than that; that probably some of these men would come and tell me they had been offered money. To many of these men I should say, "If the others come and offer "you the money, if they come and offer you the hard "cash, come and let me know, and you shall have it "directly." I should do that just to find out when they began.

24,600. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who was Mr. Miller?—A linendraper, in the market.

24,601. Is he alive now?—He is dead now. He was a great friend of Mr. Christopher Steward's.

24,602. Do you believe he took a part in bribing on the other side?—I do not believe he bribed a voter personally. I have no doubt he had money to dispense.

24,603. Mr. Miller was not one of those mentioned by Mr. Christopher Steward?—So I noticed at the time, I expected to have heard his name mentioned.

24,604. You mentioned the name of Samuel Seago?—Samuel Seago, junior. He said he was not bribed in 1859 by the Conservatives.

24,605. He was pushed and pressed upon it, and persisted in his denial?—George Harvey gave him the money.

24,606. Are you sure he had it?—Oh, yes. His father was bribed in 1859 as well.

24,607. Do you know who bribed his father?—I think Harvey bribed them.

24,608. Is he alive?—He is alive.

24,609. (*Mr. Slade.*) In those days Mr. Green was the person who had the entire distribution of the money on the Conservative side?—Entirely so.

24,610. Do you know who his sub-agents were?—No. Mr. Green would do a great deal himself. I should think Mr. Shuckford had some money from Mr. Green.

24,611. I was going to ask as to him?—I should think he would.

24,612. Had Downing money that election?—Downing had money in the 1859 election.

24,613. From you?—No, from Mr. Shuckford. Mr. Shuckford told me that he gave him 40*l.* for four votes, and not one of them voted Conservative.

24,614. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you remember who those four men were?—I do not recollect them now. You have had, I think, two of them before you. You had one on Saturday, a man who took money from Downing and voted Liberal.

24,615. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were there any other sub-agents of Mr. Green's that you recollect?—I think Mr. Powell had a little money of him. I did not know until Mr. Powell mentioned it here the other day.

24,616. Benjamin Powell?—Yes. I do not know where Harvey had his from.

24,617. That was 45*l.* Powell got?—I do not know the amount. I heard him mention it the other day.

24,618. What Harvey is that?—George Harvey, the whitesmith.

24,619. Has he been examined?—He has been examined, but I do not know whether you asked him about the 1859 election. I only know he had money then; he was telling me after Seago had sworn he had no money. He came and told me he had money himself.

24,620. George Harvey received money from Mr. Shuckford the last election?—I recollect him saying so, but I do not know where he got his money in 1859.

24,621. Was there any other person that was likely to have money to distribute?—I do not recollect anyone. Mr. Rivett would have selected his own persons, the same as I should, or Mr. Shuckford, in the same way, but I do not know who they were.

24,622. Mr. Shuckford, in 1859, did not act independent of Mr. Green; he acted under him?—I should think he acted under Mr. Green. I should think all the money would have gone to Mr. Green.

24,623. Harris Wilshack, was he likely to have had money?—He would have had money I should think from Mr. Shuckford.

24,624. John Thomas Savage?—Mr. Savage had some little to do with the election. I know he was very ill at the time. I think he had only money for two or three persons, and very likely he would get his money from Mr. Green.

24,625. Was there a Mr. Leggett working that side?—There was a Mr. Leggett at Gorleston, he would be working under Mr. Rivett.

24,626. Was that William Leggett of the "White "Lion?"—Yes.

24,627. Robert Dumbleton; did he act in 1859?—I do not know whether he had any money to spend. I have always known him as a warm partisan. I do not think he did anything in the illegal part of the election.

24,628. In the last election he acted under Mr. Teasdel?—Yes.

24,629. And he gave Symonds 10*l.*?—Yes. I suppose he was asked to do it. I do not think he was a man who would have money to spend in the regular way. He might ask one or two persons.

24,630. You never knew him to have money?—I never knew him to have a shilling.

24,631. (*Mr. Russell.*) I see you do not seem to have raised the price since 1859?—No; we kept much to the same amount.

24,632. Much the same this election that you did the last?—I think ours are a better class of voters generally.

24,633. Your prices ranged from 10*l.* to 15*l.* at the last election, and from 10*l.* to 15*l.* this?—Just so; nor we did not require so many men as the others.

24,634. What do you mean by your men are a better class?—I think they are more reasonable. I selected my men as near as we could. I took the pick of them, many of those men, such as Shearman and such like. I should put them the other side, and make them a present of them.

24,635. Can you tell us anything about the election of 1857?—I know nothing more than this, that I was engaged in the election. I know of no illegal practices at that election, and I believe there was not a shilling spent by the Conservatives.

24,636. That is what I want to ask, if money was spent illegally on the Conservative side in the election of 1857, do you think it would be known to you?—I think I should have known it.

24,637. Have you ever been employed in such practices before 1857?—In 1852 I think I got two or three men for Mr. Rumbold, about 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

24,638. I do not want to go into it, but I want to know if bribery took place in 1857 on the Conservative side, you would be likely to know it?—I should have known of it.

24,639. You mentioned to us you believed on the Conservative side it was a pure election?—Yes.

24,640. You believe that?—I have reason to believe there was not a shilling spent in bribery.

24,641. Did you hear Mr. Spilling's evidence this morning?—I heard him give his evidence.

24,642. Do you remember the fact of the compromise between Mr. Rumbold and Sir Edmund Lacon?—I remember it well.

24,643. Do you agree with Mr. Spilling that the compromise was hardly adhered to on your side?—I have told Mr. Spilling since he left the room he was quite wrong, for this reason: there were not more than 100 or 120 Liberals voted for Mr. Rumbold at the election, so that there may have been a few isolated cases of Conservatives plumping for Lacon.

24,644. Mr. Spilling fortified his opinion by stating on the morning of the election he found out men were not voting as it had been agreed by the Conservative party that they should vote, and he was therefore driven on the post as it were to bribe?—I do not think Mr. Spilling can mention any prominent men of the Conservatives who did so. Of course there are a

class of independent men, who are not party men, who would not vote for a Conservative.

24,645. You agree with Mr. Spilling that the compromise was made, but you do not agree with Mr. Spilling that it was not adhered to on your side?—Quite so; I believe the compromise was made, and was carried on honourably, as far as it could be.

24,646. Did Mr. Spilling at the time ever represent the compromise had not been carried out?—I never heard him say so, until to-day.

24,647. You were the first party to bribe in the election of 1859, were you not?—I think not. I believe the other side commenced on the Monday morning, the Monday of the election week.

24,648. The disbursement of the money is one thing, and the promise of money is another thing. The party who bribes first is the party who promises first. Do you consider you had promised money first in the election of 1859?—I believe they began about the same time as we did to lay the money by.

24,649. You said you promised money as much as a month before the election?—No, I have not said so.

24,650. How long before the election did you promise money in 1859?—A fortnight before the election. I think it was only a short canvass. I think the dissolution of Parliament was not known more than a fortnight before a dissolution took place.

24,651. As soon as you knew it you went to the shaky voters?—No; after the canvass had commenced I should probably have done so.

24,652. When you first began making promises of money, did any men whom you promised tell you they had received promises from the other side?—Yes; that we always hear, whether it is right or wrong.

24,653. That may be merely with a view to stimulate you to offer an additional price?—No; but they were out I know.

24,654. You have no specific information of the promises of money on the Liberal side in 1859 before you promised?—At this moment I have not. I was always under the impression they had begun before us. I think Mr. Watkin was down here before Sir Henry Stracey.

24,655. If they were before you in the field it would not be your fault?—No, that it would not.

24,656. Two gentlemen, Mr. Chamberlin and Mr. Spilling, have very strongly enforced upon us their belief that a compromise would have been the best thing for Yarmouth. What is your feeling?—To allay party feeling, no doubt it would.

24,657. And do you believe, apart from allaying party feeling, it would have great influence in stopping bribery?—I think it would. Since the disfranchisement of the freemen, until the election of 1859, the Conservatives have never spent a shilling.

24,658. Would you have supported Mr. Chamberlin's proposition of a compromise?—We have frequently talked it over, and I have expressed an opinion it would be the best.

24,659. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who was the great opponent of the compromise here?—The general body of the corrupt electors would be the parties to oppose it; they would get up an opposition themselves, to support any man, Whig, Tory, or Radical, if he would only come and call himself independent, to break up the coalition.

24,660. Are you aware whether Sir Edmund Lacon was ever consulted on the subject of the compromise?—I am not aware of it. I never heard anything about it. I believe Sir Edmund Lacon would have accepted a compromise in 1857, when Mr. Justice Mellor and Mr. Young were here. I have always understood, in that election of 1857, that Mellor and Young were prepared with the sinews of war, although they had not occasion to use them.

24,661. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose, in the event of a compromise, Sir Edmund Lacon would be selected as your candidate?—Yes.

24,662. Therefore, if he took a personal and selfish view of the subject, a compromise would be to his advantage, both in securing him the seat and saving his money?—Decidedly. Sir Edmund Lacon would be the man. The Conservatives are the strongest party in the borough. Even for the second seat I disagree with several witnesses about that; it is proved at the last election that Mr. Goodson had nearly 600 men, or 550, without spending a shilling, to Mr. Brogden's 630. Mr. Goodson has polled very nearly as many pure votes as Mr. Brogden has, pure and impure together.

24,663. In the pure votes of course you include the votes of influence, public-house votes, and so forth?—Yes; the Liberals have influence in the borough as well, and therefore Mr. Brogden's pure votes must be put in the same way.

24,664. But you would not compare the influence of the Liberals in the town with the influence of the Conservatives?—No; but I believe Sir Edmund Lacon never influenced a voter. I believe never one of his tenants have been turned out of his house for voting Liberal, and there are several cases I believe, even in the 1865 election, of men voting against Sir Edmund Lacon, and no notice taken of it; and in 1857——

24,665. A man is influenced by his interest whether he exercises it or not?—Yes.

24,666. Have you ever taken the trouble to go through the register to make out who are, within your knowledge, pure electors of Yarmouth and Gorleston, and what would be, in your opinion, your majority of those?—The majority of pure voters?

24,667. Yes?—I should think we have a majority of 200 more than the Liberals, of pure voters, for the Parliamentary borough.

24,668. You are talking on a mere estimate?—I am talking of my own estimate, for I have gone through it. When this register is revised and reprinted, I shall take the register and mark off all the men who I believe are influenced by money, and those that are not, and keep them.

24,669-70. (*Mr. Slade.*) How many men are there whom you know will not vote without money in Yarmouth?—I should think there are about 1,000 or 1,050 men that vote without receiving a shilling.

24,671. I say who will not vote without receiving money?—About 550, I should think.

24,672. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Downing said 600?—I should think about 550.

24,673. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who always require money for their votes?—Who always have money for their votes.

24,674. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose there are men who have some party feeling but who would not vote for their party unless they had money, but would not vote against it?—Decidedly. I should, if I was going to buy them, select men whose feelings I believed were Conservative.

24,675. Those would be men who would not vote at all unless they were paid?—Men who would not vote at all unless they had money.

24,676. On either side?—Yes.

24,677. And if paid on the Liberal side and not the Conservative, would vote Liberal?—Yes, many of them.

24,678. What is the proportion of the 550 of that class of men?—I do not understand your question.

24,679. I want to know how many of the 550 or 600 men are men who would take money, and yet would not vote against their party?—Not a large number.

24,680. Very small?—A very small number.

24,681. What proportion are there, do you think, who would take money on both sides if they could get it?—I do not believe you would find 100 men out of the 500 or 600 men who would do so. It is only the greater scamps of the lot. I have known many instances of men having been offered money after they had it from me, and they have come and told me and refused to take the money.

24,682. I suppose there are a great many men who

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simply wait for money and take it for their votes, whichever side offers it first?—Yes.

24,683. That would be the majority, I suppose, of the 550?—Yes.

24,684. Did you ever find any reluctance whatever among these men to receive money?—No.

24,685. Did they require no pressing?—Oh, no.

24,686. Do you believe that the proportionate number of voters on the register in 1865 who would take money was greater than the proportion in number in 1859?—Yes, I think so; the inducement was more. The sums were getting larger, and many men who would not sell themselves for 5*l.* would take 15*l.* or 20*l.*

24,687. Giving way to the temptation of large sums?—Oh, yes.

24,688. Supposing that the influence of Sir Edmund Lacon was put out of the question, and an election was to be fought here, and the candidates were to enter into a solemn engagement not to spend a shilling. Would you go for a contest of that sort with any degree of confidence?—Yes; I can give an instance. There is Sandars' and Rumbold's election with Mr. Bagshaw, in 1848. Mr. Sandars, the Conservative, was returned at the head of the poll without the spending of a shilling.

24,689. That was 18 years ago, when the register was quite different?—Take the register of 1852 again?

24,690. That, I suppose, was, to a great extent, a different register?—Yes, but I think the Conservatives have been gaining in influence in the borough since that time. We have certainly since 1852 got the whole of the corporation Conservative.

24,691. You get to the question of influence directly, and I am trying to put aside the question of influence, and, supposing no money to be spent, do you believe the balance of political feeling in the place is Conservative?—I believe the balance of the electors are Conservative.

24,692. I mean the electors?—The majority of the electors are Conservative.

24,693. Then you would be making a noble concession in agreeing to a compromise?—Yes; we start here with a certainty of one candidate being safe,—Sir Edmund Lacon.

24,694. Except in 1857?—But in the event of fighting a pure election, if the others had not resorted to illegal practices in 1857, Sir Edmund would then have been returned for certain.

Adjourned till to-morrow at half-past 10 o'clock.

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H. K. Swan.

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Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 9th October 1866.

HENRY KING SWAN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

24,695. What are you?—A fish merchant.

24,696. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

24,697. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

24,698. How much?—50*l.*

24,699. Who gave you the 50*l.*?—Mr. Isaac Shuckford.

24,700. All in one sum?—Yes.

24,701. Who was the 50*l.* for?—15*l.* for Samuel Chapman, of Portland Place.

24,702. Is that Samuel Chapman who is down as Wellington Road on the register?—Yes.

24,703. You received the 50*l.* at the last election?—Yes, this last election.

24,704. What is Samuel Chapman?—He is a beachman, or something of that sort.

24,705. Who is the next?—William King Swan, of Neptune Terrace.

24,706. How much?—15*l.*

24,707. And the next?—Robert Westgate, of the Tower Road, 15*l.*

24,708. That is 45*l.*?—Yes; and 5*l.* I spent in expenses, or something of that sort.

24,709. Was 5*l.* all you received for yourself?—Yes.

24,710. Did you offer money to any other men besides these three men?—No.

24,711. Had you nothing to do with 1859?—Yes.

24,712. How did you vote then?—For Lacon and Stracey.

24,713. Did you receive any money in 1859?—45*l.*

24,714. What did you do with that?—15*l.* to Thomas Turrell, of the Queen's Road.

24,715. Who else?—15*l.* to Samuel Boulton.

24,716. And the next?—And 15*l.* for myself. I did not give that away to anyone.

24,717. Was that all the money you had to deal with in 1859?—Yes.

24,718. Were you in either election ever offered money by the opposite party?—No.

24,719. You had a vote, too, in 1857, had you not?—Yes.

24,720. Did you vote for the Conservatives then?—No.

24,721. Who did you vote for in 1857?—McCullagh and Watkin, I think, were the two.

24,722. And did you have money to disburse then?—No.

24,723. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes.

24,724. How came you to change your party?—I always belonged to this party. I never belonged to the other party.

24,725. How came you to vote for Watkin and McCullagh in 1857?—Because the old lady gave me a ride up to vote.

24,726. Who is the old lady?—Mrs. McCullagh; and I thought I would take a ride.

24,727. You could not refuse the lady?—I could not refuse the lady.

24,728. Did Mrs. McCullagh give you anything beyond the ride up?—No.

24,729. Had you voted for the other party previous to the election?—Yes.

24,730. That was your only Liberal vote?—I am not sure. I do not know of any other on the Liberal side, and that is the only money that ever I received.

24,731. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is William King Swan dead?—No.

24,732. They are all alive the names you have given?—Yes, they are; no dead ones.

24,733. I do not understand what you did with the 5*l.* you kept?—I spent it in wines and different things.

24,734. And treating?—Yes.

24,735. You did not put it in your own pocket?—No.

24,736. (*Mr. Slade.*) You kept 15*l.* in 1857?—Yes.

24,737. What did you get paid in 1865 yourself?—Nothing at all.

24,738. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had your circumstances improved between 1859 and 1865?—A little, I think.

24,739. (*Mr. Slade.*) When did Mr. Shuckford give you this 50*l.*?—I think it was the day before the election, or a day or two. I cannot say exactly.

24,740. Did Mr. Shuckford send for you?—No.

24,741. How did he give it to you?—He came to my place.

24,742. Did you give him the names of those three whom you thought you could get?—No; he knew within a little, I think.

24,743. Did you tell him how much money you should require?—No.

24,744. Did he say here are 50*l.* for you?—No.

24,745. How was the arrangement made?—I did not make any arrangement at all.

24,746. How did you settle on the sum of 50*l.*?—That I do not know. I did not settle at all upon it.

24,747. He gave you 50 sovereigns?—Yes.

24,748. Did he say you were to get these three men, or do the best you could with the money?—Do the best I could with it.

Mrs. Elizabeth Humfrey sworn; examined by Mr. Slade.

Mrs. E. Humfrey.

24,749. Are you the wife of Henry Thomas Humfrey?—Yes.

24,750. Is he too ill to attend before us to-day?—Yes.

24,751. Do you remember the election for the last year?—No; I do not know anything about the election at all, not anything.

24,752. Do you know whether your husband received any money for his vote?—No; I do not know anything about the money. I do not know anything about this election, or about the money. I have no knowledge of it at all, and about the other election I know nothing at all.

24,753. Do you know whether the last election was the first time your husband had a vote?—I do not know anything about the election at all. I had no knowledge of it whatever.

George Storey sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

G. Storey.

24,754. What are you?—A clerk.

24,755. What in?—A timber merchant's clerk.

24,756. Did you vote at the last election?—I did.

24,757. Who for?—Lacon and Goodson.

24,758. Did you get anything for your vote?—Certainly not. I should scorn such a thing.

24,759. Did you vote at the election of 1859?—I did not.

24,760. Your name is handed in to us?—By whom?

24,761. By somebody who is likely to have taken a bribe?—He is a big scoundrel, let him be whoever he may. I have never received one farthing.

24,762. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon?—I was canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

24,763. Early in the canvass?—Yes, in the commencement of it; I think the second or third day.

25,764. Did you promise him at once?—I did; and I never saw the other party at all. I must say I consider it a great reflection on my character to be brought here by such a scoundrel, let him be who he may.

24,765. You have had the opportunity of explaining it?—But it is not a very pleasant thing to have your name posted about for nothing.

24,766. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is there another gentleman of that name?—There are two of that name in Southtown.

24,767. It may be a mistake. Mr. Garson Blake gave the name?—I think it is a mistake. I think you will find it is Mr. John Storey, the carpenter, that lives at Southtown.

24,768. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know him?—I know him from living in the road.

24,769. Were you ever canvassed by Mr. Garson Blake?—Certainly not; he would not come near me, my coat is different to his.

24,770. (*Mr. Russell.*) It is a mistake, because Mr. Garson Blake says he canvassed a man of the name of Storey, who evidently wanted a fee?—It was not me.

24,771. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know who James Storey is?—Yes; there was a James Storey, of Southtown.

24,772. What is he?—He is a painter, I think.

24,773. He did not vote at all I see?—I do not know.

24,774. (*Mr. Slade.*) John Blake Storey, who is an old man and a carpenter, did vote and got nothing?—That I do not know.

John Alfred Foreman sworn; examined by Mr. Russell.

J. A. Foreman.

24,775. What are you?—I am a fish agent.

24,776. Are you a voter?—Yes.

24,777. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

24,778. Did you take an active part at the last election?—No.

24,779. Do you know a man of the name of Scott?—Yes.

24,780. Did you canvass him?—No.

24,781. You never canvassed him at all?—No.

24,782. Did you ever speak to him about his son's place upon the railway?—I met Scott half a dozen times at my place of business in the course of a day, and I talked to him about the election one day.

24,783. What did you say?—I asked him which way he was going to vote. He said both parties canvassed him, and he did not care a straw who got in. I said, "If I were you, your son is on the line, and I "would vote for Lacon and Goodson, as he might get "a lift some day."

24,784. You did lead him to believe it would be to the interest of his son on the line if he voted for Lacon and Goodson?—I said in the course of the conversation, "It may give the boy a chance of having a lift." I said, "If you do not care two straws who gets in I should vote that way."

24,785. You were aware the man intended to vote the other side?—I do not know which way his politics were.

24,786. You had spoken to him several times previously, and he declined to promise?—No; I never spoke to him but that once before or since.

24,787. When you mentioned the influence it would have on the son's position did he then say he would vote for Lacon and Goodson?—No.

24,788. When did he promise?—I know nothing about it. That is all I said to him, and he never said which way he would vote.

24,789. The man has told us, in consequence of what you said to him about his son, he did vote for Lacon and Goodson?—I am only glad he did, if my conversation got them a vote. I had no intention of doing so, nor had I any authority.

24,790. (*Mr. Slade.*) What are you on the railway?—Nothing on the railway. I am an agent for the delivery of goods; I am no servant of the railway.

24,791. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You are not in the employment of the railway?—No.

24,792. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

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E. W. Watkin, Esq., M.P.

9 Oct. 1866.

EDWARD WILLIAM WATKIN, Esq., M.P., sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

24,793. You are the present member for Stockport?—I am.

24,794. Are you also chairman of more than one railway company?—Yes, I am.

24,795. May I ask what railway companies?—I am chairman of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, the South-eastern Railway, and the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway.

24,796. You were returned as member for Yarmouth on the 28th of March 1857?—I was.

24,797. And you also contested the borough in April 1859?—I did.

24,798. In the year 1857 you were petitioned against, and the election was declared void?—It was.

24,799. In the year 1857 Mr. McCullagh was your colleague?—He was.

24,800. And Mr. McCullagh had been a candidate at the previous election of 1852?—In 1852 he was defeated, I think, by a majority of 26.

24,801. Will you tell the Commissioners, if you please, who asked you to stand for the borough of Yarmouth?—I think I was asked at the Reform Club by some members of the party, I do not remember who at present, but whatever the first step was, it led to my meeting Mr. McCullagh, and I think I may say Mr. McCullagh asked me to stand, representing the heads of the Liberal party in Yarmouth.

24,802. Did you see any heads of the Liberal party in Yarmouth after that?—Yes. May I state what took place?

24,803. Do so, if you please?—The first thing was an interview between Mr. McCullagh and myself, in the month of March 1856, at the Reform Club. I need not say that the party were anxious at the next election that Yarmouth should be contested, and, as a member of the Liberal party, I felt inclined, if there was a fair chance of success, to contest it. I met Mr. McCullagh and had a long discussion about it, and the result was, after that discussion, the heads of which I should like to state to you, a meeting took place between myself and certain gentlemen from Yarmouth at the Reform Club, and it was finally determined I should stand, subject to my being satisfied with the appearance of the register and the explanations given. When I came down here—I did come here, I think, in the month of October 1856—a meeting was formed at the "Star Hotel," which I addressed, and a resolution was passed inviting me to become a candidate. I think that is the history of it, except I should like to state what Mr. McCullagh said to me at the club, to show that I had made inquiry as to the position of himself. Mr. McCullagh stated to me that Yarmouth was essentially a Liberal borough. It had returned George Anson, whom I had the honour of knowing many years, and used to hear something about Yarmouth; and the Liberal party in Yarmouth were, mainly speaking, the men of wealth and position in the town. That in 1852 he had only been defeated by improper means on the part of the Conservatives, and by the coalition between the Conservatives and the members of the old Whig party represented by Mr. Rumbold. That since 1852 he had given, personally, great attention to the registration, and was quite satisfied that, notwithstanding the improper practices of 1852, having lost by a majority of only 26, he was satisfied by the attention to the register there was a clear Liberal majority upon the register of at least 80. I then discussed with him, and I want particularly to mention that so as not to conceal anything. I discussed with him the knowledge that everybody had, that at the previous election corrupt practices had prevailed, and the freemen had been disfranchised. He told me that he thought the power of altering men's votes by corruption could not be exercised over a large area, and the only thing he was afraid of was the screw; that Sir Edmund Lacon was a rich banker and brewer, and it was the interest of the brewers of Yarmouth to keep control in the municipality, and keep control, if possible, politically; and when an election took place he found before the screw was put on wherever it could be, and that was the only thing he was afraid of. I think that generally was what took place between us in reference to the borough, and I certainly was in the belief that there was a clear Liberal majority upon the register, and I came down to contest it on that representation.

24,804. When you came down, did you make acquaintance with the heads of the parties, such as Mr. Hammond, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Clowes, and other gentlemen?—I came down in October, and went round. I was introduced to Mr. George Palmer, to Mr. Burroughs, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Pulling, Mr. Arthur Steward, the two Mr. Dawsons, Mr. Fellowes, and a great many others; but those I think were, generally speaking, the heads of the party.

24,805. Who was your agent in Yarmouth?—At that election?

24,806. Yes?—The legal agent was Mr. Clowes; the sort of general manager of the election was Mr. Meall.

24,807. You were returned at that election, but the election was void?—Yes.

24,808. We want to inquire about the subsequent election in the month of August, when Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor succeeded you?—Quite so.

24,809. Will you tell us, if you please, what arrangement was made between yourself and Mr. McCullagh, and Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor?—No arrangement whatever, if you mean in the sense of a pecuniary arrangement.

24,810. I did not mean that?—I will not have the question blinked; you mean whether I received any money from anybody?

24,811. Answer that, if you please. I was not going to ask you that, I was going to ask you whether you nominated either of those gentlemen?—What took place was this: immediately after the result of the petition of 1857, I think the same evening, some gentlemen from Yarmouth being in town, there was a meeting of them all at the Reform Club, and Mr. McCullagh and myself were asked to look out for candidates for the place. I mentioned the name of Mr. Justice Mellor, who is my wife's cousin, who is a gentleman that I thought would be a good candidate; and the meeting adopted Mr. Mellor, subject to Mr. Mellor's agreeing to stand, and being approved by the constituency when he came down. Mr. McCullagh mentioned the name, I think, of Mr. Mackenzie—I am speaking from memory—and that gentleman did not seem to answer for some reason or other; and subsequently, I believe, he mentioned the name of Mr. Young. I met Mr. Young for the first time when I came down with Mr. Mellor, one or two days afterwards; but with respect to the matter of the money, I may be allowed to say a word about that. It has been said here, I am sorry to say, by Sir Edmund Lacon, that I received 500*l.* from Mr. Mellor for what may be called the "goodwill" of Yarmouth.

24,812-13. We did not understand that?—I am only speaking from the newspaper report. I have a letter from Mr. Justice Mellor in my pocket, written to Sir Edmund Lacon by Mr. Justice Mellor, which I should like to put in; and I may say, distinctly and emphatically, there is not a word of truth in any sense in that statement. There is the letter (*producing it*), a copy of which Mr. Justice Mellor sent to me at the time, with his own note to say how much shocked he was to see that any such imputation should be thrown upon me as well as him. This is the letter:—"Otterhead, "near Honiton, Devon, August 23rd, 1866. Sir,—"As I was not aware that the object of the com-"mission of inquiry at Yarmouth was to collect the "gossip of the place, or to enable persons who might "think it expedient to be examined before the Com-"missioners, to give 'as evidence' that which they "have heard 'in conversation,' I was a little sur-"prised to read in the 'Times' of Tuesday, that a "statement, alleged to have been made by you, that "'you had heard in conversation that Messrs. Young "'and Mellor paid something to Messrs. Watkin and "'McCullagh.' In order that you may not be in "danger of wilfully repeating a false statement, I beg

" to inform you that it is absolutely false and without " foundation as against myself, and, as I believe, equally " untrue as regards Mr. Young. I am restrained " from observing upon other statements alleged to " have been made by you and the court, that they do " not regard me and my valued friend and connection " but not 'brother-in-law.'" Mr. Watkin is quite able " to deal with them without having recourse to 'that " which he has heard in conversation.' I do not know whether this is the proper time to ask the Commissioners to allow me to put in a correspondence between Sir Edmund Lacon and myself. I am in the hands of the Commissioners, only two charges are made against me.

24,814. It will be more convenient if you would put it in now.—If I am out-stepping any rules, you must call me to order. I am only anxious everything I know should be stated, and neither Sir Edmund Lacon nor myself should be under any undeserved censure. The first letter was from myself to Sir Edmund Lacon :—" Rose Hill, Northenden, nr. Man- " chester, Augt. 21st, 1866. Dear sir,—Permit " me to enquire if the print in to-day's 'Times' of " your evidence before the Yarmouth Commissioners " is correctly reported, so far as the passages in which " my name is made use of by you are concerned? I " hope I may not fail to receive an answer by return " of post. Dear sir, yours truly, EDWARD W. " WATKIN." I did not receive an answer immediately to that, owing to Sir Edmund Lacon's absence in Scotland, therefore I wrote this following letter :— " Rose Hill, Northenden, August 25th, 1866. Dear " sir,—I have no reply to my note of Tuesday. I " have no doubt you already have it under the hand " of Mr. Justice Mellor, who is not my brother-in- " law, as you have deposed, that the allegation that I " received money from him or from Mr. Young for " the 'goodwill' of Yarmouth in 1857 is a gross " falsehood. Again, I must add, that when you gave " the sanction of your name to the additional ab- " surdities as to my lavish expenditure in 1857, you " could have given no personal credence to such unfair " charges against the constituency of Yarmouth. " Whatever the improprieties of 1857 were—and they " will find no defender in me—you are perfectly aware " that the state of the register was against you, and " that your own unpopularity aided in securing your " certain defeat. You are aware also that in 1857, " and again in 1859, I publicly offered to submit my " claims and yours to a meeting of the whole of the " electors, and to withdraw if I had not a majority of " votes ; thus avoiding all contest. You did not " accept those proposals on either occasion. Again, " I think you know that, pending the inquiry of 1857, " it was proposed to me that your counsel should " state to the committee that no charge was persisted " in against me, and then that my seat should be " saved. Although I felt the kindness of such a " proposal, I declined it, because it involved the unfair " sacrifice of my colleague. You cannot be unaware " also that overtures were made to and declined " by me for the withdrawal of the petition against " you in 1859. I have afterwards been ready, as you " know, to recommend, and have recommended, the " Liberal party in Yarmouth to agree to a compromise, " as was done in the case of Durham ; so as finally to " obviate those scenes and practices which every " honest man must deplore. I have reason to believe " that you made a similar recommendation, but the " obstacle was found in the leading members of your " party, whose practices at last see daylight, I am " sure, to your own surprise and mortification. I " trust you will now correct your evidence, and " complete it by adding that which you have apparently " forgotten. I am, dear sir, yours faithfully, EDWARD " W. WATKIN." Then the letter from Sir Edmund Lacon, which crossed mine, was as follows :—" Stra- " chan House, by Blenchery, Kincardineshire, N.B. " Dear sir,—Your letter was forwarded to me here, " and from not receiving it until my return from " shooting on Saturday, and no post till Monday " morning, I could not send you an earlier answer. I " read the print of the 'Times' on Tuesday rather " hastily, but I believe it represents correctly the " substance of my evidence before the Commissioners, " but am at loss to know the part to which you " more particularly allude. Yours truly, EDMD. " H. K. LACON. 26th August 1866." Then the second letter in reply to the long one which I have just read is as follows :—" Sir,—I beg to acknowledge " your letter dated 1st Sept., and to say that upon " the receipt of your former letter I answered it " from here by return of post, to which I beg to refer " you. If the report I heard in 1859 is incorrect, " you will, no doubt, have an opportunity of correct- " ing me when you appear before the Commissioners " regarding the elections of 1857 and 1859, which " they intend to go into about the middle of October. " I am, sir, yours truly, EDMD. H. K. WATKIN." I do not know how Sir Edmund Lacon knew that, but that is the letter. I am obliged to the Commissioners for allowing me to state that.

24,815. This is what Sir Edmund Lacon said. It will be more satisfactory to yourself to know what actually was said?—I shall be much obliged. I only know what the " Times " reported.

24,816. (*Mr. Russell.*) I had better perhaps interpose, and state this, that a witness who had been examined previously, stated as a positive fact that there had been a pecuniary arrangement between Mr. McCullagh and yourself, and Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young, and it was in consequence of that that Sir Edmund Lacon was asked by the Commissioners whether he had heard of it.—I am obliged for the explanation. Now I have heard a witness has said so of his own knowledge, if I can do so under the terms of the Commission, I will prosecute him for perjury.

24,817. (*Mr. Slade.*) The question was, " Did you " ever hear of any compromise or agreement that had " been made between Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young, and " Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin?—No. I mean " in common conversation?—No. Did you ever hear " that Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young paid a sum?—No, " I did not. Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young paid a sum? " Yes, to Mr. McCullagh?—Yes, I think I have heard " of it; I think I remember something about it. " Your impression is that something was paid?—I " think I remember something ; I will not say what it " was, because I supposed when Mr. Watkin and Mr. " McCullagh were turned out, and Mr. Watkin brought " forward Mr. Mellor, and Mr. McCullagh Mr. Young, " it was a private arrangement."—That is not at all so strong as the abstract in the " Times," and if I had seen that evidence I do not think I should have thought it necessary on that point to write to Sir Edmund Lacon.

24,818. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) It was another witness who originated it?—I did not understand that.

24,819. *Mr. Russell.*) I should like to read you a further question put by myself to Sir Edmund Lacon. " You cannot give us any further information with " regard to the circumstances under which Mr. Mellor " and Mr. Young came to Yarmouth?—No, I cannot, " except that one was introduced by Mr. Watkin and " the other by Mr. McCullagh, and most naturally " that would be the case."—I must say that quite exonerates Sir Edmund Lacon, in my mind, from having said so.

24,820. Mr. Justice Mellor pays us the compliment of saying it was not the duty of the Commissioners to " collect the gossip of the town." The duty of the Commissioners is this—I tell you, and through you Mr. Justice Mellor—that we are to inquire into the preceding late elections, so long as they are proved to be corrupt ; and if, on inquiry, we find corrupt practices have not prevailed, we are not to carry it further back. That is the reason we went into this, to ascertain whether corrupt practices had prevailed in an election which was a walk over?—I would wish to say that Mr. Justice Mellor is not here, but, having the honour of his acquaintance, he is as convinced as I am that the Commissioners have acted with every

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regularity, and have not in any way over-stepped their duty; and I am certain that he did not mean to express anything against the Commissioners, or intend to impute anything wrong to them.

24,821. I merely wish to state that, because Mr. Justice Mellor holds a very high position?—I am obliged by your kind explanation.

24,822. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do I understand that you answer for yourself as well as Mr. McCullagh, in saying that no money was paid by either Mr. Young or Mr. Mellor at the second election of 1857?—Mr. McCullagh will answer for himself.

24,823. You answer for yourself?—I answer for myself, and I have no doubt he would give the same answer that I give, that it was not so.

24,824. After the election of 1859, when you were defeated by Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey, you never came forward again as a candidate for Yarmouth?—No, I did not. I was invited to come forward, I think, in the year 1865; I think that was the year I got the requisition. No, 1864, I think; the end of 1864. I believe that is the date.

24,825. Were you at that time member for Stockport?—I think not. I think it was a little before, and if so, it must have been in the early part of 1864.

24,826. Did you give the gentlemen who sent this requisition to you to understand that you would come forward again if necessary?—No, I did not give any answer at all. I had some correspondence in reference to the state of the register and the position of things with Mr. Clowes and Mr. Livingston, but I do not think I ever gave any answer. I did not intend to come forward again.

24,827. We understand when you had given up the idea of coming forward yourself, you were asked to recommend some gentleman to come forward in your place?—Yes. I think that was in the summer of last year. I got a letter—I think it was from Mr. Livingston—to ask if I would speak to the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Brand, in reference to getting candidates for Yarmouth, if I was not prepared to come forward myself, and I did so. And I should state, that Mr. Livingston represented to me that by the results of the registration of the previous year, so large a majority had been obtained, that he thought there was a certainty of two Liberal candidates being returned; and I believe he used the expression in the letter—I am sorry I have not got the letter itself—that he believed they could be returned without the expenditure of a penny.

24,828. Do you remember whether he mentioned any number of new names that had been put on the register?—Yes; he enclosed me a statement. I gave that, I think, to Mr. Brand; not Mr. Brand, of Yarmouth, but the Secretary of the Treasury; I believe so.

24,829. We have heard that you recommended to the constituency of Yarmouth, Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—Yes. Some time after the date I speak of, Mr. Brand suggested to me the names of Mr. Hawkins, and I forget the other gentleman's name now.

24,830. Mr. Hawkins, the Queen's counsel?—Yes, and some other gentleman, I forget his name, as gentlemen who wished to contest some place in the interest of the Liberal party, and I think that that went off in some way, and then Mr. Brand asked me if I could find anybody myself, and I really had not intended to interfere in the matter at all, but I was dining out with a friend of mine, Captain Warren, one night; I should say it would be some time in June, but I cannot speak to the exact date; Mr. Marshman was there. I had not seen him for some years, two or three years at all events; and after dinner he asked me whether I could assist him in getting a seat. I believed Mr. Marshman's knowledge of India would be of value to the House, especially to those of us who are connected with the cotton manufacturing districts. I wrote to a friend or two in the north, to see if they could suggest any place where he would be likely to be acceptable; but nothing came of that. There was apparently no opening in that quarter. Then I mentioned this to Mr. Brand, and he said, "Would not Mr. Marshman be likely to stand for Yarmouth?" He said, "Mr. Brogden is also anxious to have a seat, "and he is a friend of yours, do not you think they "would stand?" I said, "I can introduce them together," and I believe that is the reason I introduced Mr. Marshman and Mr. Brogden together. We met at the Reform Club, and went over the matter, and they said, "If the leading Liberals of Yarmouth "would send a requisition they would go down and "address the electors, make a canvass, and then be "guided by the result." That requisition was sent to them, signed by Mr. Clowes, and a number of other Liberals, and they went down, and at their request I went with them to Yarmouth, addressed a meeting in a room at the "Angel," and I think I went away to London the next day. I came down afterwards to address an open air meeting on the Saturday, and went back, I think, on the Saturday night, and that was all the interference I had in the election. As I saw something in the papers, it may be making an error again that may not be evidence, I thought it my duty, as it seemed to me a responsibility was thrown on my shoulders which I did not think I had undergone; I thought it desirable to write a letter to Mr. Marshman, and subsequently I sent a copy of it to Mr. Brogden to detail the circumstances, and, if I may be allowed, I should like to read it

24,831. Do so, if you please?—This is dated the 30th August 1866:—"Dear sir.—If your evidence is cor- "rectly reported in the 'Times' you have not stated "accurately what has passed between you and myself. "At the dinner-party to which you allude, you told "me you had a great desire to get into Parliament, "and urged me to assist you to obtain a seat, and in "consequence of what you said, I discussed the matter "with you, and I remember writing on your behalf to "one of my friends at an important borough in the "north, but the answer was not favorable. I men- "tioned your wish to the Secretary of the Treasury, "and Yarmouth was suggested as a place which "might be obtained for the Liberal party. At your "request I arranged a meeting between Mr. Brogden, "yourself, and myself, at the Reform Club, and I then "explained to you in detail everything that I knew "as to Yarmouth. Again, at your and Mr. Brogden's "request, I wrote to Yarmouth to say, that if a requi- "sition were presented to you you would visit the "constituency, and after you received that requisition, "again at your united request, I went down with you "to Yarmouth, although it was inconvenient at the "time to me to do so. The only advice I gave to you "at Yarmouth was, to judge of the state of the "registry for yourself, after a canvass, and not to "commit yourself to stand unless you were convinced "at the end of the canvass that success was reasonably "certain, and I impressed upon the leading members "of the party before I left you, that if, at the end of "the canvass you were not satisfied of success, they "should not consider the party badly treated if you "retired. With this advice and caution to the party "in your interest my responsibility ceased. When "having been asked for an opinion, I stated that I "did not think your retirement before the canvass "was completed was fair to Mr. Brogden. I had "before me the understanding which had been come to "between you, and which would have been broken by "your prematurely abandoning the canvass, and I "confess that I thought at the time the course you "proposed was neither fair to the party, nor to your "colleague. I shall be obliged if you will confirm me "in this, the true version of the case, and will correct "your evidence accordingly.". To that I received from Mr. Marshman this letter:—"The Elms, Bickley "Park, Kent, Septr. 1st, 1866. Dear sir,—I was "yesterday favoured with your communication of the "30th ultimo., and regret to find that you consider "my evidence as not stating accurately what passed "between you and myself. The printed report of the "'Times' is only an abridgment of my evidence, which

" occupied two hours, and is not, therefore, so full as " I delivered it. I distinctly stated that the under- " standing between us was, that we should go down " to Yarmouth to feel the borough and see exactly " how matters stood, and that if we did not consider " this investigation satisfactory we should at once " retire. I did not, however, consider it necessary to " go into all the details of our conversation (which " you have stated, as far as my recollection goes, " accurately) on a point which had only a remote, if " any, bearing on the question of the inquiry—the " existence of bribery at Yarmouth. The fullest " report of my evidence that I have seen is in the " 'Yarmouth Independent,' tho' it is exceedingly im- " perfect, and in one case egregiously inaccurate. I " have compared it carefully with the statement given " in your letter, and I fail to discover any such mis- " representation as to require correction. But if you " consider that any unintentional omissions in my " evidence are so material as to prove injurious to the " interests of truth, and that a fuller statement should " be placed before the public, I shall be happy to meet " your wishes if you will point out the specific " deficiencies. In that case, I must also ask you to be " so kind as to state how the communication is to " appear. Whether the 'Times' will find room for it " is very questionable, and the short-hand writer of " the Commissioners has, doubtless, a fuller report of " my evidence than has yet appeared, but we cannot " obtain access to it till it appears in print. Yours " very faithfully, JOHN MARSHMAN." There were a few lines passed between Mr. Marshman and myself afterwards, and he reminded me I had dictated a letter to my clerk to him, giving him a sort of remonstrance to his retirement at that particular time. I do not think it is material, and I have not brought it.

24,832. What you understood was, that Mr. Marshman's retirement was not what was agreed on between yourself and him when he went down to stand with Mr. Brogden for the borough ?—No, not fair to Mr. Brogden. The understanding between Mr. Brogden and himself come to in my presence was, that they should go down, complete the canvass of the borough, and they must come to their own conclusion as to their chance of success, and the party should not consider they were treated unhandsomely if the result of that canvass, and the impression it made on their minds, led them to retire. It was that understanding and caution with it, to Mr. Hammond, Mr. Clowes, and every gentleman before I left Yarmouth the short time I was down. I communicated and told them that was their determination; I thought it a reasonable one, and I should not advise them to stand unless they were certain they could carry it by honest means.

24,833. And you understood they were to stand or fall together ?—Yes. They both understood that, and perhaps it would be only fair to Mr. Brogden if I was to read a note I got from him. I sent him a copy of that letter, and he says, " My dear sir,—I think " your recollection of our interview, and of all the " facts connected with our canvass and my contest " of Yarmouth, are accurate and complete. I know " nothing of the earlier interview you had with Mr. " Marshman, but I am very sensible your assistance " to us was of the most friendly character, and given " at great personal inconvenience to yourself. My " strong impression still is, that if Mr. Marshman had " not exhibited his mistrust of the constituency, there " would have been a pure election, resulting in the " return of at least one Liberal. I have only just " returned from the Continent, and therefore unable to " reply to you earlier."

24,834. We have heard from Mr. Clowes that he wrote to you a letter shortly before the election of 1865, asking you to explain to Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman the state of the constituency at Yarmouth, more especially, as I understand, alluding to the corruption of the borough, is that so ?—I remember receiving a letter from Mr. Clowes, but I read his evidence, and it did not quite tally with my remembrance. I remember receiving a letter from Mr. Clowes, I think, with the requisition for M. Brogden and Mr. Marshman; I think so. And I sent that letter with the requisition, or whatever the papers were, on to them. Anything I received I sent on either to one or the other of them. But I should wish to say, in my own justification, at the meeting between myself and these gentlemen at the Reform Club, I told them frankly everything I knew with regard to the borough, not only what I was told was the position of the register, but the fact that there were a number of persons in the borough who were open to corruption. I wish it to be distinctly understood I did not wish those gentlemen to come here. I did not conceal any fact that was within my own knowledge, and I cautioned them to the best of my ability to commit themselves to nothing but a canvass, to see whether the election could be carried under the register as stated.

24,835. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you mention 700*l.* or 800*l.* as the probable cost of the election to Mr. Marshman ?—No, I did not. I told him what the cost of my election in 1857 was in rough figures, and when I speak of the cost I do not mean to speak of it in qualified terms, I mean anything before the election, at the election, and afterwards. Whether rightly or wrongly, I told the cost of the first was about 800*l.*, and the second about 1,000*l.* to 1,200*l.* I remember using the words at the Reform Club.

24,836. Mr. Marshman said he inquired the probable cost, and you said about 700*l.* or 800*l.*; and he replied that he was ready to pay anything that went through the legal agents hands ?—I do not remember that, and I am sure I never gave him any estimate of the expense of his contesting the borough. I told him my experience, and inasmuch as he was only intending to use his own phrase, to go down and feel the borough, I did not give him an estimate, and I should also say, when Mr. Young was named, Mr. Marshman said to me, he knew something about the borough, because he had stood twice for boroughs on the east coast.

24,837. Did you collect at that interview, or know from your previous knowledge, that Mr. Marshman was pre-eminently a purist ?—No; I knew nothing of Mr. Marshman, except that he had been defeated twice in some place. My first acquaintance with him was when it was proposed to enfranchise Staleybridge. I met him then, and once having had a call from him in reference to some information that he had; I knew nothing of him except by general report.

24,838. You do not remember Mr. Marshman insisting particularly on his objection to any illegal payment ?—I was not here at the time he made the statement. I remember saying myself—that is, saying to Mr. Brogden—it would be very improper to engage in any irregular proceedings; and I believe myself honestly, when we all three came down, there was not a single one of us who would not have set his face in the strongest way against anything of the kind.

24,839. (*Mr. Slade.*) Your election in 1857 cost you about 800*l.* ?—About that.

24,840. Can you tell me whether it cost an equal sum for Mr. McCullagh ?—I do not think it did. I have endeavoured to recollect as well as I can the cost of my election, and, if the Commissioners will allow me, I will give it. I have done everything I can to recollect everything paid, and this is the amount of money that I believe I paid from August 1856, when I see I subscribed to the race fund before I came down, up to the spring of 1858. I believe I paid to Mr. Meall, the manager of the election, at various times before and after the election, 650*l.* and 60*l.* I believe I paid to Mr. Clowes 87*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*, Mr. Meall paying him 150*l.*, which would make 797*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* Then, late in the year 1857, I received an account from Mr. Meall for something for ringing bells, and the travelling expenses of pilots, and a variety of things which for some reason or other had not been put in the election account, and my half of that was 120*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* Then I consider I paid in my own travelling and other expenses during that period 100*l.* I do not think it was as much, but I put it down at the outside. I then

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paid towards the registration meeting 75*l.* I then took shares in the "Yarmouth Free Press" to the extent of 100*l.* I believe I paid 100*l.*, but I am not certain whether 100*l.* or 75*l.* I then considered that I subscribed to regattas, races, and testimonials to various gentlemen, and certain charities, schools, and so on, about 100*l.*; so that I believe I am rather over-stating than under-stating that the whole of the money that I paid in connexion with Yarmouth, from August 1856 to April 1858, is a little exceeding 1,300*l.* Then I was asked a question, whether I believe Mr. McCullagh spent so much. I do not think he did, for this reason—I do not wish to allude to anything unfair, but it is fair to say a portion of this money I believed I was paying on Mr. McCullagh's account. I believed a portion of the money paid to Mr. Meall was in connexion with Mr. McCullagh's expenses at that election, and previously I expected that Mr. Meall would have squared the accounts between him and myself. The fact that it was not so was the cause of a difference and quarrel between Mr. McCullagh and myself. We had many interviews and correspondence extending over the whole of the year, and I got sick of it at last, and I believe he was too, and threw it all up; but my belief is that Mr. McCullagh did not spend as much as I did.

24,841. The 700*l.* you paid Mr. Meall, did you get any account of that?—No, I got no account at the time. I got an account from Mr. Meall in the middle of the year 1858, when he came to stay with me at Northenden. He gave it me in detail, and it was then I learnt for the first time with certainty, that a portion of that money had been spent in illegal expenses. Mr. Meall was a man I entirely trusted. I trusted myself in his hands, believing that what it was right to do he would do; and I got no account until Mr. Meall came to stay with me, and he went over figures with me. I should mention also, before the committee of 1857, when I found the amount of money in the auditor's account was less than the money I had paid, in making an estimate for that portion of what I had paid, which I considered was repayable to me by Mr. McCullagh, I said that to Mr. Meall. I said I would not go into the box without stating the whole of the amount of money I had paid; on which Mr. Meall said he believed he should recover almost everything for me, and he could perfectly satisfy me it was right, and he gave me an I O U for the difference between the amount of money I had paid and the two amounts of what was assumed to be owing from Mr. Meall and what the auditor's accounts were.

24,842. How was he going to recover that?—He said he should receive from Mr. McCullagh a certain portion of it, and he had also advanced a little money to different little fellows, as he called them, who had loans from different societies controlled by Conservatives in Yarmouth, and it was necessary to find the money to prevent them from being sold up and damaged, and that would be recovered before going into the box; but I had it thoroughly understood, as I thought, that Mr. Meall should go into the box and be examined. He was, if I may use the phrase, the unofficial treasurer of the election; and he drew out his evidence and promised me he would go in and give a satisfactory explanation of all that had taken place; but, unfortunately, before the committee, Mr. McCullagh had his counsel and I had mine, and there was no doubt divisions of council, and in consequence the counsel would not call Mr. Meall for some reason I do not know. I was extremely sorry for it, because whether the whole matter was right or wrong it would have come out before the committee.

24,843. Do you know whether Mr. McCullagh set his face against any illegal payments?—I believe we were both setting our faces against any illegal payments. We both believed the register was in our favour, and I was certain it was, and we neither of us believed there was any necessity for any illegal payments.

24,844. I meant rather, did Mr. McCullagh, after he was unseated, ever complain of illegal payments being made against his wish?—Not to me, certainly, and I do not believe to anybody. What Mr. McCullagh, if I remember rightly, complained of—I should be happy to put in the correspondence but I have not got it here—that the grounds on which he refused to reimburse me what I had paid were these, that he had spent a deal of money and time between 1852 and 1857 in looking to the registration and getting it into the state it was in 1857, and which led, as we believed, to our return; and he thought anything he had paid should be taken as a set-off against a portion of the money I had paid at the election. I should have been perfectly ready with Mr. McCullagh or anybody else to agree to that view, but I did not like to appear to be in the position of the rich man in the concern who was buying his way into the House of Commons, Mr. McCullagh being the able and pure man who was leading me to do so. That was the feeling, perhaps a foolish one, that made me stand out upon the question.

24,845. We have had a gentleman before us, a Mr. Christopher Steward, who disbursed money in illegal payments in 1857, and he has told us that he received between 1,500*l.* and 1,600*l.* at that election?—I so read in the "Times" that he said so.

24,846. Can you account for that?—No, I cannot, and I do not believe he did. If I thought so, or had the slightest idea that that was anything but an exaggeration, I should say so at once, but I am here to state everything I know and everything I believe everybody else knows.

24,847. In 1859, you say, it cost between 1,000*l.* and 1,200*l.*?—That is what I stated to Mr. Marshman, and I have, as far as I can recollect it, the details here and I can give them. First, Mr. Clowes's account—half of that 301*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.*; then payments to Mr. Mainprice, 750*l.*; then my hotel bill here, 67*l.*; and then I put a little allowance down for any sundry expenses in travelling backwards and forwards between London and Lancashire, 30*l.* Then there was a dispute between Mr. Clowes and the returning officer with reference to some charge of the mayor. It was said to me by Mr. Charles John Palmer, that if the amount of 16*l.* odd were deducted it would come out of the mayor's pocket. I wrote to say that I could not think it proper that the mayor should be out of pocket, and I sent him the amount of 8*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* as a half of that charge, so that that would make the expense of the election to me 1,157*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* Then I subscribed towards the petition in the following year 200*l.*, and I think I was asked for a further contribution, which I put down at 100*l.* I am not quite sure whether it was 100*l.* or 50*l.*, or a larger sum. Then I consider I subscribed and paid other expenses in the borough, the usual expenses which a Member of Parliament is unfortunately put to, about 100*l.* more, so that that makes the whole of my debit for my second connexion with Yarmouth, 1,530*l.* odd., and I believe, as I stated in the other case, I am perhaps a little overstating than understating it, but I wish with regard to both those matters to state this, that I think the question of what the candidate has spent, for his future character should be no matter of controversy. What I am ready to do, and I should hope Sir Henry Stracey and Sir Edmund Lacon would be also ready to do—I am ready to let the Commissioners name an accountant. He shall go through my books and papers, and have my stock taken, and if I am in the slightest degree inaccurate I should be glad to be corrected, for I would not have it on my conscience that I have stated anything here that is incorrect.

24,848. The money that was given to Mr. Mainprice, have you ever heard how that was disbursed generally?—Only from the evidence generally. I should wish to explain with regard to 400*l.* of that money when I came to Yarmouth some time before the election. I gave that to Meall. We had hoped Mr. Meall would be able to conduct the election as he had done in 1857, but unfortunately he was very ill, suffering from consumption, and was unable to do so, so that that 400*l.* was not given by me or my authority to Mr. Mainprice, but through Mr. Meall's instrumentality; but I do not know that 750*l.* went into the

hands of Mr. Mainprice as the manager of the election. I do not put it down in any roundabout way, but take it at once to the gentleman who received it.

24,849. Mr. Mainprice, in his evidence before us, has stated that the sum which passed through his hands was something under 2,000*l.* at that election?—I did not see that in his evidence, but I have stated all that passed from me. I have stated with perfect accuracy what passed through me.

24,850. Was there in the election of 1859 an understanding between you and Mr. Young that you were to share the expenses whatever they might be?—Yes, the question was discussed, when we came down here, among the party, as to whether we should issue separate addresses, each having a separate arrangement, or making it a joint contest, the two names being together on the same address. The party recommended the latter course, which we adopted, and of course it was understood. I do not know that there was any discussion about it, but it was understood that we were going on a joint account on equal terms in every respect.

24,851. You were aware that illegal practices were resorted to in 1857 during the time of the election?—No; I was not aware during the time of the election. I was not aware of the position of the matter until Mr. Meall came to stay with me some time in 1858, when he told me everything he knew.

24,852. Did you yourself send to Grimsby for a man named Henry Rundle?—In 1857?

25,853. Yes.—No, I did not.

24,854. He was here in 1857?—I think he resided somewhere near here then. In 1859 Mr. Clark came to me one day and said that Rundle ought to be at Gorleston, as he knew everybody there, and was a very useful man to canvass, and also to bring up voters on the day of the poll. He asked me to send for him. I hesitated for some time. At last he said everybody was anxious he should be there, so I wrote a note to Mr. Rundle to say it was the desire of Mr. Clark and a few friends there, and if he could come for a few days I should be glad for him to do so. I had never any conversation with Mr. Reynolds that I remember about it at all.

24,855. Were you aware at that time that Rundle had been engaged in illegal practices at the prior election?—No, I was not aware at all about it; and in justice to him—the man is dead—I should say I looked upon him as a most respectable man, and it comes on me with great surprise to hear it stated he was. The man was a sea captain. We called him Captain Rundle, and was a man of fair education and character, and I was grieved to read the evidence that was imputed to him. Of course he is dead, and is not here to answer for himself.

24,856. Had you heard of him as an active partisan on your side in the election of 1857?—I do not remember his name in connexion with the 1857 election distinctly. He was, I thought, a sort of superintendent in the North of Europe Steam Packet Company. The North of Europe Steam Packet Company had their place at Lowestoft, and from his connexion with Lowestoft he was frequently over here, and knew everybody. He was a good-natured, kind-hearted man, and very popular with everybody. I have no distinct recollection of him in 1857, but I do remember in 1859 his coming to me, because I had some objection to it. To some extent in Grimsby he was under my control, and it appeared like ordering a servant, which I did not like to do.

24,857. Did you bring him down in 1859 as a person to bring up the voters and to canvass for you?—That was all.

24,858. You knew Mr. Reynolds, the postmaster, at Gorleston?—Yes, I knew him.

24,859. He acted for you in both elections?—He was on the committee at both elections.

24,860. You interested yourself, I believe, in getting him his present appointment?—Mr. Young and myself did. I think he was recommended to us by the party as the most eligible man, and of course you gentlemen are aware Members of Parliament do as the party wish them to do in these matters, and we did so.

24,861. Did you know a man of the name of James Chapman, a draper?—James Denny Chapman?

24,862. Yes.—Yes; he was not residing here in 1857. He might have had a house to keep his vote, but he came down in the election of 1857, and canvassed the latter part of the canvass. I do not remember him in 1859. I do not think he was here.

24,863. Did you ever hear afterwards he advanced money at that election?—If the Commissioners tell me I must answer it I must do so, but if I do it will appear to be stating that which should only be stated by Mr. McCullagh.

24,864. Not of your own knowledge?—I do not know it of my own knowledge.

24,865. We have asked it of other witnesses?—I do not wish to conceal anything, but this is a question to some extent involving an imputation on Mr. McCullagh, and I do not like in his absence to state it.

24,866. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) If any imputation is made on Mr. McCullagh he must come and meet it?—Then in answer to your question I should say, in 1860, there was an attempt made to induce the petitioners, Mr. Pilgrim and Mr. Bayley, of Yarmouth, to withdraw their names from the petition, and as I was informed by Mr. Pilgrim, whose statement I have here in writing, money was offered through Mr. Chapman to these gentlemen to withdraw their names from the petition. It was stated that that money was offered by the authority of Mr. Reynolds, and the name also of Sir Henry Stracey was used, I have no doubt, very improperly and very untruly. In consequence of that I sent for Mr. Chapman to come to me to the "Euston Hotel," believing him to be a Liberal and going with his party. I told him I had heard it, and asked him if it were true. He said it was true. I reproached him. He gave me some particulars regarding what had taken place between himself and Mr. Reynolds and me, and Sir Henry Stracey, and in the course of the conversation he said in 1857 he had advanced, at Mr. McCullagh's request, 300*l.*, which he had not received back again, and that is all I know about it.

24,867. That was the first you heard of it?—Yes, that was the first I heard of it.

24,868. Mr. Chapman is dead, is he not?—I do not know; I have never seen him since the day I spoke of, some time in 1860. I have no acquaintance whatever with him except knowing him to be a voter.

24,869. (*Mr. Slade.*) When Messrs. Brogden and Marshman spoke to you about standing for Yarmouth, did you tell them generally what you have told us to-day as regards your expenditure here?—Generally speaking, not in the same detail.

24,870. But generally you did?—Yes.

24,871. Was anything said at that time as to more money being required in the election of 1865?—No, nothing whatever. In fact, my own impression, or else I never would have come down to Yarmouth with doubt, was two things; the first was, that after the election of 1859 the Conservative party in Yarmouth would not have resorted to any improper practices; that was one reliance I had. I thought there was that general concurrence of self-reproach with regard to the whole thing, that it would not be done again; and then it was said, I believe, by Mr. Livingston upon the statement he sent to me, that so large a number of new men were put on of Liberal opinions that the election would be carried as it ought to be.

24,872. How do you account for Mr. Brogden supplying himself with so large a sum as 6,000*l.*?—I do not account for it. I know nothing at all, as the Commissioners must well know, about it; and I cannot account for it. It is one of those things that cannot be accounted for except on the theory that Mr. Brogden, in the heat of the election, did what I have no doubt he bitterly reproaches himself with since.

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24,873. You see he deliberately came down to contest the borough, having previously provided himself with the sum of 6,000*l.*?—I do not know what the evidence has been, but I am certain, if the declaration of anybody can be believed, that Mr. Brogden had never provided himself with a shilling when I came down. I should like that to be cleared up, because I myself appear as if I had some knowledge of it.

24,874. It was not provided until after you came down with him, but was provided some short time before the election, anticipating a severe contest?—I am no party whatever to it, as Mr. Brogden would say. I know nothing whatever about it, and in point of fact I was led to believe that nothing of the kind to any considerable extent had been done, because I was applied to to interfere when the petition was presented against Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, one evening in the lobby of the House of Commons, to effect some compromise, and I never would have taken the trouble I did take if I had not believed what I did believe, that there had been nothing of the sort on Mr. Brogden's side.

24,875. Was that the compromise with regard to returning one Liberal and one Conservative?—Yes. I may mention that Mr. Spofforth, the agent of the Conservative party, who, apart from politics, is a friend of mine, came to me in the lobby, and said that Sir Henry Stracey and Mr. Brogden had had a conversation about the petition, and he wished me to see Mr. Brogden and see if a fair arrangement could be made. I did; I saw one or two parties, and it was in the course of that, that I was led to believe that there had been no improper expenditure of any serious amount on Mr. Brogden's part; and with regard to my interference it was with this view. I was satisfied from the experience of 1859 that the only way to extirpate the cancer was by a compromise. The same thing was done in Durham, which was as corrupt as any place can be. It has the effect of leading to the dying out of all this class; and I wish to see that state of things established in Yarmouth; that, in fact, the occupation of the men who gave bribes and took them would be done away with altogether.

24,876. (*Mr. Russell.*) How could a compromise be effected if Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman were to stand and fall together?—I am not speaking of the compromise during the election, because I considered that the time for the compromise was over, that there was nothing but for them to stand together or retire. I am speaking of a compromise for the future, based on the withdrawal of the petition, which the learned gentleman was speaking of.

24,876*a*. You had not contemplated a compromise, after your experience of 1859, as the most advisable thing in 1865?—Yes, I was ready to recommend it if consulted about it, but all I was asked about by the party, who were those who were to deal with it at that time, the members of the Government, they were anxious this place should be contested; and my duty was at an end when at the request of them, and Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman, I came down with them; but then I should have advised one of them to retire if a compromise could have been effected.

24,877. Was it within your knowledge that Mr. Chamberlin, a leading gentleman of your party, was strongly in favour of a compromise?—No, I did not know that. As I said before, I was only down one evening, and then for a part of the day afterwards. I knew very little about the election. I was at the same time fighting my own battle at Stockport, where I had a severe contest, and my head was full of Stockport, and not Yarmouth.

24,878. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you observe that Mr. Brogden did not at that time, the time of the petition, claim the seat?—I was aware of that. I suppose it is not usual to claim the seat because of the necessity of having to go through a scrutiny afterwards. I have always heard that is the reason it is seldom done.

24,879. We are to understand from you that neither after the election of 1857, nor after the election of 1859, you had any knowledge whatever that bribery had been resorted to by your agents to effect your return?—Yes; I have said I saw Mr. Meall in 1858, and knew that to a certain extent it had in 1857, but I am quite certain to so small an extent as not really to effect the result of the election. With regard to 1857, I was cognisant of it in this way.—I am afraid I am giving too long answers.

24,880. Oh, no. My previous question was whether after the election; immediately after the election I meant?—No. Immediately after, I say most certainly I was not cognisant of the 1857 affair until Mr. Meall stayed with me in 1858, when in fact I made him tell me everything. And then with regard to 1859, I was cognisant of it in this way: we canvassed the borough, Mr. Young and myself. I believed from the appearance of the canvass that we had a decided majority in the promises. We handed the canvass book, I think the day but one before the election, to Mr. Hammond. He spent several hours upon it, and reported to Mr. Young and myself we were positively certain. In fact from the beginning the phrase was, my election was as safe as brandy. I believed I was not unpopular, and should be returned. Then on the morning of the election we headed the poll up to 10 o'clock. At half-past 8 we were 27 a-head, something under 30. About half-past 10, from that to 11, the number began to go against us. I was coming in from one of the districts to the "Star," where the poll was being kept, and Mr. Shelley, who was keeping it for us, that is the check poll, beckoned me into the room, and I went in, and he showed me the names of several men down on our list as promises to us, who were voting against us. Soon after that some gentlemen came to Mr. Young and myself, I think Mr. Livingston was one, and said we could only win the election by spending money; and we said we had already provided more money than ought to be, and we thought some of it had been spent improperly. That was not admitted or denied. We were asked to find money; we consulted, and we determined we would not. We went with Mr. Hammond, and I am not sure Mr. Pulling, up to Mr. Mainprice's, and reported that to Mr. Mainprice. Mr. Young said then, or as going along with me, he had given a cheque to somebody, I understood him to say Mr. Mainprice. I said, "As "we have determined we will not be dragged further, "you had better get it back." And it was burnt or torn up in our presence. To that extent I was aware there had been irregular practices. I have only to say, as soon as Mr. Young and myself heard of it, we stopped the expenditure as soon as we could. I rather preferred losing the election in 1857. There were 59 of those who voted for McCullagh and Watkin in 1857, who voted for Lacon and Stracey in 1859. If those 59 had voted according to what we believed to be their principles, clearly Mr. Young and myself would have been returned. I have a list here which some gentleman prepared for me. I do not know whether the Commissioners care to have it.

24,881. You said that you and Mr. Young were to divide the expense on this occasion; did you afterwards ascertain that Mr. Young had paid an equal sum with yourself?—No, I do not think I did. I assumed that Mr. Young, as an honourable man, would pay everything he was asked to pay. The party knowing we were standing together, if they asked me for any, would ask him for the same.

24,882. You were not asked for any money after the election?—I mean during the contest; I mean during the month's contest of the whole proceedings.

24,883. Previous to the day of the election had you paid Mr. Mainprice that 750*l.*?—Yes, in different sums I had paid it to him. 400*l.* I gave to Mr. Meall, and I think three sums of 150*l.* to Mr. Mainprice.

24,884. When about did you pay that?—I really cannot tell you; they were different times; it is quite impossible to tell now.

24,885. You can tell whether it was a few days before the election or a week?—The 400*l.* I gave to Mr. Meall was immediately after I came to Yarmouth.

24,886. How long would that be before the election?—That would be just after the dissolution. I think three weeks before the election, I forget now; I know by referring to when the dissolution was. It was on the Saturday I think. I believe it was the very day I came. And the other sum of money was given to Mr. Mainprice or sent to him, I rather think sent to him at different times; I think the last being the day before the election.

24,887. You did not send the money yourself?—I knew it was going to Mr. Mainprice's.

24,888. Who sent it to him?—I think my clerk, Mr. Rawlinson, took it.

24,889. We have heard from Mr. Mainprice the money came in his pocket on a particular day?—I cannot explain that; all I can say is I gave Mr. Meall 400*l.*, and he told me he gave that to Mr. Mainprice. I was ashamed to hear that statement. I am sure Mr. Mainprice would tell nothing but the truth.

24,890. You say Mr. Mainprice had from you 750*l.* altogether?—Yes.

24,891. I want to know whose hands the money came through from yours?—I believe it was my clerk, Mr. Rawlinson, who took the other money to Mr. Mainprice.

24,892. Straight to him?—Yes, I think so.

24,893. Mr. Mainprice did not say that?—I do not know how he took it. All I know is, to the best of my belief, Mr. Rawlinson was instructed to take it to Mr. Mainprice.

24,894. Was it in Yarmouth?—Yes; he was my clerk at that time in Manchester, and he came over here. I had my business letters to write, and he was here for a few days.

24,895. Do you suppose the money you sent to Mr. Mainprice in this way was part of the sum that he found in his pocket?—I should suppose so. I do not know whose money it was. I do not imagine it could have been anybody's but mine and Mr. Young's. I have accounted for all I paid, and the way it was paid, and to my belief and knowledge, in fact, that found its way to Mr. Mainprice.

24,896. I want to know where the money went to from you, to Mr. Rawlinson—that is all you can say?—That is all I can say, but I have no doubt I directed him to take it to Mr. Mainprice. I do not wish any concealment. It was not a matter that to me seemed to require any mystery.

24,897. I suppose you were aware all monies spent in an election ought to pass through the hands of the election auditor?—I am aware of that, and I wish it were so.

24,898. In this case the election auditor had only 381*l.* from your election agent, and 750*l.* went in an irregular manner?—It ought to have all gone through the regular channel of course, I admit that.

24,899. May I take it that this sum of 750*l.* and 381*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* represents the whole amount that went out of your pocket?—Yes, I am certain it does, except the travelling expenses I have mentioned.

24,900. Tell me about the subscriptions. Who was your disburser of those subscriptions; I do not want the names?—Mr. Meall always did it up to the time of his death, and subsequent to that I think generally Mr. Clowes, but it was generally paid in the regular course, direct to the parties. If the subscription was wanted for a school, or a chapel, or some one who was taken ill, or when they had the unfortunate loss of the 11 boats here, I generally got an application from the secretary of the fund, and directed a cheque to him.

24,901. Were you cognisant of the fact that Mr. Young had given cheques on the day preceding that of the election to Mr. Mainprice?—Only to this extent, that in my presence the cheque from Mr. Young, for the reasons I had said, was torn up at Mr. Mainprice's or put in the fire.

24,902. You have stated the reason assigned, but we have heard from the other witnesses that the reason was the election was considered hopeless by the agents, and any more money spent by the agents would be wasted?—Nobody can know Mr. Young's reason and mine but ourselves. I have stated what my reasons were, and Mr. Young can contradict or confirm me. I have stated the truth.

24,903. As far as you know?—And as far as I am personally concerned, I must say that was my motive, and that was my action.

24,904. You have no other knowledge of the amount of money Mr. Young spent?—No, I have not.

24,905. Who was Mr. Mackenzie, who was nominated by Mr. McCullagh; do you know who he was?—I do not know at all who he was.

24,906. He was not a public man?—I really do not know; I had no acquaintance with him. I do not know who he was.

24,907. In your communication with Mr. Marshman, you have stated that no reference was made to any illegal expenditure at all?—No, I beg pardon, I did not state that. I told Mr. Marshman everything I knew of the facts, that illegal expenditure had taken place in Yarmouth.

24,908. Mr. Marshman gave us to understand he was ignorant of the fact, at least since the disfranchisement of the freemen. Other witnesses have told us that the character of Yarmouth has been notorious since the year 1808?—My experience of Yarmouth is that although there are a number of corrupt and bad men in Yarmouth, who I believe are made more bad and more corrupt by a particular local cause which I will not go into, that the great bulk of the constituency are very honest and good. There are many men in Yarmouth whom I greatly respect, and I believe there is as large an average of good men in Yarmouth as any other place I know.

24,909. The Commissioners must come to their own conclusion?—I am only expressing my own opinion; I think the guilty ought to be punished, and I hope that myself, if guilty, and others will be punished.

24,910. You did not communicate to Mr. Marshman that the borough was a notoriously corrupt borough?—No; because I did not believe it was. I believed there was a corrupt element in it, but it existed in a very small respect.

24,911. You did not believe it was necessary for your own election in 1859 that the way should have been prepared by a month's studious attention to the wants of the electors?—I do not know there was a month's studious canvass.

24,912. One witness told us, I think Mr. Spilling, that your election was secured in 1857 by a careful study of the electors for a month, with the money not in their pockets but promised?—I am not responsible for anything Mr. Spilling may say. All I can say is what I told the Commissioners. Mr. McCullagh told me, after the experience of five years he believed there was a majority on the register, and everything told me, without the expenditure of a shilling, Mr. McCullagh and myself would be elected.

24,913. Do you recollect taking the advice of Mr. Richard Hammond on that occasion?—He advised, with regard to the state of the canvass in 1857, as he did in 1859.

24,914. Do you recollect the circumstance of the canvass book being brought by Mr. Richard Hammond to you?—No.

24,915. Do you recollect what the witnesses said, that you and Mr. McCullagh were to decide whether you would go on on Mr. Hammond's opinion?—That was not the condition, because we had made up our minds to go on in any case; we were committed to the party. We undoubtedly consulted Mr. Hammond, and his report was extremely favourable; he said at the nomination he had gone over the canvass book and thought we should succeed.

24,916. But you or he could not be aware that that canvass book was made safe by the promise of money?—I do not think it had.

24,917. We had it from one of the witnesses who was actually engaged in making promises of money?—I am not cognisant of that. All I know is Mr. Meall

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kept the canvass, and he assured me over and over again, a short time before he died, there was no doubt we had the larger majority of pure promises in 1857, and I believe Mr. Meall; and I might say further there were all those indications that a man accustomed to an election takes notice of,—the feeling of the town, the countenance of public meetings, and the way you found men assisting in every quarter of the town clearly showed there was a large Liberal majority.

24,918. I am not saying there was, not if the electors had been left alone, but Mr. Spilling's opinion was your election would not be carried on without the expenditure of money?—That was not my opinion.

24,919. It is Mr. Spilling's, who was actually in contact with the electors?—So I understand from you.

24,920. I understand you to say you had written to Mr. Marshman at the election of 1865 to object, or rather to protest against, his retirement?—Yes.

24,921. Were you at that time aware of the motives that were inducing Mr. Marshman to retire?—Yes; I was aware of his motives. He told me himself, if I remember rightly, that he felt certain he could not get in without bribery, and I should not advise Mr. Marshman; in fact, I told him distinctly I would not advise him to spend a shilling, but my advice was by what I may call a desire to see proper election tactics carried out. I was in hopes from what he said, and Mr. Brogden told me, there would be a compromise, and I felt if Mr. Marshman retired before the canvass was completed that might effect it.

24,922. When was this letter?—I can send it to the Commissioners.

24,923. Was it in the last week previous to the election?—No; I think it was at least a fortnight before the election.

24,924. Then probably your letter had the effect of making Mr. Marshman go on to the last?—I do not know if it had. I can tell you a letter was written under these circumstances, in fact, perhaps, it is improper for me to say how it was written. I was leaving London by the London and North-western Railway when one of Mr. Marshman's or Mr. Brogden's people came to me and said Mr. Marshman had told Mr. Shelley he was going to retire and he thought that would upset the compromise, and he wished I would write to Mr. Marshman; thereupon, my shorthand clerk being at the station, I dictated a letter to my clerk to Mr. Marshman, which my clerk sent. I am sorry I have not the letter, I will send it to you; but I did not desire Mr. Marshman to stand with any desire that he should spend a shilling in bribery, but simply that the chance should not be thrown away by the Liberal party, by the mode and the time he should retire.

24,925. (*Mr. Russell.*) You have given 750*l.* as a sum which Mr. Mainprice had?—Yes.

24,926. The evidence stands thus: Mr. Mainprice received three parcels of money, and that money he took to Mr. Steward. Mr. Mainprice's evidence is that the parcels were very heavy, the two larger ones —there being three in truth—might have contained 400 or 500 sovereigns a-piece. Then Mr. Steward says the amount he received was about 1,600*l.*, which would be quite agreeing with Mr. Mainprice's supposition. Mr. Steward bears out the fact that he received 1,600*l.*, by actually accounting by memory for 1,420*l.*, which he gave to other people, which of course would have been an impossible feat to perform with only 750*l.*?—I can only speak of my own expenditure, and I say again, I am sure I have stated it fairly.

24,927. I have not the slightest doubt about that. That is exclusive of 320*l.* which Mr. Livingston received by a cheque from Mr. Young; and also exclusive of two, if not three, cheques which Mr. Mainprice had received; exclusive also of a sum of 400*l.* or 500*l.* which Mr. Mainprice says he received by driblets. We have it before us, taking the smallest estimated sum as 2,320*l.*?—I have accounted for my own expenditure, and I hope I may with all those concerned in this matter be submitted to the accountant's test.

24,928. The Commissioners do not for a moment doubt, as far as you are concerned, that you have given a fair statement?—I know the painful position that I am placed in, and also that of the Commissioners. It is their duty to suspect everybody, and I do not complain of their suspecting me.

24,929. I do not in the slightest degree suspect you; on the contrary, it is because you have given us your evidence so fairly, that I am anxious to put before you the evidence as we have it. Are you aware of anybody having advanced money on your account?—No; I feel certain that nobody did.

24,930. Or on Mr. Young's behalf?—I know nothing of Mr. Young's arrangements. I think Mr. Young is not one of those men that would ever put himself under the control of anyone whatever. He did the thing himself, and will always do so.

24,931. Taking this account to be correct, as apparently it is at present, Mr. Young has advanced a larger sum than you have?—I of course cannot account for the discrepancy.

24,932. You used the term before, "an unofficial treasurer," with reference to Mr. Meall. I suppose that is a term used for a professional briber?—No; I merely meant that he was the person who took the general management of the election, which a lawyer never does, and never can do upon any election, and to whom the candidates paid the money. I may say, for Mr. Meall's memory, he would not assume that I meant anything of the kind.

24,933. When was Mr. Meall appointed?—At a meeting at the "Star" some time before the election in 1857. We had a meeting with George Palmer, or Mr. Pulling, or Mr. Hammond, and some leading men at the "Star," and the arrangement they made was made among themselves. Neither Mr. McCullagh nor Mr. Young interfered in the management of the election; we had quite enough to do in walking over these flint stones.

24,934. Were you and Mr. Young at the "Star" when Mr. Mainprice was sent for?—I do not remember that; if it was in the evening I have no doubt we were. We sent word that we would be there.

24,935. You can give us no further information as to the means by which Mr. Mainprice obtained the money than we have already?—No. I can give you no further information.

24,936. At the beginning of your evidence you made use of a term, "the screw was put on in the town," with reference to Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

24,937. I should like to ask you whether from your personal experience of those two elections you have any reason to believe that the screw was applied?—Yes; I may say I believe it was applied as hard as it could be applied in this borough. It is a great evil that the influence of the brewery should exist at all. If the Commissioners will notice the register, they will find there are a larger number of persons selling drink of different kinds in Yarmouth than, I should think, in almost any borough of the same size, with 1,500 or 1,600 electors. Then, of course, political influence and control is a valuable thing. Men like power, and that is purchased by a system of erecting constantly beer-selling houses, and those beer-selling houses must be under the influence of the man who supplies them with beer, and is so made to vote.

24,938. But the result of an influence of that sort in a town is one thing, the improper use of it is another. What I ask you is this, whether, of your own knowledge and observation, Sir Edmund Lacon's brewery was unduly made use of to influence the election?—I think so. I know in canvassing, many men said they wished they could vote for me, but they said they drew their beer from Sir Edmund Lacon. It is not only confined to the beer, it is perfectly well known, and nobody will deny it with regard to the shopkeepers and all the people who can be influenced, they are influenced by the Conservatives, and they are not influenced by the Liberal party. I do not mean to say that one party is better than the other, but it is the fact in this place.

24,939. I suppose, if you were the owner of several

public-houses in the town, you would not object, as the owner of those houses, to their voting for you. But it is a very different thing if you went to them and said, "If you do not vote for me it will be a bad thing for you?"—I do not object to having their votes. If I was a landowner I should object to compelling a man to vote against whatever his opinion may be.

24,940. That is the point. Are you aware that any voter, or can you remember the name of any one man who ever said to you that this undue influence had been used?—I cannot remember the names now, but I know men have said so. I do not attempt to recollect their names, or to make a list of them, because I should be very sorry to put those men in a false position. You see at once the position he would be placed in if he was found to have complained of it.

24,941. Was Mr. Nightingale's name ever mentioned by these men?—Yes.

24,942. Did any of them ever say, for example, "Mr. Nightingale has represented to us, or anybody "has represented to us, that if we vote against Sir "Edmund Lacon it will be the worse for our busi- "ness?"—Yes, I remember many cases. There are the cases of several men who keep cows, who talked in this way, that they got their grains from them.

24,943. Do you know if any of Sir Edmund Lacon's publicans did vote for you or Mr. McCullagh, or Mr. Young?—I do not think any of them voted for us, I do not remember one. There might have been one or two, but I do not think more than that.

24,944. There may have been one or two?—There may have been.

24,945. Did you ever hear yourself of any man having suffered in consequence of voting against Sir Edmund Lacon?—I have heard of such cases, but I cannot charge my memory with the particulars of any one of them. I do not think Sir Edmund Lacon would do it himself, I think he is too good-natured a man; but everybody who understands elections knows very well these influences of other people is a part of the election machinery; it is considered fair, I will not say by men like Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey, they are too high in position, and would be above it; but those under them consider it a fair weapon.

24,946. Take a parallel case—a landlord in the country; as a rule, his tenants generally vote with him?—They do.

24,947. It is a very different thing if he held different political opinions, and he went to them and said, "If you do not vote for me I will turn you out of your farm." Sir Edmund Lacon's position is the same if he merely avails himself of the interest that he has. But if he brought it to bear improperly, then it would be reprehensible?—I entirely acquit Sir Edmund Lacon of any such act; he is of too good-natured a temper to do anything of the kind with regard to those under him; and my opinion is, the screw has been put on, and under present circumstances will be, unless it is checked in some way by others.

24,948. With reference to the election of 1857, do you believe there was any bribery on the Conservative side?—Yes, I do; and I say I believe it for this reason, although it is very unpleasant to mention the difference between Mr. McCullagh and myself. This difference led to antagonism in conducting the defence of the petition, and one of the things proposed by the party there was, that a counter petition should be got up, that counter petition of course charging corruption on the Conservative side. That counter petition, and some evidence upon it, was got up, and owing to this difference of opinion as to the way of dealing with it, Mr. McCullagh and I did not agree as to the course to be taken. I wanted to present it, he did not, and the result was it was not presented. It was in consequence of what I heard in connexion with that that my opinion that corruption was practised by the Conservative party in 1857, was formed, I do not think to a large amount.

24,949. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who got up that petition?—Mr. Costerton, I think, and Mr. Clowes.

24,950. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you believe, from your experience of 1857 and 1859, that there was a sufficient number of impure electors at Yarmouth inevitably to turn the election either way?—I do not think there was in 1857; I think they were made so in 1859. The election of 1857, as to some of those voters, was venal. I have no doubt a large sum was spent on our side. I quite admit it, and that money was spent improperly on the other side I have no doubt, for this reason; I gave you the case of 1859, of men who voted for Mr. McCullagh and myself in 1857, who voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey in 1859. Now, men do not change their opinions in that way in two years without some motive; and I think the constituency was made worse in 1859 than it was in 1857, and I believe in 1865 it was made worse than it was in 1859. Whether at this moment there may not be a number of men sufficient to turn the election I cannot say. I believe in 1857 there was not a sufficient number. If you strike off every man in 1857, who has bemeaned himself by taking money, and let the others stand, that number would be less than the majority that Mr. McCullagh and myself obtained.

24,951. Is it your impression that the town has been made more venal by the prices of votes being made large enough to tempt men?—I believe all temptation makes people worse, and it is the fact here. I do not blame the people who take it, but those who are bad enough to give it, myself included, if I have done anything wrong.

24,952. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) The question I want to ask you is this: In reference to this 1859 election, as to names which you say voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey in 1859, whether you were aware that those men were bribed for you in 1857?—No, I am not aware of it.

24,953. That makes all the difference?—If that were so, it would make all the difference. I had no reason to believe they were. Some may have been, but I have no reason to believe it.

24,954. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you got their names?—That is the list (*producing a paper*).

24,955. Who gave you the names?—That was made out for me by Mr. De Caux. I believe that is right in 1859. I have a copy of the register at home, and that was inside it when I looked to see on Monday.

24,956. You had forgotten all about it before?—I requested Mr. De Caux to take the trouble of going over the two registers and take out the list; I forgot that I had the list from that moment, till I found it in the register, and I thought it better to bring it as I found it.

24,957. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You told us that Mr. Meall told you all about the election of 1857 afterwards?—Yes.

24,958. Did he tell you the amount that he spent?—The impression that he left upon my mind was, it was a very few hundred pounds. He divided it in this way: he first of all took what are very hypocritical, what are called the legal expenses, or that class of expenses. I may interrupt myself here, by reminding the Commissioners that the case of Cooper and Slade was pending. It was decided at the end of 1857, and then it was decided it was quite legal to pay a man to come to vote if he could not afford to pay for himself.

24,959. That was before it went to the House of Lords, where it was decided the other way?—I am giving you the impression upon my mind.

24,960. It was decided one way in the Court below, and then afterwards another in the House of Lords?—1857 must have been the first decision. He took the amount of money which would be spent for that purpose; then he took the amount of money that would be spent in supplying the places temporarily of pilots and other persons who had to leave their ships. Then the balance is the thing to be accounted for. I cannot remember at this moment his dealing with the amount of money that I had paid. It left a small sum, perhaps

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200*l.* or 300*l.*, which would be spent in the unmistakeable bribery of voters.

24,961. Did you in 1859, when you sent Mr. Meall 400*l.*, say anything to him by way of caution, as to the mode in which that money was to be spent?—No, I did not.

24,962. You knew that part of the money you had intrusted him with before had been spent illegally; did you not think it necessary at that time to caution him against any illegal expenditure again?—Mr. Meall was of course in that state of health that he could not take any very active part in the election, and I stated to my friends I hoped I should not be got into the difficulty that I was got into in 1857, and I relied upon their prudence to keep me out of any difficulty of that kind.

24,963. You did state that?—I did state that.

24,964. But not to Mr. Meall?—Not to Mr. Meall.

24,965. Did you state it to Mr. Mainprice?—I have no doubt I stated it at the meetings of the committees, where we had all our leading men together. I stated it generally, and there was a sort of understanding that we should not be got into any difficulty of the kind.

24,966. Did you understand they acquiesced in that, and that you were safe in their hands?—Yes, I thought I was safe in their hands.

24,967. Do you think it is a prudent thing to trust 750*l.* through an illegal channel?—Looking at it with the eyes of 1866, I should say decidedly no; but, looking at it in the way we unfortunately look at these things, in the midst of a contest, I should say yes.

24,968. When you trusted that money to Mr. Mainprice, are you prepared to tell the Commissioners you did not contemplate its being employed in an illegal way?—I may say I did not. I expected the money would be employed in bringing up every absent voter likely to vote on the Liberal side; and in Yarmouth, if anybody will analyze the register, they will see there was an unusually large number of persons absent. I remember in 1857 we had to bring a number of men from Scotland, and from Barking Creek. I thought that that would be expensive, and I was told by somebody that there were a large number of persons absent at the time; whether it was from the state of the fishing I do not know. I expected the men who were sent to supply the places of pilots who would have to leave their ships would have to be paid. I expected to have paid through Mr. Mainprice about 500*l.*, and I considered that was 250*l.* too much.

24,969. Why should it not be given to the election agent?—No doubt in strictness it ought to have been; but those who know Mr. Clowes and his engagements would know it would be utterly impossible (that is the opinion of the party) for Mr. Clowes to do the work of the election. It is a matter requiring the whole time of whoever undertakes to do it; it is a large thing to do.

24,970. Is it necessary to appoint Mr. Clowes as the election agent?—That is a legal question altogether.

24,971. I want to know if it is necessary that Mr. Clowes should be appointed. If he could not do the work of election agent why should he be appointed?—I suppose it was an appointment that had always existed at almost every election for many years before, and at many times before. I only say with regard to it, it was the decision of the party that that was the best way to deal with it.

24,972. And the Act of Parliament was set at nought?—I have no doubt the Act of Parliament was set at nought; I do not at all defend it.

24,973. With reference to this letter you wrote to Sir Edmund Lacon, when did Sir Edmund Lacon recommend the compromise?—Because you say here, "I have reason to believe that you made a similar recommendation." When did Sir Edmund Lacon make it?—I cannot give you of course the dates, but my information from Mr. Spofforth and Mr. Rose is this: Mr. Rose is the solicitor of the Carlton; he is a personal friend of mine, and we have often talked upon the sense of making such a compromise.

24,974. Do you know the reasons why Sir Edmund Lacon recommended the compromise?—I suppose the reason is well known—that which, after it is over, we all feel ashamed of.

24,975. Sir Edmund Lacon says he knew nothing about the bribery?—I cannot believe that.

24,976. (*Mr. Russell.*) May I ask you in what form you brought down the money for the purpose of the election of 1859?—The 400*l.* I gave to Mr. Meall I brought a 100*l.* note, and 300 sovereigns; and the other money in notes of 10*l.*, 20*l.*, and 50*l.*, small notes; what the bankers call "short."

24,977. And the money you paid to Mr. Clowes, the legal agent, was, I suppose, by cheque?—The money I paid Mr. Clowes was—I think I gave him—if I remember rightly, a 100*l.* note; then I think I gave him a 20*l.* note or 20*l.* in sovereigns, and I remitted him the other afterwards, when the account was made up. I remember well now I paid him a 100*l.* note here; then I remitted him 20*l.* here; then I remitted him 80*l.*, and then I remitted him a balance of 7*l.* or 8*l.* I think that makes up the 300*l.* odd.

24,978. And you made no payments by cheque?—No, none whatever.

24,979. All the money was in cash?—All the money was in cash.

24,980. Did you do the same in 1857?—Yes.

24,981. All the money you did spend passed either through the hands of Mr. Clowes or Mr. Meall?—Yes, except the other items which I have read, such as my expenses here, and subscriptions, and those things.

24,982. Of course all the illegal expenditure must have been through the hands of Mr. Meall?—Yes, and Mr. Mainprice.

24,983. That is what I want to know. Do you believe the money Mr. Mainprice had, passed through the hands of Mr. Meall?—In 1859 I gave Mr. Meall 400*l.* the moment I came here, to get rid of it, and not to be bothered with it. I did not know at that time who would be appointed to engage the clerks and the stave-men, and who would have to pay for them. Mr. Meall informed me when Mr. Mainprice had been appointed by the party to keep the canvass and do the work, that he had sent to Mr. Mainprice this 400*l.*

24,984. Mr. Meall said so?—He told me so.

24,985. And you are not aware of any other money which Mr. Mainprice received of yours?—350*l.* I cannot exactly remember the sort of notes it was in. I believe there was a 100*l.* note, and the rest in small notes, that is my impression.

24,986. Did that go through Mr. Meall?—No, that did not I believe; I cannot quite recollect. I believe I gave that, to the best of my recollection, to him, and told him to take it or give it to Mr. Mainprice, but I am not quite certain.

24,987. (*Mr. Slade.*) You are sure the money that Mr. Rawlinson took to Mr. Mainprice was not in sovereigns?—I do not know; I have the strongest impression that it was not. The only sovereigns were the 300*l.* that I spoke of.

24,988. Did you ever hear from Mr. Rawlinson in what manner he gave that money to Mr. Mainprice?—No, I never heard of it.

24,989. Is this quite new to you, this story we have heard from Mr. Mainprice, about finding the money in his pocket?—Yes, I know nothing of it. Mr. Mainprice has never told me anything of the kind.

24,990. I meant more with regard to what you might have heard from common report?—No, I have heard nothing from common report. I knew of it first on reading the "Times." I do not wish to throw the slightest stigma on anything that Mr. Mainprice has said.

24,991. (*Mr. Russell.*) When Mr. Meall told you in 1857 how the money had been applied, did he give you a detailed account of it?—No, he did not. He made out the account to me in the way I have told you. Mr. Meall and I were very intimate. He was

a man that I had a great regard for, and I on one or two occasions lent him a little money to buy stationery or paper with. I had lent him about 300*l.* at different times, and he had given me an I O U. I thought I ought not to pay this, and therefore he ought to account to me for that and some other money. It was this sort of statement he made at my house; he dealt with it in this way: assuming that I had given him so much money, the 650*l.*, he put down so much paid to Clowes, which I think was 150*l.*; then so much for subscriptions to the Nelson monument, and a number of things of that kind. I had to pay about 60*l.*, and then so much for the travelling expenses of voters, so much for pilots; and all that sort of thing. Then there was a balance, and my impression was, that balance was 200*l.* or 300*l.*, which could only have been spent in this improper way. He did not give me any list of it.

24,992. When you settled the account with Mr. Meall, was the balance in your favour or in his?—The balance was in my favour, and Mr. Meall paid me every farthing that he had borrowed from me, with the exception of 100*l.* which was left over, and which I received from his executors after his death. Mr. Meall did not die indebted to me in one single shilling, nor did he ever receive one farthing from me.

24,993. Was there any account of any sum of money which Mr. Meall had expended on your behalf other than what he received from you?—I do not think there was. There may have been, but I do not think there was.

24,994. If so, it was a considerable sum?—No, there was no considerable sum I am sure, or I should remember it. But Mr. Meall being, as it were, my friend and representative here, anything that I had to do here would pass through his hands.

24,995. I am sure you would tell us in a minute. I mean this, whether you are not aware that Mr. Meall himself advanced in your interest any further sum than the sum that you put into his hands?—I am not aware that he did; I do not think he did. It is not impossible of course. Mr. Meall was doing a business giving him a profit of 300*l.* or 400*l.* a year, and perhaps sometimes 500*l.* He had many family connexions, which he had to assist; perhaps he was worth 1,000*l.* or 1,500*l.*; but his illness caused him to lose a great deal of it, and a man of such moderate fortune I do not think had the means of paying anything for me.

24,996. I daresay you heard of the capacity in which Mr. Nightingale acted for Sir Edmund Lacon?—I had no friend of that kind.

24,997. Mr. Meall was not your Mr. Nightingale?—No, Mr. Meall was not my Mr. Nightingale. If any money has been spent for me beyond what I have stated it must have been paid by him, and I am responsible for it. If it has been I have understated the amount, but I feel perfectly confident I have not, and that is why I am perfectly ready to go into the inquiry.

24,998. Do you know Mr. Humphreys, the coroner for Middlesex, who was here at the election of 1857 or 1859?—Mr. Humphreys was here with Mr. Young at the election, when the present Sir John Mellor and Mr. Young were returned. He was here, I do not think the whole of the time, but a portion of the time.

24,999. As Mr. Young's friend?—As Mr. Young's friend. He came down with Mr. Young. He was not here in 1859 I think.

25,000. Did you know him?—I never knew him till the election of 1857, when Mr. McCullagh and I differed. Mr. McCullagh had appointed him as his solicitor, and he acted for the defence of Mr. McCullagh in the petition of 1857.

25,001. Do you know in what capacity he was here?—I do not. I should think as a man who contests a place for the first time, as Mr. Young did in England, although he was a member of Parliament upon the other side of the world, he would bring his solicitor down with him as a friend. With regard to that election, if ever there was an election where on neither side there was not a shilling spent, I should think it was when Mellor and Young were returned by acclamation of the people. I believe all the money in the world at that time would not have returned anybody but a Liberal.

25,002. You have stated with reluctance, as any gentleman would do, that there was a disagreement between you and Mr. McCullagh as to the settlement of accounts. Of course Mr. McCullagh probably will make some remarks upon that statement, and I should like to ask you whether it was clearly understood between you that you should pay equal sums?—I do not think it was. I do not think Mr. McCullagh came to any understanding with me about this, that we should settle the expenses fairly between us. I should have been perfectly ready, but for the fear of being left under the imputation of having found money for bribing; like their saying I was the man who in point of fact brought down the oyster barrels, which is as absurd and as great a falsehood as ever was uttered; except for fear of being under that imputation, I should have with pleasure paid a larger amount of the expenses than Mr. McCullagh, because Mr. McCullagh had spent his time in making up the register to the state in which I found it.

25,003. Mr. McCullagh was very popular?—Mr. McCullagh was very popular.

25,004. And he, giving you the advantage of his popularity, might have expected you to pay a larger proportion of the expenses?—He might have done so.

25,005. He never suggested it to you?—No; except in the correspondence that has followed between us. He may have had it in his mind, and he may have stated he considered me pledged to do so, but I do not understand he has ever contended that I was liable to do so, except as a matter of equity, because I had the advantage of his working up the register to 1857, and therefore I ought to pay a larger portion of the expenses.

25,006. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you aware that Mr. McCullagh ever complained that but for the money you expended in 1857 he would have been returned?—I never heard that. If he has, he has complained unjustly.

25,007. You never heard that?—I never heard that.

25,008. (*Mr. Russell.*) As you have mentioned the oyster barrels, perhaps it is as well to ask you how you did bring it down?—I brought it myself in my portmanteau. If the Commissioners will bear with me for a moment—I know it is not evidence, but it is in justice to myself—as to the difference between Mr. McCullagh and me, I offered two or three times to leave the matter to the arbitration of some mutual friend.

25,009. Supposing the Commissioners afterwards determined to call Mr. Rawlinson, where is he?—I wish he was here to call. He was drowned two or three years ago. It puts me in a false position, having to state certain things done by a man that I cannot produce. I assure you he would have been here to-day but for that unfortunate circumstance.

Sir Henry Stracey, Bart., sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

25,010. You were a candidate and member for this borough in 1859?—Yes.

25,011. Will you be good enough to tell the Commissioners how you first became a candidate for the borough?—I had been invited on different occasions to be a candidate for this borough, and on this occasion I rather think I offered myself if I remember rightly. I came over here, having been unsuccessful for East Norfolk, which I had previously represented, looking for a seat in Parliament. I believe I came over and represented to the party my political views at the "Angel," and they accepted me, and I then stood.

25,012. Had you any communication with Sir Edmund Lacon before becoming a candidate?—I think

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I had, but it must have been merely momentary, at the Carlton Club. I think I told him that I would stand, but positively I do not know whether it was before or afterwards. I think I told him I would stand with him, and I would bear half the expenses; that was either before or after.

25,013. It was your own idea of becoming member, and not from the solicitation of the people?—I had been asked on different occasions, and I had been over in fact to the party on a former occasion.

25,014. How long before the election had you announced yourself as a candidate?—I cannot say that certainly, but I should think about three weeks or a month.

25,015. How long did your canvass last?—My impression is I understood it was three weeks canvass, but I am not positive I was there three weeks previously.

25,016. Did you canvass in company with Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

25,017. We hear that you were returned?—Yes.

25,018. Will you inform the Commissioners how much your election cost you?—I would with all my heart, but I do not know, nor do I know nearly what it cost me. I did not settle for any election matter, not only not for many months after, but I believe a year and a half after.

25,019. You did settle?—I did settle, not for the election alone; I merely sent to my bankers requiring to know the state of my accounts. I found that it required rectifying; for I had then to settle partly for the county election, and for the election petition against me, and also for the Yarmouth election.

25,020. What county election?—The eastern division of this county.

25,021. Had you stood for the county?—I had stood for the county at the general election, and I was unsuccessful.

25,022. In 1859?—No, in 1857. I had previously represented it from 1855 to 1857.

25,023. Who was your agent who acted for you then in 1859 in this borough?—My solicitor and agent was Mr. Reynolds.

25,024. Can Mr. Reynolds give us the information which we want from you?—Mr. Reynolds is much more likely to give it than myself, because all the disbursements, to the best of my belief, took place through him; none through myself, not a shilling.

25,025. You advanced no money for the purpose of the election of 1859, and you paid none afterwards except as you say?—That is the case.

25,026. When did you become aware what the election had cost you?—I never knew what the election cost me.

25,027. You do not know now?—I know no more than the man in the moon now; it was a general lump sum in my accounts. I have rather large matters occasionally with my bankers, and I never inquired about it; in short I made a point of not inquiring.

25,028. Before you came to Yarmouth were you aware of the character the borough bore?—Perfectly. I knew what it was, and had known it from my boyhood, I may say, as being, one part of the constituency, venal. I think the heads of the party have always struck me as being enlightened to a degree as a constituency, and most worthy and respectable men, but my belief is that I heard that there were nearly one-fourth of the electors were venal, that is my impression. When I say one fourth, I believe it was more than one-fourth of the electors were represented to me as venal.

25,029. I suppose I may take it that you deliberately abstained from inquiring into the expense because you felt assured part of that expense would go in an illegal manner?—You know I know nothing of any individual instance of illegality, and I made a point of never inquiring anything about it; but if you ask me what was my opinion, in fact what was my conviction, at the election, I have stated my conviction was that there was corruption going on, although I knew nothing about it.

25,030. You deliberately abstained from inquiring?—Not deliberately, but I made a point of not doing it

25,031. When did you settle up with the bankers when did you ascertain the whole that it cost you?—It is some seven or eight years since, and I do not remember. I never ascertained what it cost me, as I tell you there were so many different things to settle. I am not sure whether I had not bought land at the time. There were so many different things that I arranged with my banker and put my account in a proper state; from I presume some securities which I had, and the balance at my other bankers, that I do not accurately know, but I know I put it all straight and proper.

25,032. First of all I will ask you, was Mr. Reynolds your agent for the county as well as for the borough?—No, I do not think he was.

25,033. Did Mr. Reynolds ever render you an account of the expenditure for the borough?—Never.

25,034. Did you receive an account from your county agent as to the expenditure in the county?—I am not sure about that. I certainly have got no accounts. I have not a paper or document of any kind relating to Yarmouth election or to the Yarmouth petition.

25,035. I suppose you have some means in your own mind for separating the county and borough election expenditure from your expenditure on other accounts?—No, indeed I have not; I have no means of knowing accurately, or in any way the separate cost of each.

25,036. I suppose you could ascertain?—I do not know that I could. I know I have no document of any kind, and I have never searched for any.

25,037. How did you pay Mr. Reynolds when he asked you for a sum on account?—At that time he was paid through my bankers, and he had a *carte blanche* at my bankers to be supplied with any money that was requisite for the election expenses.

25,038. It is impossible for you, you say, to tell the Commissioners whether any part of the money in 1859 was furnished, to what we have heard called here the illegal agents, for the purpose of direct bribery?—I know nothing about it. All I know is, that I settled my account, and I do not know any of the separate items, or of the separate cost of the Yarmouth petition, nor of the Yarmouth election. In fact I know nothing more than this, that I settled all at once.

25,039. You appointed another agent besides Mr. Reynolds?—No.

25,040. You appointed an agent at the election of 1859?—No.

25,041. Was not Mr. Charles Preston acting for you?—No.

25,042. Who was the election agent under the Act of Parliament?—I had none except Mr. Reynolds.

25,043. Did you make no regular appointment as required by the Act of Parliament?—I do not remember making any appointment of any kind. I always understood that Mr. Reynolds was my local agent.

25,044. You will not say you did not?—I will not say I did not, but I have no recollection of having done anything of the kind.

25,045. You were standing with Sir Edmund Lacon on a joint interest?—Yes, in 1859.

25,046. Sir Edmund Lacon had an agent, and no doubt you have forgotten it?—That is his affair.

25,047. You never saw any account furnished by the agent as to the expense of your election?—Never. The only thing I can ever remember receiving from Mr. Reynolds was some bill relating to some subscriptions. I had perfect confidence and trust in Mr. Reynolds as an honest man, and I have had no reason to distrust him or to think he was otherwise than honest up to the present time.

25,048. Did you give Mr. Reynolds any instructions at that time as to expending or not expending money in bribery?—Not the least in the world. I gave him no instructions.

25,049. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you any connexion with

Yarmouth beyond being a gentleman of large fortune, residing in the county ?—Not the least in the world.

25,050. When you and Sir Edmund Lacon stood together in a joint interest, were you to share the expenses ?—Clearly.

25,051. Was it understood at the time you were to share both the legal and illegal expenses ?—I never referred to the illegal expenses, nor did he. I knew nothing about that. All I know is, that I determined to pay half the expenses whatever they were.

25,052. You had always understood that more than a fourth of the electors would have to be bought, and knowing that, should you not anticipate having something to pay for illegal expenses ?—I have mentioned to the Commissioners, I just now said, that I had no doubt of it. My opinion, if it was asked, and my conviction, if it is to be given, is that corruption and illegality was going on, but I, individually and personally, knew nothing about it.

25,053. Of course you knew eventually the candidates would have to pay for the illegal expenses ?—I have not the least doubt in the world of it.

25,054. Did any conversation occur between you and Sir Edmund Lacon, before you went to the poll, as to what the expenses would be ?—No, none at all.

25,055. Did you ever mention to Sir Edmund Lacon that you understood that Yarmouth was a corrupt place ?—No, I do not think I ever said a word about corruption to him.

25,056. Did you ever ask him what it would cost to represent Yarmouth ?—Not a bit ; never.

25,057. Who did you make this inquiry of ?—I do not think I made any inquiry. I did hear to the best of my belief—I do not wish unnecessarily to introduce names, but if it is required by the Royal Commissioners I must introduce a name to the best of my belief. I cannot say for truth it is the case. Is it your wish I should do so ?

25,058. It is.—I received the information as to the corrupt voters from Mr. Lushington Preston. Whether he was correct or not is another point. That is the information, to the best of my belief, I received from him.

25,059. Did you ascertain from Mr. Preston what the probable expense would be ?—Not a bit ; never.

25,060. Were you prepared to come and spend whatever was required to get in for Yarmouth ?—Yes, whatever was required for the election.

25,061. You gave Mr. Reynolds a *carte blanche* to draw on your bankers ?—I never said a word to him about a *carte blanche* on my bankers, but I represented to my bankers that whatever was requisite for the election expenses he might pay to Mr. Reynolds.

25,062. Was Mr. Reynolds to draw it out by an order ?—That I know nothing about, but I was answerable for it.

25,063. What was the arrangement between you and your banker as to how Mr. Reynolds was to get the money ?—I had no arrangement beyond that ; and to say the truth, I do not remember that I directly told my banker so, but I know it was conveyed to him. Whether by me in conversation or not, he became at any rate acquainted with my wish that he should supply Mr. Reynolds with the necessary funds for the election.

25,064. Not to be drawn out through you directly, but by Mr. Reynolds ?—Not a bit. I never drew a cheque upon it.

25,065. It was directly by Mr. Reynolds ?—He knows best ; he has never rendered any account to me of it, and I have never required it.

350,66. Was any limit specified to your banker ?—No, no limit whatever. I had all confidence in Mr. Reynolds.

25,067. Do you know Mr. Nightingale ?—Yes.

25,068. When did you make his acquaintance ?—I believe at that time. I know he accompanied us through our canvass. I do not think I knew him before at all, and I do not think I have seen him twice since ; not half a dozen times since.

25,069. You have a very slight acquaintance with him ?—I cannot say otherwise.

25,070. You knew he was Sir Edmund Lacon's partner in the brewery ?—I did not know it even at that time till I heard it on the canvass, then I heard he was Sir Edmund Lacon's partner.

25,071. We have heard from Mr. Nightingale that he advanced money at that election ?—I know nothing of it. He did not advance it for me ; I am quite certain of that.

25,072. To your knowledge, has that money ever been repaid by you to Mr. Nightingale ?—No. I did not know it till I saw it in the papers. I did not know he even advanced it. I have never paid Mr. Nightingale a shilling, and he has never made any claim on me for it.

25,073. The money might have been repaid by Mr. Reynolds, and you not be aware of it ?—I think it very unlikely. I never heard his name mentioned in connexion with expenses at all.

25,074. You never had any detail of any expenditure ?—Very true.

25,075. Were you asked to stand again at the election of 1865 ?—No, I was not ; because, previous to the election, I had signified publicly, by an address in the newspapers to the electors, that I did not intend to stand.

25,076. That was in the previous year ?—I believe it was in the previous year.

25,077. Did you see Mr. Goodson about that time ?—Yes ; and I recommended him, as far as my recommendation went, to the electors.

25,078. Did you come with him to Yarmouth ?—No ; and I have never, to the best of my belief, seen him but once.

25,079. You say you recommended him in your farewell address ?—I think he was chairman of this railway, and I did hear that he had a wish to be in Parliament, and I ascertained that he had that wish ; and that was the time I saw him. He then called on me. I found that he wished to come forward, and consequently I thought, from his position, he would be the best man I could recommend to the electors to succeed me ; in short, much better than I could possibly be to them, as chairman of the railway company. Perhaps I ought to tell you that when I came over here to stand I fancied—and evidently very wrongly, but I fancied—that there would be no opposition. I thought that Sir Edmund Lacon's position here, as a banker and brewer in the town, could carry a great deal, and I was pretty well known, having twice canvassed the town for the county before that, when there were then 800 voters. I thought, being a county man in addition, that with him the chances were there would be no opposition, because the persons would think probably they would be beat, but it turned out otherwise. That, to say the truth, was one of the most prominent reasons I had for offering myself here.

25,080. You were not asked to stand by Sir Edmund Lacon himself ?—No ; I do not think he had any idea I was going to stand, certainly not before I saw him at the Carlton, and nothing at all passed hardly betw n us.

25,081. You were aware that Sir Edmund Lacon had been always opposed for Yarmouth ?—Well, I am not sure I was aware of it. I do not think I was aware of it ; in fact I fancied on one occasion he was not opposed. I do not feel certain, but I fancy on one occasion he was not opposed.

25,082. He was opposed in 1852 ?—I have no doubt I am wrong. You are a much better authority for it than I am. That is the impression I had at the time.

25,083. You thought his local interest was enough to carry you ?—I think he is in the same position as a landowner among his tenants. I looked upon it in that light.

25,084. Did you represent that impression of yours also to Mr. Goodson, or were you undeceived by the election in 1859 ?—No, I was not undeceived in any

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way. I did not mention it to Mr. Goodson, not a word.

25,085. Did you tell Mr. Goodson you thought Sir Edmund Lacon ought to be able to return himself and Mr. Goodson?—I do not remember saying so at all. I must have thought so, I have no doubt, but I do not remember saying so.

25,086. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Goodson about the borough?—Nothing more than I tell you. He came to me when he found I had heard of him as wishing to stand for the borough. He called on me in Dover Street, in London, and we had a conversation about it, but nothing particular of any kind, and I think he said he should go down and see the constituency. I think that I had written then, or that he had decided then to stand, because I wrote down, saying that I had found a gentleman to replace me on my resigning, and this was Mr. Goodson, whom I thought they would be very glad to receive.

25,087. Had you at that time, when Mr. Goodson came to you, any notion that Sir Edmund Lacon would be allowed to walk over the course?—No, not the least in the world.

25,088. Did you expect he would be opposed?—Really I formed no conjecture upon it; it never struck me. All I wanted was, in justice to the constituency, I wanted to give them a man whom I thought would represent their interests well, and I thought I could not do better than embrace the offer of Mr. Goodson's wish to represent Yarmouth, as the chairman of this particular railway.

25,089. Did you convey to Mr. Goodson's mind what you have told us to-day, that Yarmouth was a very venal place?—No, never. I never said anything to him about it, to the best of my belief.

25,090. Did you know, or had you heard, anything of Mr. Cooper, the printer?—I heard his name, but I do not know him even by sight.

25,091. You had heard of his name?—Oh, I have heard of his name. I do not know him by sight, and if you ask me at this moment whether he voted for the Whigs or Tories I could not tell you.

25,092. In what way have you heard of him?—By seeing his name in the papers.

25,093. You have not heard about him except till this inquiry commenced?—Not a bit. I have just looked at some of the evidence, but I have never read a whole column of it since you have been sitting.

25,094. Was he known to you at the time you stood for here?—No, he was not. I have no recollection of his countenance that I know of at all in any way.

25,095. Can you say, one way or the other, whether he was or not?—I have no recollection now, at any rate, of him. I do not even know where he lives. I have no recollection of his countenance, and I may naturally conclude I know nothing about him.

25,096. Did you know at that time that he was the person who had the spending of the money on your side?—Not a bit; not the least in the world.

25,097. You are aware money was spent illegally at the election?—I have not the least doubt in the world about it.

25,098. When was that knowledge first brought to your mind?—I think I used the words, "If my "opinion had been asked during the canvass, my "conviction was corruption was going on." I think you will remember I used these very words. I have no doubt of it, but as for my knowledge of corruption going on; I had none. I had no knowledge certainly of the corruption going on.

25,099. How came you to suspect?—It was merely an opinion.

25,100. From the demeanor of the voters?—I saw men here and there canvassing for the opposite party, and doubtless canvassing for our party. Not that I knew which was our party and which was the other party; but nevertheless I had my own suspicions upon it.

25,101. Was it from voters hanging back, and not giving a promise?—Perhaps one instance which occurs to me may exemplify the venal voters of Great Yarmouth. I remember going to one man, whom I was told was a voter, on the Quay. I do not know his name. I asked him to vote for me. He evidently held back, and gave an evasive answer. I then thought it was necessary to tell him exactly my political principles. I did that, and still he answered evasively; and, to bring the matter to a crisis, I told him, "Well, if you will only tell me your political "principles, I will tell you whether you can vote for "me or not;" and the man turned round at once, and said, "Principles! I have not got any principles." Then I walked away immediately, because I knew perfectly well that this man required bribing, but I saw nothing more of the man.

25,102. Do you recollect that gentleman's name?—Not a bit.

25,103. Did you canvass chiefly in the company of Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, I believe so.

25,104. Can you say whether on that occasion Sir Edmund Lacon was with you?—No, I think not. My impression is that we perhaps canvassed different electors at the same time. I do not think that Sir Edmund Lacon was with me. I have not the least recollection of his being near me at the time. I daresay some others of the party might remember it. I have no recollection of Sir Edmund Lacon being near me at the time.

25,105. That was not the only case in which it was brought to your knowledge that men were wanting in principle, was it?—Well, I cannot say. I had no palpable case except that; but I saw very clearly that bribery must have been going on with that sort of man, and no doubt that it was practised.

25,106. Did you ever mention your suspicions to anybody at that time?—No, I do not think I ever mentioned them to anybody.

25,107. May I ask why you did not?—I did not feel it to be my duty the least in the world. My object was to be returned. I did not think it was necessary to attend to it, my own impression being at the time that three-fourths of the boroughs of the United Kingdom were perhaps equally venal with Great Yarmouth. I will not say quite equally venal; but, as a general rule, my impression has always been, and I am quite certain I am right in it; that three fourths of the boroughs of the United Kingdom are venal. I do not look upon this as a peculiar case at all.

25,108. You came here quite prepared for what you found?—Quite.

25,109. Then you are not of the same opinion as Sir Edmund Lacon, that there was no corruption practised on your side at the last election?—To tell you the truth, I have not read his evidence; but if he is of that opinion, I certainly am not of his opinion.

25,110. In fact you know very well to the contrary?—I fully believe to the contrary. My conviction is to the contrary. I know of no instance of it.

25,111. (*Mr. Russell.*) When you first had an interview with Sir Edmund Lacon, did he mention to you any probable sum?—No, certainly not. We never touched upon the subject of money the least in the world, with the exception of my saying, "I am perfectly ready to bear half the expenses."

25,112. I daresay you have heard that Mr. Nightingale stated that he had spent 1,000*l.* for Sir Edmund Lacon at that electon?—I read it.

25,113. And the probability is that at all events an equal amount was expended on your behalf by Mr. Reynolds?—Well, I do not know that at all, I could not. I did not know that he did. I knew nothing about it.

25,114. If you were to share the expenditure that would be the natural result?—I should not say that exactly. Mr. Reynolds, to begin with, was not my partner; he could not be as much interested in it as Mr. Nightingale and Sir Edmund Lacon; that is a mere matter of conjecture; all I know is, I know nothing of Mr. Reynolds having done anything of the kind.

25,115. That is a very fair remark of yours. Did you ever have any application, directly or indirectly,

from Sir Edmund Lacon as to your repaying him half of that money ?—Never in the slightest degree.

25,116. I said from Sir Edmund Lacon ; I should have said or anybody else on his behalf, that would of course include Mr. Nightingale ?—Never a word.

25,117. I believe you were in the room while Mr. Watkin was examined ?—I was, but I did not hear all the examination, he spoke in so low a tone of voice.

25,118. I was going to ask you whether you agreed with him on two points ; he stated when he came down here in 1859 he was convinced that the Liberals had a majority on the register?—As far as the representation to me was concerned, it was just the other way.

25,119. I was going to ask you whether before you came down here you inquired what the state of the register was ?—I do not remember doing that, but I thought there was very fair data to go upon, which was Sir Edmund Lacon's interest, and also the council being represented by gentlemen of Conservative opinions generally.

25,120. Did you remember whether Sir Edmund Lacon represented to you that probably the two seats would be gained ?—Never at all ; I always thought he seemed doubtful about it.

25,121. Was there any understanding between you, that in the event of one seat only being retainable, who should retire ?—No ; but I am quite sure I should not have been the one selected.

25,122. The other point I want to ask you with reference to Mr. Watkin's evidence is the undue influence of the brewery ; did any discussion take place between you and Sir Edmund Lacon as to the brewery influence ?—Never ; to say the truth I was rather disappointed at his want of influence, for I remember more than one instance of voters asserting their own independence, that is, one of them saying " I " buy my beer of Sir Edmund Lacon, but I have no idea " of voting for him because I buy my beer of him."

25,123. Do you remember who that man was ?—No, I cannot say. My impression is it was some one on the Quay, I cannot say who.

25,124. Have you any accurate recollection of canvassing the publicans ?—Yes, I have. I cannot apply it to any individual, but I remember that answer from one man, and I remember one woman being rather violently independent on the point ; that is all I can remember.

25,125. Can you remember whether, when you found the publicans who drew their beer from Sir Edmund Lacon unwilling to pledge themselves to vote for you and him, any representation was made either by you or Sir Edmund Lacon, or anyone on your behalf, to induce them ?—Do you mean to bribe them ?

25,126. No, to put pressure upon them ?—No, I do not, indeed. I thought that he was very quiet on all occasions. I never heard a suggestion of pressure on any one occasion, or the stamp of pressure put on any one by him, nothing like it. This man and this woman very likely might have been in liquor, their great independence might have shown itself owing to liquor. I do not know that it was.

25,127. Now, you said that you were partly induced to come down here because of Sir Edmund Lacon's influence ?—I was not induced. I have no recollection of being induced in 1859 to come down. I think, if I am right in my memory, I volunteered it, that I offered myself.

25,128. You said it had some influence on your mind ?—Yes.

25,129. In fact, that you did not contemplate a contest ?—My idea has always been, that a man who is a banker and a brewer in a country town naturally ought to carry everything ; that is the general reasoning.

25,130. Do you consider that he ought to carry it without any undue pressure at all ?—If these people look upon themselves as his tenantry, he ought naturally to feel the weight of his influence.

25,131. Ought he, do you think, to make them feel the weight of his ?—If a man is disinclined to follow his landlord it is another point. I think that in nine cases out of ten men do look through the eyes of their landlord, and if they like the landlord they are only too glad to oblige him in any way. If there is an ill-will it is a different matter ; it is a very unpleasant thing to have a man under one having that ill-will. I have never asked a tenant of mine to vote for anyone ; they always willingly, whenever an occasion offers, vote as I do, and they are always anxious and willing, all of them, to support me.

25,132. You told us you had previously canvassed the borough with reference to county votes ?—Yes.

25,133. Can you remember if the men who voted for you for the county election voted for you for the borough ?—Yes, I believe so. I know in different instances several highly respectable men who have a vote for the county and the borough did.

25,134. As far as you remember they voted for you both for the county and the borough ?—I think so.

25,135. As you are fond of being in Parliament did you retire in consequence of the expense Yarmouth put you to ?—Well, no, that was not it ; to tell you the truth I had other views at the time. I do not know whether it is necessary to refer to them.

25,136. Certainly not ; that was not your motive ?—No.

25,137. Did you ever hear that there was a tariff of prices in Yarmouth, so much for a lord, so much for a baronet, and so much for an individual who was unfortunate enough to be neither ?—No, I never heard that.

ELIZABETH HURREN sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

E. Hurren.

25,138. Are you the widow of George Hurren ?—Yes.

25,139. Did you, or did your husband, keep a public house at Gorleston ?—At Southtown.

25,140. What was the name of it ?—The " Ferry Boat " inn.

25,141. Did he keep it at the time of the last election ?—Yes. He has been dead six years the 6th of next month ; he kept it in 1859.

25,142. At the election of 1859 he kept the " Ferry Boat " inn ?—Yes.

25,143. Do you know a man named Greenhow ?—I do know him now, but it is since my husband's death ; he and his men have been doing some ships, and they used my house.

25,144. Did your husband know Greenhow ?—I do not know. I do not think he did. I did not know him at that time. I cannot say whether he did or did not.

25,145. Your husband's name has been mentioned as having received a bribe from Mr. Greenhow at the election of 1859 ?—Yes, I saw it in the papers last week, but it is a very false statement. I think it is a mistake. A man of the name of Robert Hurren came to mine yesterday, and he told me he had received a bribe of 5*l.* from Mr. Greenhow at that election.

25,146. You cannot say positively whether your husband received money or not ?—I might be almost sure that I could. My husband was a man that never kept anything from me, and I am sure if he had taken it he would have told me of it. I feel sure I can answer that as if he was here to answer for himself.

25,147. Where does Robert Hurren live ?—He lives pretty close to where I live.

25,148. When did he tell you he had received the 5*l.* ?—Yesterday. I was naming about what I saw in the papers as being a mistake ; that paper was sent to him, and he brought it me this morning ; it was through a mistake.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

J. Nelson.

9 Oct. 1866.

JOHN NELSON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

25,149. What are you?—A small farmer and cow-keeper.

25,150. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

25,151. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Certainly not.

25,152. Did you give any money to anybody else?—Certainly not.

25,153. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—I met him promiscuously the first time they were canvassing, and Sir Edmund Lacon asked me for my vote and I promised him, and so did Mr. Goodson ask; that was the only time I was canvassed by any gentleman.

25,154. You were never canvassed by the opposite party?—No.

25,155. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

25,156. Who did you vote for then?—Sir Henry Stracey and Sir Edmund Lacon.

25,157. Did you receive any money on that occasion?—Certainly not.

25,158. Were you again canvassed by them?—I was canvassed by them only once on that occasion.

25,159. Did you promise them at once?—I did.

25,160. Do you remember if you were canvassed by Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young in 1859?—I think I was once; I think I distinctly told them my principles were for the Conservative party, and I should not give them my vote.

25,161. Did you take any part in 1859 in introducing other people to the party?—Not that I am aware of. I might ask people who they were going to vote for, and I might say I was going to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon; never in any other way.

25,162. You did not give anybody any money?—Certainly not; I never took a sixpence in my life.

25,163. I do not find you in the poll book at all in 1859, at the time Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey were returned?—I think you will if you look for it.

25,164. My belief is that you have been summoned by mistake; the only possible mark I can find about you is, one gentleman was asked to mark off on the register the voters in Gorleston who could not be bought, and you are one of those gentlemen who are marked off?—I was never bought in my life.

25,165. You are marked off as a gentleman who would not be bought, and I think you have been summoned here by mistake for your namesake?—I was surprised when I was summoned.

25,166. Do you know a man named George Nelson?—Yes.

25,167. Is he a Gorleston man?—Yes; at least he has been living in Gorleston the last 20 years.

25,168. Is he any relation of yours?—Yes, my brother.

25,169. Do you happen to know if he received any money?—I do not know at all. He was in a little farm at that time; he had a vote at the time; whether he received any money or not I cannot tell you.

C. Spachett.

CHRISTOPHER SPACHETT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

25,170. What are you?—An innkeeper.

25,171. Living in Gorleston?—Yes.

25,172. Did you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson at the last election?—Yes.

25,173. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

25,174. Were you ever offered anything?—No.

25,175. Nobody ever did offer you anything?—No.

25,176. And the same in 1859?—The same.

25,177. Did the Conservative party come to your house and occupy your house?—They had a committee room there for a little time, and so did the Liberal party: they had two or three meetings, I believe.

25,178. Two or three meetings of each?—Two or three meetings of each.

25,179. There was no room set apart for the Conservative committee room?—No, no particular room; we have a room that they held their meetings in; the meeting was of a very short duration.

25,180. Do you know Mr. Rivett or Mr. Bunn?—I know Mr. Rivett perfectly well.

25,181. Was he ever there?—I do not remember seeing Mr. Rivett there. I think not.

25,182. Was Mr. Bunn ever there?—Yes, I have seen him there.

25,183. Did you ever see him in company with voters?—Yes.

25,184. Do you know that Mr. Bunn was acting under Mr. Rivett in the election?—No, I did not.

25,185. How did you vote in 1859?—I voted Liberal in 1859.

25,186. For Watkin and Young?—Yes.

25,187. What led to the change in your opinion?—Time.

25,188. Between the two elections you were convinced the Liberals were in the wrong and the Tories in the right?—I fancied so, and I changed.

25,189. Do you get your beer from Sir Edmund Lacon?—No.

25,190. Were your rooms paid for—the use of them?—Yes.

25,191. Who paid you?—I am sure I do not know who it was. I charged 18*s.*, which was paid me for the use of the room.

25,192. To each side?—No, only one side.

25,193. Which side did you charge it to?—The Conservative side.

25,194. Why did you not charge it to the Liberals?—They were not there two or three times, I think, and they never called to pay their expenses.

25,195. Did you ask for them?—No, I did not.

25,196. I do not understand why you made the difference?—I did not make any account out to them.

25,197. Why?—I had no particular reason why, but did not do so.

25,198. Had they any committee room there?—They held a meeting in the room, I think, on two or three occasions.

25,199. Then I suppose they had beer?—No; they never spent a penny piece in the house neither side.

25,200. Why did you not make a charge to them?—It was so trivial that it was not worth while.

25,201. There was no committee room in fact?—There was no appointed committee room, though they used the room for the purpose.

25,202. But there was on the Conservative side?—Yes; they each used the room on two or three occasions, not more.

W. B. Pye.

WILLIAM BLOOMFIELD PYE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

25,203. What are you?—I am a fish merchant and butcher.

25,204. Did you vote at the last election?—No.

25,205. At the election of 1859 whom did you vote for then?—I do not know whether I voted in 1857 or 1859. I do not know who it was; perhaps you can refer to the poll book and tell me. I voted for the Tory party.

25,206. It would be Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey?—I would not say which it was, for it was on the Tory side.

25,207. Did you get anything for your vote then?—No.

25,208. Mr. Cooper says that in 1859 he gave you 15*l.*?—I never had a penny from Mr. Cooper, nor yet any other man. I was tempted several times.

25,209. Who tempted you?—Those on the Tory side, one of them was I am sure, I could not say which it was. I could not swear.

25,210. On the Tory side ?—I think it was on the Tory side, I could not say ; they knew I never took any money, and never did.

25,211. Will you tell us whom it was who tempted you ?—I could not ; it is no use my swearing to a thing I do not know, because I always voted Tory, all the way through.

25,212. You never took any money at all ?—I never remember taking a penny, or even such a thing as a glass of grog.

25,213. How long have you had a vote ?—I could not say.

25,214. A long time ?—I cannot say.

25,215. How came you to be off the register at this last election ?—I removed to a smaller house. I went to Southtown, that is how I reckon I got cut off it, no other reason than that.

25,216. When you were in Yarmouth did you vote at the municipal elections ?—I voted for several of them.

25,217. Did you ever get paid then ?—Never.

25,218. You were never paid anything at all ?—I never took a penny.

25,219. At any time ?—Never. I can prove by those who offered me money I never took it, that is all.

25,220. Who has offered you money ?—Mr. Stagg offered me money ; he offered me 15*l.* for a municipal election, and I would not take it.

25,221. Which side did he offer it you for ?—I do not know which side, it was James and Chapman.

25,222. Have you always voted with the Tories ?—Except once, that was McCullagh and Watkin through turning them out, I do not know what it was about ; it might be McCullagh and Young when they were turned out, and I said I would vote for them on account of the unfair way of turning the men out.

25,223. That was in 1857 you voted for Mr. McCullagh ?—I could not tell you the year. I could not say ; after they had been turned out, I think I voted for one or two of them. I swear I never had a penny in my life for my vote.

25,224. After they were turned out by the House of Commons ?—That is what I mean.

25,225. The next time was in 1859 when you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon ?—I voted for them once, and that is all.

25,226. You seem to have a very bad memory ?—I have a very good memory, as far as that goes.

25,227. Are you prepared, in the presence of Mr. Cooper, to say you never received any money at municipal elections ?—Yes, I will say before Mr. Cooper or anybody else that I have never taken a penny nor yet a halfpenny.

25,228. Mr. Cooper says you have ?—I defy Mr. Cooper to bring his witnesses.

25,229. Mr. Cooper is the witness himself ?—I swear before Mr. Cooper or any other man that I never took a penny. I am speaking the truth, and he cannot deny the truth, he knows that to be the truth.

25,230. You say the only time you voted for the Liberal candidates was at the time you thought they were unfairly dealt with by the House of Commons ?—Well, I think so. I will not be sure. I fancy it was the same parties. I would not go to be on my oath unless I was quite certain.

25,231. You have given us a reason why you voted against your ordinary principles ; it is either true or it is not. You suggested it yourself. Is it true that you voted for the Liberal candidates because you thought they were unfairly turned out ?—I think so.

25,232. Now the time the Liberal candidates were turned out was in 1857, and the only opportunity you had of giving them a vote was in 1859, and then you said you voted for the Tories ?—I will not swear who I voted for, but I will swear I never had a penny ; that is all I will swear ; nor yet at municipal elections, though I have been tempted.

JOHN COOPER recalled ; examined by MR. FITZGERALD.

J. Cooper.

25,233. Do you know this witness, William Bloomfield Pye ?—I have known him from a child.

25,234. Have you considered him a member of your party, or not, in this borough ?—I have always looked upon him as a man that would not vote without money.

25,235. You have already stated, and will you confirm it to-day, that you offered him money in 1859 ?—I not only offered him money, but he took 15*l.* in Howard Street.

25,236. Did you ever give him money in municipal elections ?—Upon two or three occasions.

25,237. And has he always voted for your party ?—He voted for our party in preference to the others if we gave him money.

25,238. Are you aware on one occasion he voted for the Liberal party ?—I was not aware of it. If he did, I have no doubt he was paid for it.

25,239. You are not aware of the fact ?—I am not aware of the fact, but I have no doubt that was why he voted that way.

25,240. You are not aware of the fact that he did vote on the other side ?—No, I was not aware of it till he mentioned it.

WILLIAM BLOOMFIELD PYE recalled ; examined by MR. SLADE.

W. B. Pye.

25,241. You have heard Mr. Cooper's statement ?—Yes. I had been out of my shop many years previous to that time. I can prove it by the gentleman living in my shop. I can prove it by the man who bought the shop of me, that in 1859 I had nothing to do with the shop. It will not take me five minutes to bring the man round to prove it. I can go and bring the man who bought the shop after I left, over two years before the election in 1859, who bought the premises from me ; and I was not living in Howard Street in 1859.

25,242. You voted in 1859 ?—No, nor yet even voted in 1857, because I had been out years before ; I sold my premises long before, and I could not vote.

25,243. Where was your shop in 1859 ?—I had no shop. I was out of business in the shop way.

25,244. You had a vote in 1859 ?—I will not say whether it was 1857 or 1859.

25,245. (*Mr. Russell.*) You had a vote, and you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey, and you are in the poll book as of Howard Street ?—I never lived there, not after a certain period, and that was years before that.

25,246. (*Mr. Slade.*) How many years before 1859 had you sold your shop ?—I do not know ; it must have been a long time.

25,247. You say two years ?—It must have been two years.

25,248. Here is the register in which you are put down in the year 1858, which is for the election of 1859, as having a house and shop in Howard Street ?—Yes.

25,249. And you could not be upon the register if it was not so ?—The conveyance will prove it.

25,250. No, it will not ; you may have been in possession, though you sold it ?—No, the man was in possession before I came out of it ; I can prove that.

25,251. If you can prove that we shall be very happy to hear it ?—I can bring him up at any time to prove it.

25,252. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who is it living there now ?—James or John William Girling, I do not know which.

25,253. (*Mr. Slade.*) If you will bring us that evidence we will hear it ?—When shall I bring it up ?

25,254. Directly, if you can.—If he is in the way I will, but he may be in the country.

25,255. Then bring him up to-morrow ?—I will do so, if he is at home.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

9 Oct. 1866.

J. Roberts.

JAMES ROBERTS sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

25,256. What are you?—A wheelwright.

25,257. Had you a vote at the last election?—I have never had one.

25,258. Do you remember the election of 1859?—Yes.

25,259. Do you know a man named Greenhow?—Yes.

25,260. Did he ever give you any money to give to a voter?—Yes.

25,261. What was it?—10*l.*, to a man of the name of Marjoram.

25,262. Daniel Marjoram?—Yes.

25,263. Did you give it to Marjoram?—Yes.

25,264. Did you have any other money to give away at that election?—Yes, 5*l.*, to a man not to vote, of the name of Rivett.

25,265. What did you give it to Rivett for?—Not to vote, by order of Mr. Greenhow.

25,266. What is his christian name?—John Ely Rivett.

25,267. Did you give 5*l.* to John Ely Rivett?—Yes, myself, upon the election morning.

25,268. Did you tell him it was not to vote?—Yes, by order of Greenhow.

25,269. He does not acknowledge that. Rivett was asked why he did not vote in 1859, and he said both of them asked him for his vote, and they bothered him so that he would not vote for either of them?—He did not vote at all.

25,270. He says, "I took 5*s.*, and I went and spent it." Then I said, "Who gave you the 5*s.*?" and he said, "I took it out of my own pocket."—I gave him a 5*l.* note in his own house, before his wife.

25,271. Was he sober?—Yes, quite sober. That was about half-past 7 o'clock the election morning. There were plenty of people after him of course; he is a funny man to get at.

25,272. He is a deaf old man, I could hardly make him hear me?—Yes, that was the man.

W. Aldous.

WILLIAM ALDOUS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

25,273. What are you?—A butcher.

25,274. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—Nothing.

25,275. Nothing at all?—Nothing at all..

25,276. Were you offered anything?—No.

25,277. Were you canvassed by both sides?—I never was asked only by one side.

25,278. Whom were you asked by?—Mr. Charles Cory.

25,279. And you promised your vote to him immediately?—Yes; I was never spoken to about it by anyone at all. I promised to vote for him, and I did so.

25,280. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

25,281. Did you know Mr. Rivett?—No.

I. G. Mack.

ISAAC GEORGE MACK sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

25,282. What are you?—A boat builder.

25,283. Did you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson at the last election?—Yes.

25,284. Did you get anything for your vote?—Certainly not.

25,285. Did you happen to know Mr. Rivett?—I know two or three gentlemen of the name of Rivett.

25,286. Do you know the Mr. Rivett to whom we refer, who was very active at the election?—I do not know anything about him.

25,287. Nobody came near you?—No.

25,288. We mean John Grimes Rivett?—I knew the gentleman quite well, but I never spoke to him whatever.

25,289. You never spoke to him?—Not in respect of what you are alluding to now.

25,290. Do you know what he was doing at Gorleston at the election?—No. I have read in the papers since.

25,291. You never knew it till then?—No, I did not.

25,292. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

25,293. And did you vote in the same way?—Yes, I did vote in the same way.

25,294. And of course without receiving anything?—Certainly.

F. N. Mack.

FREEMAN NEWMAN MACK sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

25,295. Have you come to make the same answer as your brother?—Yes.

25,296. What are you?—A boat builder.

25,297. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you get any money at the last election for your vote?—No.

25,298. Nor at the previous one?—No.

25,299. And you were never offered any?—No.

A. King.

ALFRED KING sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

25,300. What are you?—A shipwright and boat builder.

25,301. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,302. For Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

25,303. Did you get anything for your vote then?—No.

25,304. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

25,305. Was this the first time you were upon the register for Gorleston?—No, I voted for Lacon and Rumbold at one time.

25,306. Were you canvassed by the Liberal side;—This time?

25,307. Yes.—Yes.

25,308. When?—A month before the election.

25,309. What did you say to them?—I told them I could not promise them. I told them which way I always voted, and I did not see why I should change my politics.

25,310. You are quite certain you left them in no doubt?—They could think what they pleased; that is the answer as direct as I can say I gave them.

25,311. Did you give the same answer to Sir Edmund Lacon's people?—No. As soon as I saw Sir Edmund Lacon I promised him to vote, and likewise Mr. Goodson.

25,312. Did you know Mr. Rivett?—I knew old Mr. Rivett, he is since dead, not to have any conversation with him. I never had any conversation with him.

25,313. Are you prepared to swear you never received any money from Mr. Rivett?—Yes.

25,314. Nor from anyone else?—From no individual on earth.

25,315. For your vote?—No.

N. Apted.

NICHOLAS APTED sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

25,316. What are you?—A smack owner.

25,317. Who did you vote for at the last election?—No one.

25,318. Why did you not vote?—Because I was at sea.

25,319. Did you get any offer to have your expenses paid if you came ashore and voted?—No.

25,320. Never?—No.

25,321. Were you ashore in 1859?—I had not a vote.

GEORGE BULL sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *G. Bull.*

25,322. What are you?—I am a master bricklayer.

25,323. Who did you vote for at the last election?—For Sir Edmund Lacon.

25,324. And what did you get for your vote?—Not anything, I voted without either fee or reward.

25,325. Warner says you were bribed by the Conservatives?—I know he says so, but he is an abominable story-teller. I voted without either fee or reward.

25,326. Were you offered any money?—No, I did not want any.

25,327. What made Warner say that?—I do not know; it is like a good many other things.

25,328. Did you promise your vote at first?—No.

25,329. Why did you not promise?—I told Sir Edmund Lacon I would vote for him, and I went and voted for him. I did not want carrying up there; I went and voted like a man—independent, the same as all the others ought to have done, and then you would not have been here.

25,330. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

25,331. Did you always vote the same way?—Which way I liked.

25,332. How did you vote in 1859?—I do not know I am sure. I do not keep a memorandum in my pocket. I voted which way I liked.

25,333. In 1859 you plumped for Sir Edmund Lacon?—I forget now, it is so long ago.

25,334. Did you get any money for your vote then?—No, I never took a farthing in my life.

25,335. Did you not promise to vote for Mr. Goodson also?—No. I told Sir Edmund Lacon I should vote for him and him only, and I voted for him.

SAMUEL SYMONDS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *S. Symonds.*

25,336. What are you?—I am a small bit of a shopkeeper.

25,337. What sort of a shop?—A grocer's shop.

25,338. Had you got a vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,339. Whom did you vote for?—Mr. Brogden.

25,340. Brogden and Vanderbyl, at the last election?—Yes.

25,341. Did you get any money?—Yes.

25,342. How much?—10*l.*

25,343. Who gave it you?—I do not know who gave it to me. It was a man up at the "Angel." I do not know who he was.

25,344. Where were you paid?—At the "Angel."

25,345. Can you remember who sent you up to the "Angel?"—No, I went of my own accord. I heard there was money being given away.

25,346. You had got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

25,347. Whom did you vote for then?—McCullagh and the man who was here just now.

25,348. You voted for Watkin and Young in 1859?—I did not know who it was.

25,349. What did you get for your vote in 1859?—6*l.*

25,350. Who gave it you?—Mr. George that lives over the bridge.

25,351. Robert George?—Yes.

25,352. Are you sure it was not 9*l.*?—No.

REUBEN SMITH sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *R. Smith.*

25,353. What are you?—A wheelwright.

25,354. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

25,355. Did you get any money for your vote?—Yes.

25,356. How much?—15*l.*

25,357. Did you get it from Mr. Bunn?—Yes, I got it from Mr. Bunn.

25,358. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No, I was not. They came and asked me, and they said, "Do not promise till you see us again;" and I said, "I shall not promise either way."

25,359. Was 15*l.* all you got?—15*l.* was all I got.

25,360. In 1859 did you get anything for your vote?—Yes, I did.

25,361. What did you get?—I got 10*l.* then.

25,362. Who gave it you then?—Mr. Rivett, a fortnight after the election I should think, I went and voted, and after that he came and called one day, and said, "I have a present for you;" and I went out to the gate, and he gave me 10 sovereigns.

JAMES JENNER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *J. Jenner.*

25,363. What are you?—Not anything. I do not follow anything, but I served my time to a joiner.

25,364. Had you a vote at the last election?—Yes.

25,365. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, I never got anything.

25,366. Nor in 1859?—No. I had not a vote till last year for the borough.

25,367. Were you not offered anything this time?—No, not anything.

26,368. Are you quite sure of that?—Yes, I am quite sure of that. I never saw the colour of their money, and never saw any of their money at all, not a halfpenny.

25,369. You did not know, in short, there was any money going?—No, not until after the election.

25,370. Do you know Mr. Worship?—Yes.

25,371. Did he canvass you?—He did.

25,372. Is he your landlord?—No, he is one of my trustees for some property; but Sir Edmund Lacon came to me and so did Mr. Goodson. They were the first ones that came to me.

25,373. And did you promise them?—I told them I did not mean to vote at all. I was so situated that I did not think I should vote.

25,374. What did Mr. Worship say to you?—He asked me to vote for Mr. Goodson and Sir Edmund Lacon, but prior to that I told Sir Edmund Lacon I should vote for him, or I should not vote against him.

WILLIAM CAPON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *W. Capon.*

25,375. What are you?—A master mariner.

25,376. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

25,377. Did you promise them when they canvassed you?—Yes.

25,378. Did you receive any money?—Not a farthing.

25,379. On either side?—No, not on either side.

25,380. Or any offered?—Yes, I had some offered on the Liberal side.

25,381. Who from?—From two parties.

25,382. Who were they?—Mr. Downing and Mr. Brand.

25,383. How much did they offer you?—They did

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not state any sum. I said I should not vote for the Liberal side. I promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson as soon as ever they came to me.

25,384. In 1859 you voted Liberal ?—Yes.

25,385. How came you to vote Liberal in 1859 and Conservative in 1865 ?—I had always been a Conservative all my life, but I voted Liberal then to oblige parties on the Southtown Road.

25,386. Who were the parties on the Southtown Road ?—Mr. Manthorpe.

25,387. What did Mr. Manthorpe give you to vote for Watkin and Young ?—Not a farthing. I never received a farthing in my life.

25,388. What influence had Mr. Manthorpe over you ?—No more than being a brother ship-master.

25,389. Were you serving under him ?—No.

25,390. Were you canvassed by Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey in 1859 ?—I was.

25,391. Did you refuse to vote for them ?—Yes.

25,392. You swear you received no inducement in 1859 ?—Never in my life.

25,393. Merely to oblige a friend ?—That was all.

25,394. Were you at sea or on shore in the election of 1859 ?—I was at sea.

25,395. Were you paid your expenses ?—I was at home here in 1859.

25,396. You were not paid anything for your expenses ?—No.

23,397. Neither in 1859 nor 1865 ?—No.

J. Hewson.

JOHN HEWSON sworn ; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

25,398. What are you ?—A fisherman.

25,399. For whom did you vote at the last election ?—Lacon and Goodson.

25,400. Did you receive any money ?—Yes.

25,401. Who from ?—Mr. Hammond, of Gorleston.

25,402. How much ?—15*l.*

25,403. Were you offered any money by the other party ?—Yes.

25,404. How much ?—20*l.*

25,405. By whom ?—I do not know who the man was. He came in the evening ; a dark man. I do not know who he was.

25,406. Did you accept that ?—No.

25,407. That was after you had taken the 15*l.* from Mr. Hammond ?—Yes.

25,408. Had you got a vote in 1859 ?—No.

W. Leggett.

WILLIAM LEGGETT sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

25,409. What are you ?—A publican.

25,410. Did you vote for Lacon and Goodson at the last election ?—Yes.

25,411. What did you get ?—10*l.*

25,412. Who from ?—My father gave it to me.

25,413. Who is your father ?—Edward Leggett.

25,414. Is he a voter ?—Yes.

25,415. Which Edward Leggett is your father ; of Row 52, or Hall Quay ?—Hall Quay. He lives on the Hall Quay, and keeps the "Buck Inn."

25,416. Is his name Samuel ?—No.

25,417. What is his christian name ?—Edward.

25,418. He is down for Row, No. 52 ?—I think Samuel Leggett took the license out. I do not know whether his name is there.

25,419. Did your father tell you whom he got the money from ?—No.

25,420. Did you understand from him that he got money for himself ?—No.

25,421. What did he say to you when he gave it you ?—He gave it me for my vote.

25,422. Who asked you for your vote ?—Sir Edmund Lacon.

25,423. Did you promise him ?—Yes.

25,424. Had you arranged with anybody to receive money before then ?—No.

25,425. If you promised Sir Edmund Lacon, why did you get 10*l.* ?—My father gave it to me for my vote, I suppose.

25,426. He did not tell you where he got it from ?—No.

25,427. Was that all the money you received ?—That was all.

25,428. Are you quite sure of that ?—Yes.

25,429. Did you get anything in 1859 ?—No.

25,430. Had you a vote ?—Yes.

25,431. And got nothing in 1859 ?—No.

25,432. Did you happen to take any money for anybody else this last election ?—No.

25,433. Nor in 1859 ?—No.

25,434. Are you quite sure in 1859 you had no money given you to give away ?—Yes, quite sure.

25,435. Do you know a man of the name of Halfnight ?—Yes.

25,436. Did you not give him some money ?—No.

25,437. How came you to vote without money in 1859 ?—I do not know. I am sure I was not offered any.

25,438. Did you know Mr. Rivett ?—Yes, well.

25,439. Did he not give you some money ?—No.

25,440. Are you prepared to swear that ?—Yes.

25,441. Neither at the last election, nor in 1859, did he give you any money ?—No, not a farthing. I never received a farthing from Mr. Rivett in my life.

25,442. Either directly or indirectly ?—No.

25,443. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you ever given any money to anybody at any election ?—No, never took any part in any election at all.

W. Matson.

WILLIAM MATSON sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

25,444. What are you ?—A marine store dealer and boat owner.

25,445. Did you vote for Lacon and Goodson at the last election ?—Yes.

25,446. What did you get for your vote ?—Nothing as I know of. Mr. Rivett asked me about a fortnight before the election if I would give him my promise to vote. Accordingly I did. He never said anything to me about money nor anything of the kind, and I never saw him. I voted for Lacon and Goodson, and either before the morning or on the election morning, I cannot say which, Mr. Rivett called at my house and gave my wife 10*l.*, and I did not know anything about it.

25,447. When did your wife tell you she had got 10*l.* ?—He called in there and told her he made her a present of it.

25,448. When did she tell you of it ?—She told me of it there and then. I was surprised, and said she would get me into Newgate.

25,449. You did not tell her to return the money ?—Mr. Rivett was dead, and I could not return it back.

25,450. What did you get in 1859 ?—The same sum, in a similar way.

S. Newman.

SAMUEL NEWMAN sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

25,451. Have you been examined before ?—I was ordered here on the 5th of September. I attended. I was here the day and was not called, and I came on the Thursday ; and Newman, the younger one, has been here.

25,452. Has your son been examined here ?—Yes.

25,453. What are you ?—A butcher.

25,454. Did you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon at the last election ?—I did.

25,455. Had you anything for your vote ?—Yes.

25,456. How much did you have?—I had 15*l.* discounted from a bill which I owed Mr. Bunn. I did not receive any money. I had it not.

25,457. Whom did you vote for at the election of 1859?—Lacon and Stracey I think.

25,458. Did you get anything for your vote then?—Yes.

25,459. How much?—The same amount.

25,460. From Mr. Bunn?—No.

25,461. Who from?—I think the man's name was Fisk. I did not get any money, but it was left for me. I was not at home the night before the election, and the money was left for me.

25,462. By Mr. Fisk?—Yes. He was in Gorleston at that time, but I do not know where he is now. I have not seen him, and I did not see him then.

ROBERT BANHAMS recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

R. Banham.

25,463. What are you?—A baker.

25,464. What did you get for your vote at the last election?—Not anything.

25,465. Did Mr. Bunn see you?—No, I never saw Mr. Bunn, and Mr. Bunn never saw me.

25,466. You are quite sure of that, are you?—I am quite sure of it.

25,467. Nor Mr. Rivett?—Nor Mr. Rivett; only they told me to be early at the poll the morning of the election.

25,468. Who told you that?—Mr. Rivett; and I said I knew what time to give my vote, because I always gave it at the time it suits me best.

25,469. Mr. Rivett knew you were going to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, he knew I was going to vote for Sir Edmund. I always gave my vote to Sir Edmund Lacon, or the Tory party.

25,470. You always do?—I always do. Ever since I had the power to give a vote I never varied.

25,471. Are you a Conservative on principle?—Yes.

25,472. Or is it your interest?—Principle; and always has been so since I had the power to give a vote.

25,473. Did you vote for them in 1859?—Yes.

25,474. Did you receive anything for your vote then?—No.

25,475. Why did Mr. Rivett come to you?—He merely called on me the same as he did on others, in the way he always did.

25,476. You knew Mr. Rivett always called for a particular purpose?—No, not any particular purpose.

25,477. You say he called on you in the same way as he called on others. We know how he called on others?—In respect of soliciting the vote he said, "Be at the poll early." Mr. Rivett was a customer of mine since I set up in business, and gratitude made me acknowledge my vote.

25,478. Did Mr. Rivett owe you anything at the time of the election?—Not anything.

25,479. Did you owe him anything?—No.

25,480. Had he offered it you before the election?—No, only called on me the election morning.

25,481. Did he give anything to you for your vote?—No, not anything.

25,482. Are you sure of that?—I never received a farthing in my life, not a penny, and no one can say to the contrary. I have been enabled to give a vote the last 26 years, and I have always voted for the Tory party.

25,483. Have you been examined before?—Yes.

25,484. Then, I suppose, if anybody has said you did receive something it is not true?—I will defy him to speak the truth.

25,485. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know John Hart?—Yes; he is unwell.

25,486. How long will it be before he gets up?—It may be this week. There was word sent to me to say he could not attend on account of his being taken bad suddenly. Whether he will be able to attend to-morrow or the next day, I cannot say.

GEORGE HUMPHREY recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

G. Humphrey.

25,487. Do you know a man by the name of William Grief?—Yes.

25,488. Did he offer you any money at the last election?—He did. You would call it an offer. A man met me in the New Street and asked me what I was going to do at this election. I said I should not alter at all. He said, "You can have 20*l.*," or something to that effect. "I will give you 20*l.*," or "I will get you 20*l.*" I said, "I thank you all the same. If you got me 40*l.* I should not take it."

25,489. In your last examination you stated that to us?—I said he offered me the 20*l.*, but when I came to see it stated in the "Independent" that I received 20*l.* from Mr. Grief, of course a man is justified in denying that, because I never received it from Mr. Grief or anybody else.

25,490. Mr. Grief has come and sworn he has never offered you a shilling?—I see he has come here, but, as I said before, I felt aggrieved. I am not going to put up with the perjury to say that a man did not offer me that when he did. I said that before when I was here.

25,491. Was it to vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Oh yes; and, if you recollect, you asked me the question whether he offered me that before I received it from the other side. I did not know there was anything going the other side when he offered that. You would call it an offer if a man meets you in the street and says, "You can have 20*l.* if you like to vote the other side." I take it as an offer.

25,492. Did you understand he would get you 20*l.* if you voted for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes. I wanted to clear myself of that, and seeing it in the paper I thought the only thing I could do was to come before you.

25,493. Do you recollect who the stranger was that gave you the 10*l.* in 1859?—I do not recollect; in fact I have not given anything of that kind a thought, not in 1859. I do not know who it can be, and I cannot recollect who it was at present. I think it was Clements.

WILLIAM COLLETT REYNOLDS recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

W. C. Reynolds.

25,494. Can you give us any information about the election of 1859?—Yes, I have no doubt I can.

25,495. We have heard that Sir Henry Stracey had given orders to his banker that he should honour your draft; did you draw upon Sir Henry Stracey's banker?—Certainly not.

25,496. You sent in a bill to Sir Henry Stracey after the election?—No, I did not; I sent in no bill to Sir Henry Stracey. He said in his evidence the only account he ever had from me was an account of money expended some time after the election, during the time he was member, in charities.

25,497. About subscriptions?—Yes, that was all. A merely small account of money paid for him, and he sent a cheque for it.

25,498. How much was it?—Between 60*l.* and 70*l.*

25,499. Did you obtain any money from Sir Henry Stracey's bankers?—I did not obtain any, but I knew money was obtained from his bankers, and I can give information about it; but Sir Henry Stracey said this morning that I had a *carte blanche* to draw on his bankers; that is the first I heard of it.

25,500. How was the money obtained?—I will tell you how it occurred. Sir Henry Stracey was incorrect

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in saying that I was his agent at that election. I acted as the private solicitor of Sir Henry Stracey at his request, and it was intimated previous to the election, that if any money was required it was to be applied for to Sir Henry Stracey's bankers at Norwich.

25,501. Who intimated that to you ?—I am not able to fix my memory, and I have been trying since, but I think it was Mr. Green.

25,502. Did Mr. Green draw upon Sir Henry Stracey's account at his bankers ?—No, certainly not.

25,503. How was the money obtained ?—I think, from what I can recollect of it, that a note was sent by some one, not by me, to Messrs. Harvey and Hudson's bank for what money was required. I was not aware my name was used for it.

25,504. What was the meaning of all this secrecy ? —What secrecy ?

25,505. The roundabout way of getting the money ? —Mr. Green intimated it was money for illegal purposes.

25,506. Was money drawn out from Messrs. Harvey and Hudson's bank ?—On two or three occasions.

25,507. How were you aware of that ?—I was aware of the money coming to Yarmouth, and that it came from Messrs. Harvey and Hudson's bank.

25,508. To whom was it consigned ?—It was brought to the committee rooms I should say. After Mr. Green told me that money was coming from Harvey and Hudson's, being in Norwich I called at the bank, and I think I saw Mr. Hill, and asked whether it was correct or not, and he said it was so.

25,509. Asked who ?—Mr. Hill, the manager there.

25,510. Did Mr. Hill give you to understand he had had instructions from Sir Henry Stracey to honour any drafts upon Yarmouth ?—No, he did not mention Sir Henry Stracey's name in that way at all.

25,511. What did you learn from Mr. Hill about it ?—I learnt from Mr. Hill whatever money was required was to be sent for in a particular way. I do not recollect whether it was by any name to be given, by any man calling, or a note to be sent. I did not know any money was sent for and obtained from Messrs. Harvey and Hudson's bank.

25,512. Mr. Hill had received instructions from Sir Henry Stracey ?—From some one, I do not know who from at all; he had received instructions evidently.

25,513. Since you have heard Sir Henry Stracey's evidence to-day, you have no doubt Sir Henry Stracey gave instructions himself ?—I will not say that at all; I did not understand Sir Henry Stracey to say so, and I had no conversation with him on the subject at all. If he said so it was so.

25,514. Sir Henry Stracey said you had a *carte blanche* to draw on the bank ?—So I heard to-day for the first time.

25,515. Do you know whether your name was given to Mr. Hill or not ?—I do not think it was.

25,516. Can you say whether it was or not ?—No, I cannot; because I do not recollect the circumstance distinctly, the whole *minutiæ* of it.

25,517. Is it not most probable you are the person whose name was to be given in ?—I think if I had been I should have signed a cheque or order, and I am confident I never did.

25,518. Are you confident you never gave any order for money at the bank at Norwich ?—I am confident I never gave any order for money at the bank. I called to know whether money would be sent in that way; and I called, and they said it would be. But how it was to be drawn, on what authority I do not recollect.

215,519. When you went to the bank at Norwich, did you bring back any money with you ?—No. I should have called at the bank probably a fortnight before the election, when I first heard of it.

25,520. Did you take any money at that time ?—No.

25,521. Did you ever take any money afterwards ? —I think the Saturday before the election I saw Mr. Hill close by the bank, and he said "I have got a parcel for you to take to Yarmouth."

25,522. What was the parcel ?—I said, "What is it ?" He said "We have received a note, and this is a parcel for Yarmouth, connected with the election." That I brought to Yarmouth and handed to Mr. Green.

25,523. Have you ever heard since what that parcel contained ?—It contained 1,000*l.*; I knew that at the time. After I had given it to Mr. Green I had the curiosity to ask him, because, acting for Sir Henry Stracey, I felt it was my duty to ask Mr. Green whether he had obtained a similar amount on behalf of the other candidate.

25,524. And what answer did you get ?—He said, "Certainly." I knew it was my principal duty to act on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey, if I may use the expression, to see fair play between one candidate and the other.

25,525. Did Mr. Green tell you from whom he received the 1,000*l.* on the other side ?—No, I did not ask him.

25,526. Did you ever receive any more money from the bank ?—No, I received no more; but I think there were one or two more parcels come, but I did not receive them; they came from Norwich.

25,527. How do you know that ?—Because I saw them delivered to Mr. Green, and I made the same inquiry of Mr. Green, whether he had received similar amounts on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon.

25,528. Do you mean parcels containing 1,000*l.* each ?—I do not know the amount of the other two, but I think the total amount brought on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey was, if I may say so, 1,500*l.* But the bankers can tell you, I do not know of my own knowledge. I knew it all at the time, but it is eight or nine years ago, and I did not particularly care to recollect much about it.

25,529. I understand it was 1,000*l.* in the first, and the other two 250*l.* each ?—That I cannot say, but I think the whole amount was 500*l.* in the other two. It might have been more or it might have been less.

25,530. And Mr. Green received a similar sum, whatever it was, from the other candidate ?—So he informed me. In fact, I pressed him particularly about it, because I felt it my duty to see to it. I do not think he would deceive me about it.

25,531. You sent in an account to Sir Henry Stracey after the election, did you not ?—No, no account at all.

25,532. How were you paid for your services ? —I was not paid for my services until after the petition. I then assisted Mr. Cory in defending the seats, and was paid altogether in one lump, 50*l.* for my services. I did not send in any bill for the matter.

25,533. I meant to say that eventually your account was sent in after the petition ?—I mentioned it to Mr. Cory when he was settling up the accounts, and he said, "Well, you ought to be paid, of course, for what you have done." He asked me if 50*l.* was a reasonable sum, and I took it.

25,534. Mr. Cory was acting for Sir Edmund Lacon ?—He was acting for both in defending the seats. I merely assisted him in defending the seats. I acted more as clerk, in fact, to Mr. Cory at that time.

25,535. Do you know what the amount of the bill sent in to Sir Henry Stracey by Mr. Cory was ?—I saw it at the time, but I do not recollect it at all. I think Sir Henry Stracey sent it on to me before he paid it, and asked me whether I thought it was correct, and I returned it to him. It would have been probably shortly after the petition.

25,536. Your fee of 50 guineas or 50*l.* was paid by Sir Henry Stracey, I imagine ?—It was paid by Sir Henry Stracey, and charged to him in his account with Mr. Cory, no doubt.

25,537. Quite independent of Sir Edmund Lacon's account ?—I should say so; I had no claim on Sir Edmund Lacon for anything, unless he might consider my services on the petition were worth anything.

25,538. When Mr. Cory said you were entitled to

50l., it was understood you were to be paid by Sir Henry Stracey?—I took it in this way, that generally for what I did at the election, and my services in assisting him in defending the seats; it was a general charge. It did not occur to me whether it was to be charged exclusively to Sir Henry Stracey, or part to Sir Edmund Lacon and part to Sir Henry Stracey.

25,539. Do you remember whether it was charged to Sir Henry Stracey?—No, I do not recollect. My impression is, that it did not appear to be charged to Sir Henry Stracey, because I have some recollection of having a letter from Sir Henry Stracey a year after, in which he said, "I have settled all election accounts, but I have not paid you." I think I had a letter to that effect, and I told him I had been paid through Mr. Cory.

25,540. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Have you got that letter?—No, I have no letter relating to the election.

25,541. Have you no correspondence with Sir Henry Stracey?—No, I have no correspondence with him on the subject of the election. I had a correspondence respecting charities, and so on.

25,542. Have you no letter referring to the accounts?—I have no letter referring to the accounts except that one, certainly.

25,543. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you give us any idea what the bill was Mr. Cory sent in; what sum it amounted to?—No. I should really not like to say. I have no recollection on the subject. I know the Parliamentary agent's account included the expenses of witnesses and all charges connected with the petition; but I looked through it, and it appeared to me to be a correct account.

25,544. It did not include the expenses of the county election?—No; nothing at all to do with it. The county election was altogether separate, nothing to do with Yarmouth at all.

25,545. Sir Henry said the county election and the expenses of the petition, and the Yarmouth expenses, were all settled at the same time?—With his bankers; I take it he had given cheques for the different accounts at the different times, and from what he said there was a deficiency in the banking account, and it was wiped off by one lumping sum being paid in. The county was some years before, and the expenses for the county would have been heavier I should think.

25,546. Mr. Cory of course will have this bill?—I cannot tell whether he has or not. I have never asked him for it.

25,547. Your fee was not charged in this bill I understand, because Sir Henry Stracey wrote to you afterwards to say he had not paid you?—It did not appear by itself. Whether it was put with the sundry expenses for witnesses, in the items of a lump charge, I do not know. It might be put in with sundry expenses, services rendered, or so on.

25,548. You cannot say whether it would or not?—I cannot say whether it would or not. It did not appear in detail, or Sir Henry Stracey would not have made that remark in writing to me. You asked me a question whether Green said anything as to where Sir Edmund Lacon's money came from. I should like to correct that; the only reference he made at all as to where the money came from was one day in conversation; I understood him to allude to the Dowager Lady Lacon.

25,549. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who was that?—Mr. Green. And it produced an impression on my mind that the money might have come from the Dowager Lady Lacon.

25,550. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did he ever mention Mr. Nightingale's name?—No. It was never mentioned at all.

25,551. Is the Dowager Lady Lacon alive?—She is dead. She has been dead some three or four years.

25,552. I presume that all the money that Mr. Green received would have been spent in illegal payments?—Yes, I believe so.

25,553. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I do not understand the position you hold with reference to Sir Henry Stracey. Sir Henry Stracey has thrown the whole responsibility on you, and you are inclined to throw it off. When were you first employed by Sir Henry Stracey?—On his first coming to Yarmouth he asked me to act as his private solicitor.

25,554. You were not acquainted with him before?—I have known him for years.

25,555. Have you ever done business for him before?—I acted in some way in the county election, but not directly for him.

25,556. Did you act for him in private business?—No. He had a private solicitor in Norwich.

25,557. Have you acted for him since as private solicitor?—I have acted for Sir Henry Stracey in some respects as his private solicitor in election matters.

25,558. Sir Henry Stracey told us that this election account and the petition account was settled together with other private affairs he had with the bank?—Yes.

25,559. Are you cognisant of anything of the sort?—I did not know it until he gave his evidence whether it was settled or unsettled, or anything about it.

25,560. When he acknowledged you as his private solicitor it was for nothing but to see fair play?—I should say, I think, when Sir Henry Stracey first spoke to me, he was under the impression I should act as his legal agent, but it was thought advisable to have only one legal agent, and I have no doubt he thought so.

25,561. He told us you acted as his private solicitor?—Just so.

25,562. That was simply to see justice was done between him and his brother candidate?—Yes. And advise him from time to time whether he had a chance. To look to the canvass and advise him as a private solicitor would.

25,563. He gave us to understand his bankers had authority to advance money on your responsibility?—Quite so.

25,564. That you say was not the case?—That was not the case certainly. I did not understand it so, and I never signed any order on the bankers.

25,565. You never drew a cheque or signed any order on the bankers at all?—Certainly not. All I did was, I called at Harvey and Hudson's bank to know whether money would be forthcoming for the Yarmouth election, and they informed me it would. I have no doubt they explained to me at the time how it was to be sent for, but I do not recollect the machinery.

25,566. Who paid the election auditor?—My impression is that Sir Henry Stracey sent his own cheque direct to Mr. Charles Preston. He will tell you that. I do not think it came through me at all. I have no recollection of its coming through me.

25,567. Having been appointed private solicitor, had you no control over the expenditure?—Yes. Mr. Charles Preston asked me to give him money on account of Sir Henry Stracey, and I think my impression is I said, "You had better write to Sir Henry Stracey himself." But he will tell you how that was. I had this control, that Mr. Charles Preston consulted me as to the control of clerks and the general expenditure in the room. We acted together, and anything going on he asked my advice about.

25,568. You knew nothing about it, except that you ascertained from Mr. Green that he had obtained a certain sum from the bank?—I knew it came, because I brought one myself, and I knew the other came, because I saw it brought to Mr. Green.

25,569. How did you get the money from the bank?—I saw Mr. Hill the manager of the bank, and he said he had a parcel for Yarmouth if I would call, or I am not sure whether he sent it to the station. It was a small brown paper parcel.

25,570. (*Mr. Russell.*) How came you to go to Harvey and Hudson's bank in the first instance?—I had been informed by Mr. Green that the money was to come from Harvey and Hudson's, whatever was required for Sir Henry Stracey, and I wished to confirm myself as to that.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

W. C. Reynolds.

9 Oct. 1866.

25,571. Do you know from whom Mr. Green obtained that information?—I do not.

25,572. You have told us Mr. Hill said the money was to be sent in a particular way?—It was to be sent on a particular name being given, or something of that sort.

25,573. Can you remember what that particular name was?—I do not; or what order was given. All I know is I did not give any order.

25,574. Mr. Hill gave you information as to the manner in which money could be obtained?—I did not go for that purpose to get the information. I went to satisfy myself whether it was coming, whether Mr. Green's account was correct or not.

25,575. Had Mr. Green told you how much was to be lodged in Harvey and Hudson's bank?—No. He did not tell me that, and I did not ask him.

25,576. What do you estimate as the total illegal expenditure of Sir Henry Stracey in 1859?—I do not think it was 1,500*l.* As I say, there might be a hundred or two more or a hundred or two less than that sent.

25,577. Taking it at the minimum of 1,500*l.*, Sir Henry Stracey has told us he entered into an engagement with Sir Edmund Lacon to share his expenses?—Quite so.

25,578. So if the 1,000*l.* advanced by Mr. Nightingale was all Sir Edmund Lacon spent at that election, they did not share the expenses equally?—Mr. Green positively assured me whatever he obtained on the part of Sir Henry Stracey he obtained at the same time a similar amount on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon, and I have no doubt it was so.

25,579. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was the Dowager Lady Lacon in such a position as to be able to advance it?—Yes.

25,580. You knew that?—I do not know it of my own knowledge, but she was reputed to be a lady of very great wealth, and no doubt she was.

25,581. Do you know where she banked?—Not the least. I have no knowledge of her private affairs at all.

25,582. Who was her solicitor, do you know?—No, I do not know who her solicitor was. I think she had a London solicitor.

25,583. (*Mr. Russell.*) Sir Henry Stracey told us he did not settle his account, I think he said, until 18 months afterwards?—Yes.

25,584. I suppose the money did not continue due here all the time?—The money came at the time of the election.

25,585. The whole of it?—Yes.

25,586. There was no money due in Yarmouth?—Except what was due to Mr. Cory for the petition account.

25,587. That is what I want to know; beyond the money you know was spent, did Sir Henry Stracey owe any money?—Not that I am aware of. I never heard of any.

25,588. Then you are not aware why Sir Henry Stracey deferred the settling of the account to such a late period?—Not at all. It was for private reasons of his own I think. The petition you see would be some time after the election, and it would take some time to settle the account after the petition.

25,589. Did Mr. Hill mention to you what sum you would be authorized to draw from the bank?—I have no recollection of his mentioning any particular sum at all.

25,590. Is Mr. Hill still the manager of Messrs. Harvey and Hudson's bank?—I believe so.

25,591. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know his christian name?—He is very well known at Norwich. I should like to contradict a statement Barber made, that he told you when I canvassed him I said I would send Buston to him. I read the report in the paper that he said so. I wish to contradict that.

25,592. (*Mr. Slade.*) He said, "Mr. Reynolds said he would send Buston to me?"—I never said anything of the kind, certainly not.

25,593. Do you remember speaking to Barber at all?—I have no doubt I canvassed him with the candidates. Beyond that I did not go to him. I do not think I went to any voters without the candidates.

25,594. (*Mr. Russell.*) I must ask if you yourself disbursed any money in 1859?—Certainly not. And I never gave a voter any money in my life. And I should like to take this opportunity of contradicting that evidence before the House of Commons in 1859 by Fayerman, that I gave him a 5*l.* note. There is not a word of truth in it. It is equally untrue, as Mr. Livingston knows, and nobody knows it better than Mr. Livingston. As I am informed it has come to Mr. Livingston's knowledge since the prosecution for perjury, the source from which Fayerman obtained these notes. It has come to Mr. Livingston's knowledge.

25,595. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you acting for Sir Edmund Lacon in that prosecution?—No, not at all.

25,596. Were you a witness?—I was there ready to attend but was not called. I was in the court the whole time and was anxious to be called. And there was also a count in the indictment as to my case as well.

25,597. How was it the prosecution failed?—I think it was on some ground that they could not produce the two witnesses to every stage. My own recollection is that Sir Edmund Lacon was unable to produce two witnesses to prove he was in the Victoria Hotel at the time Fayerman alleged he met him and gave him the 5*l.* notes. There was only one witness to that. I think that was the link that was wanted.

25,598. Fayerman had said that Sir Edmund gave him a bribe at his own house?—No; on the road.

25,599. And Sir Edmund Lacon called one witness to prove his being in the Victoria Hotel at the time?—It appears Sir Edmund came into the Hotel, took his candle and went straight upstairs, and he only saw one person at that time.

25,600. Sir Edmund Lacon was called as a witness himself?—He was.

25,601. And he called this witness to prove that?—Yes.

25,602. That is two witnesses?—Not two corroborating witnesses.

25,603. That is not necessary, as I am aware of?—The corroborative witness did not give his evidence satisfactorily perhaps.

25,604. The case went to the jury?—Yes, the case went to the jury.

25,605. It was not then on a legal technicality that the prosecution failed?—I think it was. My recollection was that it was so at the time.

25,606. It could not be, or the judge would have withdrawn the case from the jury?—Just so.

Adjourned until to-morrow at half-past 10 o'clock.

THIRTIETH DAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 10th October 1866.

WILLIAM BLYTH recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

25,607. Do you know William Bloomfield Pye?—Yes.

25,608. Did you go up with him to the poll on the day of the election last time?—Yes; he polled the same time I did; not the last time, 1859 I mean.

25,609. Did you have any conversation with him?—Yes. He told me he got some money from a Mr. Cooper.

25,610. Did he say how much?—I cannot exactly remember, it was so long ago; I have an impression on my mind it was 15*l.* I know Mr. Cooper told me he gave it to him, because Mr. Cooper told me to look out after Mr. Pye, and poll him if I could when I polled myself.

25,611. William Pye has denied receiving any money of Mr. Cooper. You say that is not true?—He told a story then.

25,612. He told a story either to you or to us?—Yes. He told a story somewhere. I believed he had the money, because Mr. Cooper asked me to look out and poll Pye, because he had secured him; and when I met him I said, "Billy, are you going to vote?" He said, "Yes," and I took him to have a glass of something, and he went and polled with me.

25,613. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That was in 1859?—Yes.

25,614. You recollect it distinctly?—Yes.

25,615. Did Mr. Cooper come to you and ask you about it?—I saw Mr. Cooper last night.

25,616. Who spoke about it first?—I remembered it immediately Mr. Cooper told me, and I said, "It is a lie." Because I remember the circumstances well, because I recollect seeing Mr. Cooper tinning him at the municipal election.

25,617. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you seen Mr. Cooper give him money at the municipal election?—I have seen Mr. Cooper give him money at the municipal election. I saw it at the time, and there was some one by at the time, but I cannot recollect who it was. I saw Mr. Cooper do it. I do not know whether Mr. Cooper gave that in evidence.

25,618. How long ago was that?—I should think that must be in 1856, 1857, or 1858; I cannot remember the date. It was one municipal election, when he lived in Howard Street and had a butcher's shop.

25,619. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect where Pye lived in 1859?—If my memory serves me right, I think he moved from the butcher's shop in Howard Street into James Street, and kept a public-house called the "Windsor Tavern."

25,620. Was he in the public-house at the time of the register?—I think he was. I should think he moved out of that shop somewhere about the latter part of 1858, in that street? It might be 1859, but I cannot say directly.

25,621. (*Mr. Slade.*) Had you anything to do with money in 1859?—No, I do not remember giving any money. I do not think I had any money from anyone. I never had a farthing myself in my life, until this last affair. I do not remember that I had any.

25,622. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) But you knew Mr. Cooper was giving money then?—Yes, of course; Mr. Cooper told me so.

25,623. You were sent and asked by Mr. Cooper to watch this voter and take him to the poll?—Yes, that is right. That was the nomination night he told me to take him to the poll with me, as he had secured him.

25,624. Were you employed as one of the messengers?—No. The only thing I received was for repairing some windows in the committee room, and my bill was charged in the ordinary expenses.

25,625. The committee room was at your house?—No, it was where the new savings bank is, and I sent in my bill and it was paid, I think, by this gentleman here, Mr. Aldred, who was the auditor.

JOHN SHARMAN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Sharman.

25,626. What are you?—A confectioner.

25,627. Where do you live?—In King Street.

25,628. Who did you vote for at the last election?—I did not vote at the last election.

25,629. Who did you vote for in 1859?—Lacon and Stracey.

35,630. Did you get anything for your vote on that occasion?—10*l.*

25,631. Who from?—Mr. Cooper.

25,632. You had no vote in 1865, you say?—Yes, I had a vote.

25,633. Why did you abstain from voting?—Because I wanted 20*l.*

25,634. And Mr. Cooper refused to give it you?—He said if it was given I should have it. I told him I was in great difficulties, and 20*l.* would do me a good deal of good; and he said if the amount was given I should have it, and I never saw him any more.

25,635. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you paid for not voting?—No.

EDWARD REYNOLDS ALDRED sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

E. R. Aldred.

25,636. What are you by profession?—A jeweller.

25,637. Were you the election auditor at the election of 1859?—Yes.

25,638. Did you send in the accounts to the returning officer?—No, I had nothing to do with the returning officer.

25,639. Who did you send in the accounts to?—To the town clerk.

25,640. Did you publish them in the papers?—Yes.

25,641. Have you a copy of the paper there?—Yes.

25,642. Is that one of the local papers?—Yes.

25,643. Will you give us the account as it stands in the paper? Give us the sum total, and hand the paper in?—809*l.* 15*s.* Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey; Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young, 603*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*; and there appears to be some small sum, some few pounds besides that, for expenses prior to the election, that were not added to either of them, I do not know why.

25,644. What expenses were those?—Postage stamps, for coals, carpenters, messengers, posting bills, and telegraphs.

25,645. What is the amount of them?—They are not cast up; it is about 20*l.*

25,646. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were those last items divided among the four candidates?—I do not know. It is a separate account here, but why it is I do not recollect. I know nothing about it.

THIRTIETH DAY.

E. R. Aldred.

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25,647. Were you the election auditor in 1857 ?—Yes.

25,648. The election of March the 28th ?—I was auditor for the three elections, and therefore of course I was for that. I do not know what date it was.

25,649. Then will you give us the expenses of the three elections ?—I cannot do that.

25,650. Can you give us the expenses of the election when Mr. Young and Mr. Mellor were returned ?—Yes.

25,651. That was in August 1857 ?—That would be the 10th of August 1857, 375*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*

25,652. The joint expenditure ?—Yes, of Mr. Mellor and Young.

25,653. The previous election ?—I know nothing about that; I have no papers, or know nothing about it. The papers were all kept by the House of Commons, that was during the inquiry. I took them up, and they were kept by the House of Commons.

25,654. You are not able to get a copy of the local paper ?—You said 1859, and I had great trouble to get that. I had to get that of a private person; the paper is out of print.

25,655. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You paid yourself these accounts ?—Yes, I paid them after being passed by the election agent.

25,656. You received your money from whom ?—From the agents of either party.

25,657. Were there any accounts sent in to you that you refused ?—I had nothing to do with that. My duty was simply to pay the accounts sent in by the election agent. I had nothing do with whether they were right or wrong.

25,658. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you the details of the uncontested election of Mellor and Young ?—No; they were given to the town clerk, and upon the removal, he supposes, of the papers to the Record Room, being papers of no value, they were destroyed. I cannot find them.

25,659. What have you in that paper you have in your hand ?—I have the items, but not the vouchers.

25,660. Have you the items ?—Yes.

25,661. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was the election of 1857 the first at which you were auditor ?—Yes. I think I was the election auditor for only three elections. I was the auditor from the beginning to the end, until the office was abolished.

25,662. Did it strike you that the sum of 375*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* was a large sum to pay for an uncontested election ?—No.

25,663. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know if there were hustings erected at the uncontested election ?—I think not; I think it was understood. I am speaking merely from hearsay; I purposely avoided taking any part in it, therefore I know nothing about it.

Mrs. M. Barber.

Mrs. Matilda Barber sworn; examined by Mr. Russell.

25,664. Are you the wife of Thomas Robert Barber ?—Yes.

25,665. What have you come here to tell us ?—To contradict the statement made by Mr. Samuel Aldred, the auctioneer of Regent Street. He said he never offered my husband money.

25,666. What is that you have in your hand ?—It is the paper of the statement Mr. Aldred made on Saturday.

25,667. An extract from the "Yarmouth Independent ?"—Yes.

25,668. Do you come here to corroborate the statement that your husband was offered money by Mr. Samuel Aldred ?—Yes.

25,669. Were you present ?—Yes.

25,670. Can you remember what Samuel Aldred said ?—The first time he came in he asked me which way my husband would vote, and I told him. He said, "Do you think 10*l.* would turn him the other way ?" I said, "No;" he said, "Tell your husband what I say." And he came again and again, and my husband would not be seen for some time. I was also present when he did see him. He said, "You will vote for us, won't you ?" My husband said, "Which way ?" He said, "Sir Edmund Lacon." My husband said, "No money will make me vote for him;" and he stuck to what he said. He came in sometimes three or four times a day to see my husband.

25,671. Did he offer money to your husband ?—Yes, he offered money to my husband as well as me.

25,672. How much ?—From 10*l.* to 25*l.*; different sums, rising 5*l.* each time.

25,673. 10*l.* the first visit, 15*l.* the second, 20*l.* the third, and 25*l.* the fourth ?—Yes.

25,674. And you were present every time ?—Every time.

25,675. Did he ever produce any money ?—No.

25,676. Did your husband tell you to come and swear this ?—No; I said I thought I ought to come, as I knew it was the truth he spoke when he was here last Thursday. I considered it was quite right in me to come.

25,677. Do you know that your husband did receive money on the other side ?—Yes.

25,678. Did he tell you that at the time ?—Yes.

25,679. Did you tell Mr. Aldred, when he first came to you, that you were sure no money would make your husband vote on that side ?—Yes.

25,680. Do you remember the election of 1859 ?—I remember something about it.

25,681. Can you remember if your husband was offered money then ?—Oh yes.

25,682. In your presence ?—Yes.

25,683. By whom ?—By Mr. Reynolds; or rather not offered money by him, but he said he would send Mr. Buston to make things right with him.

25,684. Mr. Reynolds was examined here yesterday, and before he left the witness-box, without being asked, he said he wished to state that it was false that he ever had said he would send Mr. Buston to your husband ?—He did, and Mr. Buston came and asked to speak to my husband privately.

25,685. Were you present when Mr. Buston came ?—Yes.

25,686. Do you remember if Mr. Buston offered any money when he came ?—He went into the hall with my husband, and when he came back he said, "Mr. "Buston has offered me 15*l.* to vote for Sir Edmund "Lacon;" and my husband ordered him out.

25,687. You were not in the room when Mr. Buston offered the 15*l.* ?—No, I was in the hall.

25,688. Did you say your husband turned him out ?—My husband opened the door and said, "Mr. Buston has offered me 15*l.* to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon;" and he said, "If you do not walk out I will help you out;" something like that.

25,689. Do you know that your husband did take money in that election ?—Yes.

25,690. How much ?—7*l.* 10*s.*

25,691. Do you remember who gave it to him ?—Mr. Edwards, the tailor.

25,692. Were you present ?—No.

25,693. Has your husband reminded you of what took place in 1859, that you remember it so well ?—Oh no, not at all. I can remember, so far as that goes.

25,694. Did anybody else besides Mr. Aldred offer your husband money at the last election ?—Not that I know of it.

25,695. Or in 1859 ?—Not that I know of.

S. Chapman.

Samuel Chapman sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

25,696. What are you ?—I keep a fish shop at the gate, near the old pier, and I have a pleasure boat.

25,697. Who did you vote for at the last election ? Sir Edmund Lacon.

25,698. Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Certainly I did.

25,699. Do you live in the Wellington Road ?—Yes, that is right.

25,700. That is the place ?—Yes, part one way, and part the other. I live at the corner as you go down to the pier.

25,701. Did you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon alone, or for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson ?—For Sir Edmund Lacon alone.

25,702. Did you get anything for your vote, any money ?—For the vote ?

25,703. Were you paid any money for your vote ?—Yes.

25,704. How much ?—I received, I think, about 15*l.*

25,705. Who paid you ?—I found it in my boat. I may guess who put it there.

25,706. Do you know who put it into your boat ?—I may guess.

25,707. Then guess if you please ?—I should say Mr. Swan, and that will do. I knew it was there.

25,708. What is Mr. Swan's christian name ?—Mr. Henry King Swan.

25,709. What day was this that you found the money ?—I could not say ; I think it was towards the evening.

25,710. I find you did vote for Mr. Goodson ?—Mr. Swan was a brother-in-law of mine. If I had not seen Mr. Swan at all I should have voted for Sir Edmund Lacon ; I lived in the family several years, in Sir Edmund Lacon's family, and I should have voted, if it had not been for my brother-in-law, without a halfpenny, but I thought I might as well have had 15*l.* as other people.

25,711. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—No, that is the first one, and I should have voted for Sir Edmund, as I lived in the family 30 years ago.

William Spencer Eidsforth sworn ; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

W. S. Eidsforth.

25,712. What are you ?—A tailor.

25,713. Who did you vote for at the last election ?—I voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl.

25,714. What did you get for your vote ?—20*l.*

25,715. Who from ?—Mr. Eastick.

25,716. What is Mr. Eastick's christian name ?—Zachariah.

25,717. Do you know where Mr. Zachariah Eastick got this money ?—I do not.

25,718. He did not tell you ?—No.

25,719. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—No.

George Lemon Manthorpe sworn ; examined by Mr. Russell.

G. L. Manthorpe.

25,720. What are you ?—Formerly a master mariner.

25,721. Who did you vote for at the last election ?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

25,722. Did you receive any money ?—Not a shilling.

25,723. You did receive some to give to others ?—Never in my life ; I never received a shilling or gave a shilling in my life, not for electioneering purposes.

25,724. Have you heard it has been stated here that you did ?—No, I have not heard it has been stated here. Yesterday morning I went to the "Free Press," because I heard Mr. Cooper had mentioned my name, and if it had been in the "Free Press" I should have come up yesterday morning, but as my name was not mentioned there I thought I should not be called up.

25,725. Do you know a man named William Capon ?—Yes.

25,726. Did you offer him any money in 1859 ?—Never.

25,727. Never offered any men any money ?—No, never did in my life.

25,728. Neither in 1865 or 1859 ?—In no election whatever.

25,729. How did you vote yourself in 1859 ?—I voted Liberal in 1859, and always have done.

25,730. Did you ask Capon to vote ?—In 1865, the morning I went down to vote myself, I saw him standing by the door, and I asked him if he was going down to vote, and he said nobody had been to see him. I said, "What do you want anybody to come and see you for," and I walked away. About a minute after this Mr. Clowes the solicitor came driving past me in a gig, not a minute, and I said, "There is Capon standing at his door, and says nobody has been to see him," and he turned back and went and spoke to him. He came to me again in less than five minutes, I went walking on down to Gorleston, and said, "What did he say ?" "He says he wants a situation." That is what Mr. Clowes told me.

25,731. A situation during the election ?—I suppose so. I never asked any more questions at all about it.

25,732. Mr. Capon said he voted to oblige you ?—So I understood, but I never heard that anybody ever stated I had given him money. I understood he should say he voted to oblige me ; I do not know what for.

25,733. You did not offer him any inducement ?—None whatever ; I never did. Mr. Capon is a man that I never was six hours in his company in my life. I think the last time I was in his company was in Rio de Janeiro, about 20 years ago, and then I asked him to take a plate of soup with me.

25,734. Do you know William Mayes ?—Yes.

25,735. He is your brother-in-law ?—Yes, he married my sister.

25,736. Did you canvass him at the last election ?—No, I do not think any man can canvass Mayes ; he has a will of his own, although I believe Mr. Cooper said in the 1857 election, or I heard Mr. Cooper said, he gave him 15*l.* I do not believe it. I do not believe Mr. Mayes ever took a shilling in his life. There is no occasion for it, he could buy Mr. Cooper twenty times over. I do not think Mr. Cooper had any occasion to mention my name at all, or about Mr. Mayes.

25,737. Did Mayes vote the same way with you ?—Yes, he voted the same way with me.

25,738. Why did not Mayes come himself ?—He cannot.

25,739. Is he ill ?—He has a very bad leg, and is 80 years of age, but at present he cannot walk ; still I think he could be got up by a fly. If he could get within reach of Mr. Cooper, so that he could get hold of his collar, I believe he is strong enough now to Cooper him.

25,740. You do not know of your own knowledge that Mayes had not received money ?—I never heard him say in my life he received a shilling, and I never believe he did.

Robert Margetson Rope sworn ; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

R. M. Rope.

25,741. What are you ?—I am a landowner.

25,742. Who did you vote for at the last election ?—Do you mean 1865 ?

25,743. Yes.—I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

25,744. Did you get any money for your vote ?—Certainly not.

25,745. Were you offered any ?—No.

25,746. By neither side ?—By neither side ; I would scorn to have it. I take the money of no man,

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I come here with a honest principle. My name is represented as Robert Margetson Rope, and I am a honest man.

25,747. Answer my questions only. Had you a vote in 1859 ?—I had.

25,748. Who did you vote for then?—Lacon and Stracey.

25,749. Did you get anything for your vote?—Certainly not.

25,750. You never had any money?—Never had any money.

S. Holdsworth.

STEPHEN HOLDSWORTH sworn ; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

25,751. What are you?—A coal porter.

25,752. Who did you vote for at the last election?—I had not one at the last election.

25,753. Who did you vote for in 1859 ?—Lacon and Stracey.

25,754. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

25,755. Who gave it to you ?—Mr. Cooper.

25,756. Were you offered anything on the other side in 1859 ?—Yes.

25,757. Who by ?—Mr. Livingston and Mr. Cooper.

25,758. Did you not take some money from Mr. Eagleton ?—No.

25,759. Are you quite sure of that ?—Oh yes.

25,760. Mr. Eagleton says you had money from him ?—No, I never received a farthing from anyone except Mr. Cooper.

A. W. Young, Esq.

ADOLPHUS WILLIAM YOUNG, Esq., sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

25,761. Have you any profession ?—Not now. I was educated as a solicitor ; I have been long out of practice.

25,762. You have been abroad, have you not ?—I never practised in England. I was articled to my father, of the firm of Young and Vallings, very well known in London, and immediately after I was admitted I went to Australia.

25,763. Mr. Watkin told us you were a member of the Legislature in Australia, was that so ?—Yes, I represented what is now the colony of Victoria. The whole of that colony, which has now a separate government, was in my time a province or district of New South Wales, and at one time I represented that in the Council at Sydney, they sending so many members.

25,764. In what year did you return to England ?—About 14 years ago. 15 years ago, next June, I think, we landed.

25,765. You were elected a member for Yarmouth with Mr. Mellor in the month of August 1857 ?—Yes, in August 1857.

25,766. Was that the first occasion on which you had attempted to obtain a seat in Parliament in England ?—Yes, that was the very first.

25,767. We have been told by Mr. Watkin that after the result of the petition in 1857, there was a meeting at the Reform Club, and that Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh were asked to find candidates for Yarmouth, that he nominated Mr. Mellor, and that Mr. McCullagh nominated a Mr. Mackenzie at first, but subsequently to that Mr. McCullagh mentioned you, are you aware of that ?—No. I know nothing about the meeting at the Reform Club nor of Mr. Mackenzie; I never heard of his name.

25,768. Was Mr. McCullagh a friend of yours ?—No. It is difficult rather to take one's mind back. He was certainly no friend of mine. He was a club acquaintance I think, certainly not more than that.

25,769. Can you tell the Commissioners how it came that Mr. McCullagh nominated you to take his place as member for Yarmouth ?—I can tell you how I first came to have anything to do with it.

25,770. If you please. — That was through a gentleman of the name of Humphreys, Mr. Humphreys who is now coroner for Middlesex, and with him I had some slight acquaintance. He was the first person, I think, who introduced it to me, and there was a talk about wanting a candidate, and would I stand, and so on.

25,771. With reference to Yarmouth ?—Oh yes, it was all with reference to Yarmouth ; it was subsequent to the petition being over, it must have been.

25,772. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you mean that Mr. Humphreys introduced you to Mr. McCullagh, or that Mr. Humphreys introduced you to Yarmouth ?—I am not certain that he introduced me to Mr. McCullagh ; I do not think he did, because I think I knew Mr. McCullagh in that slight way that I know so many people ; I am not very positive how that was, but Mr. Humphreys I know brought Mr. McCullagh and myself together, that I remember, and we came down here. I forget whether Mr. McCullagh came with me, I do not think he did. I know there were a lot of Liberals down here, and a lot of men who wanted to be candidates, and at last I was elected, and I know Mr. McCullagh, through Mr. Humphreys, stood my friend, that I know. I know there was a good deal of talk, and so on, about whether I had any connexion with the place, and my family happened to have been all their lives intimate with the Gurney family, and I believe that might have been a turning point, I do not know that it was altogether, and I do not know that it did any good ; but I know they were people who would not have interfered, but they were people who would have done me a good turn if they could.

25,773. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know if Mr. Humphreys was a friend of Mr. McCullagh ?—Yes, I am certain he was. I know he was the gentleman who conducted the petition.

25,774. Mr. Humphreys I understand was a friend of your own ?—I do not know more than a very slight acquaintance ; I cannot remember any friendship.

25,775. Was that the first time that you knew Mr. Humphreys, when he came to you with reference to the election at Yarmouth ?—No, I think I knew Mr. Humphreys before slightly, if I mistake not. He was a member of the Reform Club, and I have been a member since I have been home ; I believe in that way, and I believe it was generally understood. I think I once spoke to Mr. Coppock, saying I should be very happy to stand for any eligible place.

25,776. It was understood you were anxious to get into Parliament ?—I believe it was generally understood among the party, and I knew myself I should stand, if I could find a place.

25,777. (*Mr. Russell.*) If I understand, Mr. Humphreys was employed by Mr. McCullagh to negotiate with reference to his successor ?—I can hardly say how that was ; all I know is Mr. Humphreys spoke to him, and brought us together, and we talked it over, and they said, "What is your interest there ?" It so happened that my mother's family are Norfolk people ; I do not know that that had much to do with it. They have an estate in Norfolk.

25,778. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Humphreys came with you to Yarmouth, because he introduced you to Mr. Chamberlin ?—He either came with me or for me ; he certainly came for me. He came either with me, or a day before, or a day after, something of that kind ; I cannot charge my memory exactly.

25,779. Was there any arrangement between yourself and Mr. McCullagh, as to the terms on which you should come forward as a candidate for Yarmouth ?—Do you mean a pecuniary arrangement?

25,780. Was he to come down and lend you his interest ?—No.

25,781. Was he to come down and canvass for

you?—I do not think there was any arrangement. He certainly did. It was of great consequence to Mr. McCullagh to get the seats represented by Liberals, I suppose, as a party man.

25,782. What was the arrangement between you and Mr. McCullagh?—There was no arrangement at all. He came and did some very good service, I think, both to Mr. Mellor and myself.

25,783. Mr. Mellor was related to Mr. Watkin we have heard?—There is some relationship, but I think it is through the wife.

25,784. Mr. Watkin told us yesterday?—Mrs. Watkin is first cousin to Sir John Mellor.

25,785. And you, I understand, had no personal connexion at all with Mr. McCullagh, not even that of friendship?—No, I cannot lay claim to it at all, not any friendship. I knew him a little.

25,786. A mere casual club acquaintance?—Yes.

25,787. It has been mentioned before us in the inquiry, that it was currently reported in Yarmouth that a sum of 500*l.* was paid to Mr. McCullagh for his "good will?"—Yes, I have heard the story.

25,788. Had you ever heard it previously to its being mentioned before us?—Yes, I think I had.

25,789. When did you first hear it?—I cannot charge my memory, but it is long ago I heard it.

25,790. Did you hear it at the time you came down to stand in 1857?—I cannot charge my memory if I did, but I know I heard it; at least there was some arrangement it was supposed between us. I think the general idea was I agreed to give Mr. McCullagh 500*l.*, and Mr. Mellor to give Mr. Watkin 500*l.*; that is what I heard.

25,791. Did you hear Mr. Mellor was to give the 500*l.* to Mr. Watkin or Mr. McCullagh?—I think to Mr. Watkin. But it was only that sort of public rumour with no foundation.

25,792. Was it reported to you by any particular person?—I cannot say. I have it running through my head. I certainly heard of it.

25,793. Did you ever take any opportunity of contradicting it publicly?—I do not remember doing so.

25,794. Did you ever hear of it from any person who took an active part in politics on your side?—I read, since this has been going on, in the papers something about it, and I have a sort of recollection of being asked, I think it was by Mr. Owles, I am not sure, but by some of the party I think.

25,795. Were you asked privately by Mr. Owles, or in the presence of other persons?—If I remember right we had, I do not think you can call it a meeting, at any rate some of us were down at Mr. Owles', and I was asked.

25,796. Were you asked positively whether you had paid the sum of 500*l.* to Mr. McCullagh?—I think I was.

25,797. In consequence of the rumour that had got about?—Yes, that is my remembrance.

25,798. Was there any arrangement of that sort between you and Mr. McCullagh?—No, there was not.

25,799. What in your opinion gave rise to that report?—I cannot tell. I have not the most remote idea; because if it had been true I could not have imagined how anybody could have known it. It was that sort of idle rumour I suppose.

25,800. When you came down to Yarmouth did you anticipate a contest?—In 1857?

25,801. Yes?—I do not know. I think we came intending to fight it if there was a contest. There was every appearance of a contest certainly, and if I remember right Sir Edmund canvassed. We met him at the corners of all the streets, and everything was going on like a contest up to the eve of the election. I forget exactly how long before he wrote a note to say there was no opposition.

25,802. He wrote a note saying he was not going to oppose you?—Yes; but all sorts of rumours up to that time had been about, about negotiations with other people to fight with him, and all the rest. Some of them may have been true, and some exaggerations and not true; one cannot tell.

25,803. You say you never heard of Mr. Mackenzie's name. Were you aware that Mr. McCullagh had asked anybody else to take his place before he asked you?—No, I was not. I do not know who Mr. Mackenzie is. I do not know anything about him.

25,804. I want to know whether you were aware that you were not the first choice of Mr. McCullagh?—No, I was not aware of it. I never heard anything about it.

25,805. Did you consult with Mr. McCullagh as to the probable expense of standing for Yarmouth?—I really do not remember whether I did or not. I cannot call to mind.

25,806. It is so far back?—Yes.

25,807. Generally did you understand that Yarmouth would be an expensive place to contest?—Well, when I came down first I do not know that I knew anything about it; but one by degrees gets one's mind informed on these things, and from that time to this I have heard so much. The story that I was told at the time was, an unfair committee, and all the rest of it, and that they were the aggrieved parties.

25,808. Did you ever hear that Mr. McCullagh ever received any money from anybody for transferring his interest to you?—No, decidedly not.

25,809. Not from any person;—Not from any person. I am quite certain no person has ever paid, at least if they have it is some other unknown friend who would spend money for me. I have not the least idea that anybody ever spent a farthing for me in electioneering, or any other way; they could not.

25,810. Then there is no foundation for that rumour?—Not the slightest. I made no arrangement with Mr. McCullagh at all, except that either Mr. McCullagh or Mr. Humphreys said, "I suppose if Mr. McCullagh wants to go there again, you will not be in his way," or something to that effect. I do not know who said that, but I know it ran in my mind that I had a sort of honourable understanding.

25,811. That is a very different thing?—That is the fact.

25,812. We can understand you would not stand in Mr. McCullagh's way if he gave you his assistance now?—No.

25,813. There was no other understanding that you ever heard of?—Never.

25,814. Was Mr. Justice Mellor ever asked this question about the 500*l.* being paid on his side, to your knowledge?—I really do not know.

25,815. You were asked by Mr. Owles?—I think it was Mr. Owles, I do not know at all, I do not remember Mr. Mellor ever telling me about it.

25,816. He never was asked in your presence?—I do not think so. No, I think not.

25,817. Do you know whether it was brought to Mr. Justice Mellor's knowledge that this rumour had got about?—I do not know that.

25,818. I want to ask you a question about the election of 1859; you came down here with Mr. Watkin to canvass before the election?—Before the writ was issued.

25,819. Before the poll I mean?—Before the poll; we were here some time.

25,820. A month or six weeks before the polling?—I should not have thought it was so much as that, but we were here a good while. I should not think it was so much as that.

25,821. Did you canvass with Mr. Watkin the whole borough?—Yes, sometimes I think with Mr. Watkin and sometimes with other canvassers, but generally I think with Mr. Watkin. He was a capital canvasser and a very active man.

25,822. Who was your election agent?—I think it was Mr. Clowes, but Mr. Chamberlin was what I may call my friend, my professional friend. I do not know that he did anything particular, but he was the man.

25,823. He was introduced to you by Mr. Humphreys?—That I do not remember, but I must have been introduced to him by somebody in 1857. I know ever since 1857 Mr. Chamberlin is the man I should apply to.

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25,824. And you sent him a fee after the election ?—Yes.

25,825. Of 25*l.* ?—Yes, or guineas. It was a small fee I know.

25,826. But he acted for you in the previous election of 1857, he had assisted you ?—He certainly was a friend, but I do not think he got anything.

25,827. I do not say he got anything ?—I looked upon him always as my friend here.

25,828. Mr. Watkin has informed us, that he stood on a joint interest with you, and on the understanding that you were to have joint expenses ; is that so ?—I do not think that we ever had any conversation about the matter, but that was certainly my understanding.

25,829. Will you tell us or can you tell us what your expenses were at the election of 1859 ?—Yes, within a little.

25,830. Have you any memoranda ?—No, I have no memoranda, but I know what they were. They were between 1,100*l.* and 1,200*l.* the whole of the expenses.

25,831. That would be very similar to the expenses of Mr. Watkin ?—It ought to be, but I really do not know. If you will tell me what Mr. Watkin said.

25,832. Mr. Watkin says the election of 1859 cost him from 1,000*l.* to 1,200*l.*, and you are between 1,100*l.* and 1,200*l.* ?—Yes.

25,833. So I may take it they are very much the same ?—I have no doubt they were the same, or near it.

25,834. How was the money paid ; was it paid after the election ?—No, a good deal of it was paid during the election. I am only speaking of what I paid myself after ; I do not know what Mr. Watkin did.

25,835. That includes the legal expenses ?—That includes everything that came out of my pocket in any shape.

25,836. The legal expenses for you and Mr. Watkin were 603*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.* ?—That is the money that is paid through Mr. Clowes, is it not.

25,837. That is the money that is paid through the election auditor ?—I suppose it is correct.

25,838. Will you tell us what money you paid during the election ?—I brought down 500*l.*, and I gave some cheques during the election to the extent of 320*l.*

25,839. Is that all you spent during the election ?—That is all, to the best of my belief, that I spent during the election ; at least I am certain it is. Then Mr. Clowes had 300*l.* and something, and there were 25 guineas to Mr. Chamberlin. I suppose I paid my hotel bill, no doubt I did. I have a distinct recollection in the accounts of the year putting down 1,200*l.* as having been spent at Yarmouth, which, from my ordinary mode of doing things, was a little exaggerated, because I always put it ample, but I remember doing that. I remember seeing it often afterwards, and thinking what a waste of money it was.

25,840. Were you a party to the petition ? — I subscribed to the petition. I remember there was a pressure upon me to petition, and I would not.

25,841. What did you subscribe to the petition ?—I am pretty sure it was 150*l.* ; I am not certain whether afterwards they did not ask me for something more. It was a petition got up in the town.

25,842. That was in addition to the 1,200*l.* ?—Yes, I think that was the next year it came on, if I remember right. Our election was in March.

25,843. The 29th of April ?—Yes, I think the petition was not tried until the next year, if I remember right, but I will not be sure about that.

25,844. It was tried in 1860 ?—Then my memory is right, but I cannot think how that was, because the House must have been sitting. However, I do not suppose that signifies.

25,845. Will you tell us, if you please, to whom you gave that 500*l.* that you brought down ? First of all, did you bring it down in gold ?—My impression is that I brought it down partially in gold and partially in notes, but I would not be quite certain. But I should have said I gave it to Mr. Mainprice, I should have said so ; but I have read what he says, and at this distance of time it is impossible to say. I certainly knew it was going to him.

25,846. Has Mr. Mainprice said anything to cause you to alter your impression ?—No, nothing ; except I saw some story about putting money in a great coat. I never picked a pocket, nor the converse, that I remember. This is rather the converse of it.

25,847. Do you mean that your impression is that you gave the 500*l.* to Mr. Mainprice yourself ?—I cannot remember, except this, I know that it was said money would be wanted, and "Who is conducting the election ?" "Mr. Mainprice. Mr. Mainprice wants some money," therefore I should have thought I did, but I have no recollection of giving it to Mr. Mainprice. I may have given it to one of the party to give to him, but I knew it was going to him, and I suppose he got it.

25,848. Mr. Mainprice's evidence may tally with yours. Of course we do not suppose you put it in his pocket ?—Not I. But I can only say what I remember doing, and if it tallies or not I cannot help it. It must go for what it is worth.

25,849. Still you are sure the whole of the 500*l.* did go to Mr. Mainprice ?—I have every reason to believe so.

25,850. The cheques for 320*l.* Mr. Livingston says you gave to him ?—That surprises me, because I am as certain of anything as I can be—that occurred seven and a half years ago—that I never had any money transactions with Mr. Livingston in my life. I do not remember the slightest of it ; besides I could not have given it to both.

25,851. Mr. Livingston has told us that he received two cheques from you, one the 28th April for 200*l.*, and the other the 29th April for 120*l.* ?—Those are the identical cheques. I have not the least recollection of giving it to him but it is a question of memory, If I gave it to him they must have been for Mr. Mainprice, but I should have said certainly that I gave them to Mr. Mainprice, because there was another cheque that was destroyed.

25,852. How much was that for ?—I cannot be certain, but I think it was 80*l.* I think it made round money. Cheques were given in moderate sums for the purpose of getting them cashed I suppose.

25,853. To whom did you give that cheque ?—I certainly gave them to the one person, whoever he was, and I believe it was Mr. Mainprice.

25,854. Do you recollect a cheque for 80*l.* being destroyed in your presence ?—Yes, I do, at Mr. Mainprice's office I believe, if my recollection serves me, it might have been.

25,855. Between 10 and 11 o'clock on the morning of the election ?—Yes, it was the morning of the election. I would not say to half an hour.

25,856. Can you remember, did you ever hear of a Mr. Christopher Steward ?—Yes.

25,857. Did you ever hand any money to Mr. Steward ?—When I was member for Yarmouth I remember before I left the town in 1857 I gave a cheque for 40*l.* to Mr. Steward for races, and that came the next time, because I remember Mr. Mellor and I used to grumble at the amount, and thought it was too much ; but I never had any other transaction with Mr. Steward. I understood he was a man used to the races.

25,858. Mr. Livingston gave the cash for your two cheques to Mr. Steward ?—So it appears. I knew nothing of that. I never heard of Mr. Steward during our election, and I do not think I should know Mr. Steward if I saw him, but I remember the name well because of the races. He seemed to be the active man.

25,859. Then according to your recollection Mr. Mainprice received 820*l.* from you ?—Yes, I think he did. He received all the money that I spent at the election.

25,860. Did you understand at the time what Mr. Mainprice was doing with your money ?—I understood that Mr. Mainprice was conducting our election and would pay whatever was required. There was a great deal of talk about bringing people from long distances and all sorts of things—"an army

of observation" I remember somebody christened it. I suppose it was other people employed.

25,861. Did Mr. Mainprice ever give in any account to you?—Never.

25,862. Did you consult your adviser Mr. Chamberlin as to the money you gave Mr. Mainprice?—No, certainly not.

25,863. How was Mr. Mainprice introduced to you?—Really I cannot say. He was one of our most active supporters, I considered one of the leaders of the Liberal party. I had known him from 1857, and had often had correspondence with him on various matters.

25,864. Had he ever asked you for money for subscriptions for Yarmouth?—I do not know that Mr. Mainprice had. I know very well I was perpetually applied to, and had to respond occasionally, but I forget exactly who were the people, except this large sum of 40*l.* a year, which seemed to be a regular thing to the races. I remember that, and I think we gave each of us 25*l.* for registration, and which I sent a cheque for; I have not the least remembrance. I remember that was about the thing, and then there was always a church to be repaired, or a chapel building, or schools—in fact, the ordinary things members are applied to for. I reckoned, if I sat for Yarmouth, it would be about 200*l.* a year, but I cannot make out exactly how 200*l.* would be spent, but I think coming down and stopping here, and bringing one's people. That was a sort of rough estimate in my own mind.

25,865. Did you understand at the time that Mr. Watkin had spent an equal sum with yourself. Was that the understanding between you?—That even I can't remember, I had no conversation with Mr. Watkin on the subject, but I suppose if I had thought about it I should have thought he had. I do not know that I thought about it. One cannot bring one's memory exactly to it, but we never had any other arrangement or any arrangement at all; therefore I presume two gentlemen standing together would pay everything equally; it was merely that sort of understanding.

25,866. Mr. Watkin had his clerk, Mr. Rawlinson, with him, do you remember?—There was a lot of people down with Mr. Watkin, if I remember right, but I do not remember this gentleman, Mr. Rawlinson. He probably never introduced him.

25,867. Was there any gentleman acting on your behalf, looking after your pecuniary interests?—In Yarmouth?

25,868. Yes.—None whatever.

25,869. You did it entirely by yourself?—I was here entirely by myself, nobody ever came with me. The first election Mr. Humphreys came; the second election I considered myself in the hands of the party.

25,870. And that would be so, if your recollection is right, that all the money you gave was given to Mr. Mainprice during the election?—Yes, that would be so, and I have no doubt about it myself.

25,871. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you understand, when you first saw Mr. Humphreys, that he was authorized by Mr. McCullagh to look out for a candidate, to ask you to be the candidate?—I cannot remember the exact words, or in fact how it came about, except that Mr. Humphreys looked me up and found me, and said, "Now, here is a chance for you at Yarmouth. Are you not friendly with the Gurneys?" I believe that was about the beginning of it.

25,872. Did he say he had come from Mr. McCullagh?—I do not think he did. I cannot charge my memory with that. I know we were brought together I suppose that day.

25,873. Who was brought together?—Mr. McCullagh and myself, and then it was, "Will you stand?"

25,874. Had you an interview with him that day?—You mean the first day. I certainly had an interview before I came down.

25,875. Did Mr. McCullagh at that interview tell you his position with regard to the borough?—My impression is that the conversation was something to this effect, "You see we have been unseated on petition," and of course going terribly against the committee, and saying how very unjust, and that sort of thing, and "Will you go down? are you prepared to go down?" something to that effect. I am not certain that he did not say, "Mr. Humphreys tells me that you have some little local interest," or something of that kind. I would not charge my memory with the exact words.

25,876. He told you, you say, that he was unjustly turned out?—That was the conversation with either him or Mr. Humphreys, I certainly understood; in fact I have heard no end of that from the beginning; that is the view they take.

25,877. Did he tell you anything at all about his previous connexion with Yarmouth?—I do not think he did then. I have heard all of it since, partially perhaps from him, but I think more from other people.

25,878. Then no sort of allusion to money having been spent there by him was made?—No, none whatever, that is he never told me about it.

25,879. I want to know whether Mr. McCullagh made any allusion to it?—No, certainly not.

25,880. Nor at any other time?—Nor at any other time.

25,881. Did you know at any further time, any subsequent time, whether Mr. McCullagh had been at any expense in consequence of his connexion with Yarmouth?—In the election at Yarmouth?

25,882. In consequence of his connexion with Yarmouth?—No, I cannot say I did.

25,883. We have heard it stated that Mr. McCullagh had watched the registration here for some time, did you know of that then?—No, I did not know of it. I have known since, at least I have understood since, that he was a candidate in 1852, I think it was, and that he kept up his connexion here all the time between 1852 and 1857.

25,884. That is what I want to know. Did he tell you that at the time?—No, I do not think so. I do not think we had any talk about prior events.

25,885. Did he tell you of his connexion with Mr. Watkin?—No, I do not think so. I do not remember any talk about Mr. Watkin.

25,886. Did you know Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin had had differences with respect to money spent at Yarmouth?—In 1857?

25,887. Previously to this interview with you?—No, certainly not.

25,888. You know nothing about that?—I know nothing about that.

25,889. And nothing was said about that?—Certainly not.

25,890. Was anything said upon that subject by Mr. Humphreys when he first spoke to you on the subject?—No.

25,891. Nothing whatever?—No.

25,892. That was never brought to your knowledge at all?—No.

25,893. Did you canvass the borough in 1857?—Yes.

25,894. A long time?—I forget. I do not remember how long it was; not near so long as in 1859. I think it was a short canvass if I remember right.

25,895. What conclusion did you come to from your own observation during that canvass as to the purity or impurity of the borough?—The question never was raised. I had every reason to be satisfied.

25,896. But previously to your coming down, I think I heard you say you were not at all aware of the character Yarmouth bore?—No; I knew nothing about Yarmouth. I have heard since, there is a great deal of chit-chat.

25,897. I ask about that time?—No.

25,898. You were not cognizant of the fact that the freemen had been disfranchised in consequence of a report by the Committee of the House of Commons that they were all corrupt?—I did not know it then, I have heard of it since.

25,899. Did your observations during your canvass

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of 1857 lead you to form any opinion as to the purity or impurity of the borough?—I do not remember forming any opinion about it; I never thought about it. We canvassed, and it was a sort of ovation.

25,900. You told us just now that Sir Edmund Lacon did not withdraw till the last moment, and you must have expected a contest?—We were prepared to have a contest, if necessary.

25,901. I want to know whether you found in your canvass that the electors hung back?—No; we had a most successful canvass, I know. I suppose that prevented Sir Edmund Lacon standing against us.

25,902. Now we will go down to 1859; you were returned without any expenditure at all in 1857?—Yes.

25,903. And I suppose you remained under the impression that Yarmouth was a perfectly pure place—have you thought that? was that so?—I do not remember thinking anything particular about it.

25,904. When you came down to canvass the borough in 1859, what was your idea about the canvass then?—We had a very good canvass, if I remember right.

25,905. You did not find the electors hung back then and wanted money?—No, there was nothing that struck me at all. I do not say every man said he would vote for us we came to; they did not.

25,906. Did you find any hang back and say they would not vote at all?—There were certainly some who appeared to be neuter and did not intend to vote.

25,907. It did not strike you they were neuter because the proper inducement was not offered to them?—No.

25,908. Do you recollect any question arising as to whether you should go on or not towards the end of your canvass, and the subject being referred to Mr. Richard Hammond?—No; I remember something about Richard Hammond. Mr. Richard Hammond always told us we should win; I understood so, at least.

25,909. Do you recollect it was once a question that was to be determined by Mr. Hammond as to whether you should go on or not?—They kept me in the dark about it, if it was.

25,910. You were ignorant about that?—I never heard it was ever a question that we should retire.

25,911. If there was anything of that sort, it was all unknown to you?—Yes.

25,912. Did you never hear, during the whole course of the election of 1859, any suggestion that it would be necessary to bribe?—None whatever.

25,913. You saw then there was bribery on the other side?—I do not remember hearing anything about it, except just towards the last, or in fact the day of the polling, I think. I do not think I heard anything until then, and I do not know who it was told me, or whether it was Mr. Watkin, I suppose, said, "They have bought our votes," or something of that kind. Then I began to see or suppose. In fact I did not know it till the whole thing was over.

25,914. Up to the polling day had you any suspicion whatever that any part of the money you had entrusted with Mr. Mainprice had been distributed in the purchase of votes?—Not the slightest.

25,915. How soon afterwards did the suspicion arise in your mind, if at all, that you owed your return partially to bribery?—We did not get a return in 1859.

25,916. You were turned out?—Thrown out by bribery.

25,917. I am wrong; I was thinking of the election of 1857. Did you think up to the time of the petition that your party had been perfectly pure?—I do not think I did; I could not.

25,918. When did it first come to your knowledge?—My impression is, on the day of the polling, Mr. Watkin said something about "They want more money, Young," or something of that sort. The day of the polling, I think, because that is how that cheque was given; and I said, "Well, I will have nothing "more to do with it, and I think I have given too "much money already," or something of that sort. I said so to Mr. Watkin, and he said, "Then let us go to Mainprice," and I do not recollect exactly what the conversation was, but I know we both were rather angry, and I said, "Have you got any of my cheques?"

25,919. What were you angry at, at the demand for more money?—Mr. Mainprice did not ask me for more money. Mr. Watkin told me more money was wanted.

25,920. And you at once understood what was meant?—It looked so like it that I would not have anything to do with it. I went on to get as much money back as I could.

25,921. Did you know Mr. Clark as a supporter of yours?—Yes, a Mr. Clark, a gentleman who lives at Gorleston.

25,922. William Thomas Clark?—I do not remember his christian name. He is a gentleman who lives at Gorleston, I think.

25,923. Was he an active supporter?—Yes.

25,924. I will not ask—you did not know at that time, how he was employed?—No.

25,925. Did you afterwards hear that he was employed in buying voters?—This is the first time I heard of it; he was a magistrate.

25,926. Was it ever brought to your knowledge that he complained he had lost 300*l.* by the election?—I never heard of it; this is the first. I remember Mr. Clark very well, because he had Admiralty cases, and he used to be always talking to me about my uncle, who was a doctor in Doctors' Commons, a Dr. Haggard. I remember it; we went and dined or lunched there. He seemed a very hospitable kind of man.

25,927. No demand was made on you?—Never.

25,928. Was it ever intimated to you after the election that there had been a larger expenditure than you were aware of?—No, certainly not; and there was no application for money, and I never gave any; nor was I applied to except for the petition. I remember perfectly well about the petition; 150*l.* I think it was.

25,929. I should like to know when it was you gave that first sum of 500*l.* to Mr. Mainprice?—I cannot tell.

25,930. Was it in the early part of your canvass?—I really cannot charge my memory; it was in the canvass certainly.

25,931. Did you ever hear of a Mr. Meall?—Mr. Meall kept a stationer's shop, if I remember right.

25,932. (*Mr. Slade.*) A bookseller?—Yes, I remember him well. Mr. Meall, I think, in our election of 1857 was an active partisan, but I think in 1859 he was on his death-bed, I think so. I believe he was very ill, and my impression is he died very soon.

25,933. Mr. Watkin gave him 500*l.*?—I know Mr. Watkin and he were friendly. I think Mr. Watkin said he had him at his place to recruit his health.

25,934. Do you know Mr. Spilling?—I remember once coming on Spilling with Mr. Watkin in our canvass.

25,935. Do you know if he was actively engaged in the election?—My impression is he was greatly.

25,936. I am speaking of 1857.—In my election of 1857.

25,937. (*Mr. Russell.*) At the time you were invited to come down here in August 1857, were you informed there were any outstanding liabilities of Mr. Watkin or Mr. McCullagh?—No, I never heard of them.

25,938. Was any arrangement made at that time as to a different course to be adopted by you in the event of there being a contest and there not being a contest?—Certainly not the least.

25,939. I understood that you subscribed about 200*l.* a year in the town while you sat for it?—I am speaking without book; it is only that I keep it rough in my mind. That is about what the place would cost to do the thing, what was considered proper, to come down and see the people, and so on.

25,940. Was it represented to you that that was the sum that Mr. McCullagh was in the habit of subscribing?—No, certainly not.

25,941. Or Mr. Watkin?—No, I never heard of it; it is a mere rough guess of what I think it may have cost me, and what I was quite prepared to do if I sat for it.

25,942. Did you subscribe towards the registration fund?—Yes, and I remember it was 25*l.*; I am speaking from memory, but I think that was the amount.

25,943. I think you said you were not aware Mr. McCullagh was in the habit of subscribing to that fund?—I know nothing about it; I do not know if such was the case. The only item he grumbled at was the races; we thought it was rather large, and I remember Mr. Justice Mellor, who cared nothing about racing, thought that 40*l.* was a good lug every year, but Mr. Steward was the man who managed it.

25,944. Then in fact there was no agreement or understanding when you sat for Yarmouth that you should pay the sums which Mr. McCullagh had previously paid?—None whatever. Of course there was no discussion about it; as a member I was prepared to do all that was fair for a member to do.

25,945. Do you remember what sum of money you brought down in 1857?—Yes, I brought none; I remember that so well because there was some discussion. Of course it is the case in every borough. I do not think I was here long before somebody asked me for some money, and I drew a cheque.

25,946. And yet in 1857 you contemplated a canvass?—I came down in such a hurry without any sort of thought.

25,947. How came you to bring money with you in 1859?—I cannot explain it, unless the experience of 1857 showed that some money would be wanted.

25,948. That is a very good reason.—I really do not know; it is such a long time.

25,949. I have asked Mr. Watkin, and I will ask you; you know there is some little discrepancy as to the money that has been mentioned to us as having been received by Mr. Mainprice and Mr. Steward, and the money you and Mr. Watkin have acknowledged to. Mr. Steward says that he received altogether about 1,600*l.*, that he had two parcels of gold at the inn, which he thought contained about 500*l.* or 600*l.* each, and subsequently he received about 500*l.* or 600*l.* in driblets. The 1,000*l.* that he received at the "Star" would exactly account for the money which you and Mr. Watkin gave, exclusive of the two cheques which you and Mr. Livingston had; then there remains the 500*l.* or 600*l.* that Mr. Mainprice received in driblets to be accounted for?—Nobody got it from me; that is all I can say.

25,950. You are not aware of Mr. Watkin having spent any more than you did?—I am not aware.

25,951. I believe, Mr. Young, you wrote some subsequent cheques that were destroyed?—No, only one.

25,952. Do you remember the amount of the cheque?—I think it was 80*l.* I will not be quite certain about it.

25,953. Do you know a man named Peter Ashcroft?—No, I never heard of him.

25,954. You are not aware that he was down here at the time?—No. I never heard of him. I do not know his name. I remember hearing there were people about with Mr. Watkin, that a man was at his heels always; he is connected with railways so much.

25,955. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You were a lawyer yourself originally?—Yes. I was a solicitor, originally educated for it.

25,956. When you came down to Yarmouth did you make yourself acquainted with the law upon the subject of elections?—I cannot say I ever thought much about it. I do not know what the law is now.

25,957. You were cognizant of the fact that an Act of Parliament was in existence that required all payments to be made through the election agent?—It seems very ignorant on my part, but upon my word I do not know it.

25,958. No one called your attention to it in the town of Yarmouth?—Oh dear no. Was the Act in force then?

25,959. I forget the date of the Act now, but the Act was in force at the contested election of 1859 certainly.—I never made any inquiries. I think it is very likely certainly.

25,960. Were you not called upon to make a regular appointment of an election agent?—I do not remember that.

25,961. Do you recollect who was your legal agent?—I recollect Mr. Clowes was a sort of an official of some sort, but I do not know what it was called. I think it is Mr. Clowes.

25,962. You did not think it necessary to give the money to Mr. Clowes rather than to Mr. Mainprice?—I did not do it at any rate.

JOHN POWELL sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Powell.

25,963. What are you?—A pilot.

25,964. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

25,965. What did you get for your vote?—Nothing, and I paid my own cab hire into the bargain.

25,966. How did you vote in 1859?—For Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

25,967. Did you get anything at that election?—Yes, I did.

25,968. How much?—20*l.*

25,969. Who from?—I do not know the party, but I got 20*l.*

25,970. Was that 20*l.* to vote for Lacon and Stracey?—No, it was not. It was for my time that I lost to stop on shore. I lost two ships by it, which I could have got more than 30*l.* for, so that I got 20*l.* to make up for the injury.

25,971. Had you determined to vote for Lacon and Stracey in 1859 before you got it?—Yes, without a farthing; only I do not like to lose money by them, and I would not now, not for any one of them.

25,972. Have you any objection to tell me how you voted in 1857?—In 1857 I did not vote at all. I was not here; I was not in Yarmouth. I was at sea at the time when the election came round.

25,973. You did not vote in 1857 at all?—In 1857 I never gave a vote. I was at sea following my occupation.

EDWARD LEGGETT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

E. Leggett.

25,974. What are you?—I am a sailor.

25,975. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon.

25,976. And Mr. Goodson?—No.

25,977. Sir Edmund Lacon alone?—Yes.

25,978. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

25,979. Nothing at all?—No.

25,980. From neither side?—No.

25,981. Why did you not vote for Mr. Goodson? It seems that you did vote for Mr. Goodson?—If I voted for Mr. Goodson, I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon as well—for both of them. I might make that mistake.

25,982. Was any offer of money made to you?—Not to me.

25,983. Whom to then?—Not to anyone that I know of. I did not get anything for my vote. I did not wish for it, I did not want it.

25,984. Did you get anything for your son?—Yes.

25,985. How much?—10*l.*

25,986. Who from?—From the deceased Mr. Rivett.

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25,987. Did Mr. Rivett offer you nothing for yourself?—No. He was too good a judge. If he had the money he would take care of the money himself rather than give it to me.

25,988. Did he give you money for anybody else besides your son?—Yes.

25,989. Who for?—He gave me 10*l.* for another young man of the name of Samuel Leggett of Gorleston.

25,990. Anybody else?—No. That finished my agency.

25,991. That was all?—That was all.

25,992. Were you well acquainted with Mr. Rivett?—Yes. He was a relation of mine.

25,993. Did he ever communicate with you upon the subject of the elections at any time?—Very little.

25,994. Did he tell you anybody else to whom he had given or was about to give money?—No. He was a man of few words. He in general kept his business to himself. He never exposed his own business.

25,995. You were intimate with him, perhaps you can inform us to whom he did give money?—No. I was not in possession of much of his affairs, very little. I was brought up within 10 yards of him. I always saw him; and so far as daily conversation went we had some.

25,996. I daresay you know a little about this election, if you had some conversation?—I do not know much about it.

25,997. Tell us what you do know.—I do not know anything further than what I have now reported.

25,998. I daresay you can tell us something more about it if you like?—I cannot. You have me here to speak the truth, and I am now about to speak it.

25,999. Do you know the parties whom Mr. Rivett visited previous to the election?—I have been separated from Mr. Rivett these seven years. I live in Yarmouth, and Mr. Rivett lived in Gorleston. I have been separated from Mr. Rivett ever since. The time before I was brought up with him for 20 or 30 years.

26,000. Do you know any other persons, besides these two whom you have mentioned, to whom Mr. Rivett gave money previous to this election?—I do not.

26,001. You cannot give the Commissioners any information?—No. I would willingly do it if I could.

26,002. Mr. Rivett was a relation of yours? Mr. Rivett is said to have received some 1,500*l.*?—So I have been told.

26,003. It would be very desirable if that money could be accounted for?—If I could lead you on to any of it I would; but at the last election I had less to do with Mr. Rivett than I ever had to do with Mr. Rivett at any election.

26,004. You cannot tell us any of the parties whom Mr. Rivett employed as under agents for the distribution of this money?—No. I know nothing at all about it. You see he was an old man. He could not get to me every day. He had a pony, but he was very ill some time, and he could not get out.

26,005. Being very intimate with him I thought you might be able to tell us who were the parties whom he trusted?—I do not know. He never told me. Of course I am not here to tell a tale from hearsay.

26,006. That is what I want to know. That is the very thing we want. We know that he gave money to Mr. Hammond and Mr. Bunn, they have told us so? Yes. And Mr. Bunn told me that he did give him some. He gave me the paltry sum I now tell you of. He gave it to me at Sir Edmund Lacon's bank door. He was always in the habit of getting his dinner at half-past 12, and he asked me if I saw those two whether I would give them 20*l.* for him.

26,007. You can tell us other parties who had Mr. Rivett's confidence?—No. I do not really know.

26,008. You cannot guess anybody to whom Mr. Rivett is likely to have given money to bribe?—It would do me no good to guess.

26,009. It will do us some good.—It is a very unfortunate affair that he did not live a year or two longer, and you would have had him himself.

26,010. I think you ought to give us a guess.—I told you the election was carried out very quietly on my part. I have sworn the truth. That was all the money I handled at that election. I was a dutiful agent; I never kept any money back.

26,011. I am satisfied as to your own proceedings, but I want you to tell me some of the parties whom you believe in your own mind were employed by Mr. Rivett to distribute money?—I do not know, except what you have mentioned, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Bunn.

26,012. Are there no other parties whom you could suggest?—I could not suggest. The distance I was from Mr. Rivett at the time of the election caused it. If I had been as near to him as I had been previously I might have known a good deal of it.

26,013. If you tell me you cannot suggest any other name I am satisfied?—Well I cannot.

26,014. In 1859 did Mr. Rivett give you any money?—No.

26,015. None at all?—No. I had no vote in 1859 I think.

26,016. Did he give you any money to distribute?—No.

26,017. Does Samuel Leggett, the man you put down for 10*l.*, keep an alehouse on the Hall Quay?—Yes.

26,018. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are you right about Samuel Leggett?—Yes.

26,019. "Great Yarmouth, alehouse, Hall Quay?"—Yes, I am right. I live in the very same house, but the house is worked under his name. That is the reason he gave the vote for it.

R. Veale.

ROBERT VEALE sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

26,020. Where do you live?—South Quay.

26,021. What are you?—A mast maker.

26,022. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,023. Who for?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

26,024. Were you canvassed by them?—Yes.

26,025. Did you promise them when they canvassed you?—Yes.

26,026. Were you canvassed on the other side?—Yes.

26,027. Was any offer of money made to you by the other party?—Certainly not.

26,028. If it had been you would not have taken it?—Of course not.

26,029. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

26,030. Did you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

26,031. I am sorry you have been brought here, it is a mistake.—I suppose it is no use asking you the name of the officious gentleman. I should like to know it if you could tell me.

(*Mr. Russell.*) I have just said I do not know why you are here.

R. Westgate.

ROBERT WESTGATE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,032. What are you?—A mast maker.

26,033. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

26,034. Did you get anything for your vote?—Yes.

26,035. How much?—10*l.*

26,036. Who did you get it from?—Henry King Swann.

26,037. Had you a vote in 1859?—No, I had no vote in 1859.

WILLIAM KING SWANN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *W. K. Swann.*

26,038. What are you?—A fish merchant.

26,039. Did you get 15*l.* for your vote at the last election?—Yes.

26,040. From Henry King Swann?—Yes, from my brother.

26,041. To vote for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

26,042. Did you get anything in 1859?—No, I had no vote then.

26,043. Is that all you got, 15*l.*?—That is all.

GEORGE CHASTON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *G. Chaston.*

26,044. What are you?—Well, I have been a hemp dresser at times.

26,045. What are you?—I have retired from work now altogether.

26,046. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—I had no vote at all.

26,047. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—Watkin and Young.

26,048. Did you get any money then for your vote?—No, I have no recollection of getting any.

26,049. Do you know Mr. Eagleton?—Yes.

26,050. Did he canvass you?—He came to me as I thought, but whether it was him gave me the money or no I do not know, I am sure.

26,051. Did you get the money?—I thought I got 5*l.*, it was brought to me, but I hardly recollect whether I had any or not.

26,052. Did you have 5*l.*?—Yes, I think I had. I can say that I had it.

26,053. Was it brought to you by Mr. Eagleton?—I do not know, I am sure.

26,054. Did Mr. Eagleton promise you?—I do not recollect seeing Mr. Eagleton at all. I do not know anything about it.

26,055. Are you married?—Yes.

26,056. Did your wife get it?—No.

26,057. What makes you think you had 5*l.*?—I I think it was brought to me at the time, a day or two after the election, and made me a present of. That is all I can recollect, but who brought it I cannot say, I have no recollection at all who brought it.

CHARLES ROBERT LUBBOCK sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *C. R. Lubbock.*

26,058. What are you?—A brewer.

26,059. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson at the last election.

26,060. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Not a penny, I have never received any.

26,061. Whom did you vote for at the election of 1859?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey in 1859.

26,062. Do you know Mr. Eagleton?—Yes, I do.

26,063. Did he canvass you at that election?—He did not.

26,064. Did you see him then?—No, I think not. I do not recollect seeing Mr. Eagleton then.

26,065. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you live in Regent Road?—No, I live 70, King Street.

26,066. Did you ever live in Regent Road?—No, never.

26,067. You have got a namesake, another Charles Lubbock, in the town?—Yes, there is another living close by the Methodist Chapel, in Regent Road; he did once live in the Regent Road, some two or three years back,

26,068. Do you know where your namesake is now?—In Yarmouth, close by here.

26,069. Whereabouts?—It is directly opposite the Methodist Chapel, going from the Regent Road.

26,070. If there are two men in Yarmouth of the same name it is a mistake?—My name is Charles Robert Lubbock, and his name is only Charles Lubbock.

26,071. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is that so upon the register?—I think it is so. I think you will find it is so.

26,072. You took no part in that election?—In neither.

26,073. I am exceedingly sorry you should have been put to the inconvenience of being called.—I was rather surprised I should be called up.

ROBERT LITTLEWOOD sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *R. Littlewood.*

26,074. What are you?—An ironmonger.

26,075. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—For Lacon and Goodson.

26,076. Did you get any money?—No.

26,077. Were you offered anything on the other side?—No.

26,078. Were you canvassed on the other side?—They called on me, I was out, and they left their card. I did not see them personally.

26,079. They did not leave you any money?—No.

26,080. They did not give you a ticket for 10*l.*?—No, nothing of the kind.

26,081. You are Robert Littlewood of King Street?—Yes.

26,082. You are down here as having received 15*l.*?—I think you will find that is William Littlewood.

26,083. Perhaps it is a mistake; William Littlewood was examined?—Yes, he was examined on Saturday, I think.

26,084. (*Mr. Russell.*) You voted for Watkin and Young in 1859?—I did.

26,085. How came you to vote for them?—Sir Edmund Lacon called at the governor's, instead of calling at my house, and therefore I voted against him; he did not call at my house. The governor I was living with at that time was a Conservative. Sir Edmund Lacon did not call at my house, and I thought he endeavoured to bias the governor to get me to vote for him. I should have voted for him if he had called at my house instead of at the shop.

26,086. That offended you?—Yes.

26,087. (*Mr. Slade.*) You promised the Liberals?—No, I did not see them to promise them.

26,088. In the canvass book we have got they have put you down for them.—Indeed, I did not see them at all, they called at the shop and I was out at the time, and they left a card, that is how I know they called on me, seeing the card when I went home.

26,089. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you a vote previous to 1859?—No.

26,090. Do you consider yourself a Conservative or a Liberal?—A Conservative.

26,091. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I see you are marked with having promised Sir Edmund Lacon in their canvass book?—Yes, I promised Sir Edmund Lacon.

ROUSE COLBY sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *R. Colby.*

26,092. What are you?—A cabinet-maker.

26,093. Had you a vote at the last election?—No.

26,094. Had you at the previous election in 1859?—Yes.

26,095. Whom did you vote for?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

26,096. What did you receive for your vote?—12*l.*

26,097. Who from?—Mr. Cooper.

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26,098. Were you offered any money on the other side?—Yes, 20*l.*

26,099. Who by?—Charles Miller, deceased, linen-draper.

26,100. Charles Miller, now dead?—Yes.

26,101. Did you take any money on the other side?—No.

T. Image.

THOMAS IMAGE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,102. What are you?—A conchologist.

26,103. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

26,104. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not anything.

26,105. Were you canvassed at all?—I have not been canvassed for the last two elections, for I gave the members to understand that I am with them, and I did not wish them to trouble themselves to call at my house. I have an objection to canvassing, and I trust that we shall return members without the trouble of their calling on us.

26,106. You think the electors ought to be left to themselves?—I have an opinion, if you will allow me to express my opinion upon elections. I will not occupy you many minutes.

26,107. Certainly.—I trust I shall live to see the time when corruption and bribery will be done away with, for I am convinced, where we send men to fill so honourable a position, we shall never have a true administration till we do away with corruption and bribery. I could not take money for my vote if it was almost to save my life.

26,108. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you always held this opinion?—I have always held that opinion. That has always been my political opinion.

26,109. In 1857?—In 1857 likewise.

26,110. Did you not receive any money then?—I did not receive any money for my vote then, as I can prove.

26,111. Did you receive any money which was not for your vote?—As the question is put I will explain how I received money.

26,112. (*Mr. Slade.*) In 1857 you voted one way, and in 1859 you voted another?—I did.

26,113. (*Mr. Russell.*) How came you to vote for the opposite party in 1857?—In 1857 I met Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker on the quay, about a fortnight or three weeks before the election. I told them I should vote for them; unfortunately the Friday, previous to the election on the Saturday, I had a commission sent from Mr. McIntosh, in London, to go to Ipswich to sell some goods wholesale. I was not in a position that I could afford to lose my time to serve the principles I had, which were Conservative; the consequence is I went to Mr. Green; I said, I am sorry to say I cannot afford to stop to serve you; I have a commission at Ipswich; and the words he said to me was, Mr. Image, I shall not want you; I said, Very well; I shall call at the committee on Monday morning. I called on Monday morning; I think I saw Mr. Reynolds, or one of the committee; I said, Will you have the goodness to receive my vote for Sir Edmund Lacon, as I cannot give my time to serve; he said, We are sorry for it; then the Liberals picked me up and said, We will pay you for your detention. I said, I do not wish to be paid for my vote; I said, I know a person who has left Yarmouth intends to vote Liberal; I think he is living at Harlestone, and they said, If you can get him we will compensate you.

26,114. To make a very long story short, how much did you receive?—I received 5*l.* for a journey which came to 6*l.* 4*s.*

26,115. 5*l.* is all you got?—5*l.* is all I got.

26,116. Who gave you the 5*l.* in 1857?—A man of the name of Royal gave it to me, not at the time of the election, but some time after. I would not take it previous for my vote. I would not accept it at the time I gave my vote.

26,117. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) In 1857 you voted contrary to your principles?—I voted contrary to my principles in 1857, as it were; I had recently come to Yarmouth, I was not acquainted with the principles of the town.

26,118. You voted contrary to your principles?—I voted contrary to my principles.

26,119. And you were not bribed in 1859 to do so?—I was not bribed in 1859, I came a journey and I did not receive any expenses.

S. Clarke.

SAMUEL CLARKE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,120. What are you?—A boat builder.

26,121. Did you vote for Lacon and Goodson at the last election?—Yes.

26,122. Did you get anything for your vote?—No, not a penny.

26,123. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

26,124. Were you canvassed at all for your vote in 1865?—Last year?

26,125. Yes.—Sir Edmund Lacon came and asked me for my vote.

26,126. Did you promise him?—Yes.

26,127. Were you offered anything at all by the other side?—No, the other side called at my house, but I was not at home. I never saw them at all.

26,128. Do you live in Regent Road?—I did do so at the time of the election.

26,129. Do you recollect how long before the election it was that you promised Sir Edmund Lacon?—Well, I think it might be a week, I cannot say for a day or two; he came to the house one time when I was at dinner, between one and two.

26,130. Are you prepared to say no offer was made to you at all?—No, certainly not.

26,131. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you ever live in Crown Place?—No.

26,132. Who is Samuel Clarke who lives in Crown Place, is he a relation of yours?—No, I do not know him at all.

S. Lessey.

SAMUEL LESSEY sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

26,133. What are you?—A grocer.

26,134. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

26,135. Did you take any part in the last election?—No.

26,136. Did any person come to your shop at the last election, the day before?—With reference to the election?

26,137. Yes.—Not that I am aware of.

26,138. Was there any meeting held at your shop at two o'clock on the morning before the election?—Well, there was a meeting of three folks who called in, three friends of mine, and they smoked a cigar in my shop.

26,139. To what time?—3 or 4 o'clock in the morning.

26,140. Who were they?—Robert Veale, Robert Silvers, and John Cable. They could not get any lush anywhere else, and they came to mine.

26,141. Did all those three gentlemen and yourself vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson? I think they did.

26,142. Or else they would not have been there?—Yes.

26,143. What did they come for?—I tell you they could not get any allowance anywhere else, and they cracked a bottle at my shop and smoked cigars till 3

or 4 o'clock, then they went home; we often meet of a night.

26,144. Had you asked them to call at your shop?—No, only promiscuously; when we left the room we were in I said, "Step into mine," and the gas was alight, and we sat in the shop till 3 or 4 o'clock.

26,145. Are you aware of any money being paid to voters at the last election?—I am not indeed, I assure you.

26,146. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes, I have been a voter for 40 years.

26,147. Did you always vote the same way?—The last 20 years I have.

26,148. Always voted for the Conservatives?—Yes. The first part of the time I did not; I voted the other way.

26,149. What made you change your politics?—I did not like the party.

26,150. You received nothing, of course?—Oh dear no.

RICHARD BROWN, senior, sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *R. Brown.*

26,151. What are you?—Well, I am not anything just now; I have been at work at the bathing machines, but I have left off.

26,152. Retired from business?—Yes.

26,153. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

26,154. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

26,155. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—That was the election before?

26,156. Yes.—The same, Lacon and Stracey.

26,157. Whom did you vote for in 1857?—I voted for the other party then.

26,158. What caused you to change your opinions?—Well, I do not know exactly what it was; I did change them.

26,159. Did you get any money in 1859?—No, never in my life, except once I got half-a-crown to pay a man 4*s.* for my day's work. I was forced to hire a man and pay him 4*s.* for his day's work, and when I went to the committee room they gave me half-a-crown.

26,160. Then you are not a person who changed his opinions in 1859 for money?—No, I never asked for any, and I never was offered any.

26,161. You voted for Watkin and Mellor in 1857? I voted for Mr. McCullagh twice, I think. I think he put up here twice.

26,162. You voted for Watkin in 1857, did you not?—He and the Blue party; I have voted only for this party twice.

26,163. Can you give us the reason for your change of party?—I have no particular reason, not particularly. Where I live there are a great deal of nuisances around the house, and they promised me they would put it by, but they did not, and so I left them and went to the other party

26,164. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you see Downing at the last election?—No.

26,165. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Watkin thinks because you voted for him in 1857, and did not vote for him in 1859, therefore you must have been bribed?—No, I never was bribed in my life.

ABRAHAM HALL sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *A. Hall.*

26,166. What are you?—A kiddier, a pork-butcher.

26,167. You had not got a vote at the last election?—No.

26,168. Had you at the election of 1859?—Yes.

26,169. What did you get for your vote then?—10*l.*

26,170. Who from?—Louttid.

26,171. Did Mr. Eagleton give you anything?—No, I never had any money from him, any more than that.

RICHARD BROWN, junior, sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *R. Brown.*

26,172. What are you?—A beach man.

26,173. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

26,174. Had you anything for your vote?—No.

26,175. Are you the son of the last witness? You are Richard Brown, junior?—Yes, he was up here a little while ago.

26,176. He was the last witness but one?—Yes.

26,177. You got nothing for your vote?—No.

26,178. Did you promise Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson as soon as they asked you?—No; Sir Edmund Lacon never asked me, he came round to my house to ask me; I was not in the way, and I did not see him.

26,179. You did not promise him at all?—No.

26,180. Did your father promise him for you?—No, I think not. I think my father would not do anything of that kind for me.

26,181. Were you known to belong to that party?—No, I never did vote before.

26,182. Both parties have taken the liberty of putting you down as promised to the Conservatives.—That is quite wrong; I never spoke to either of the parties.

26,183. You got nothing for your vote?—Nothing at all.

26,184. Were you offered anything?—I was offered nothing.

26,185. And you knew there was money going about?—Well, I heard tell of such things, but I was never offered any.

26,186 You were never offered any, you say?—Yes.

26,187. You are surprised to hear that you are estimated as a person who will take money?—No, I should not be surprised. There was nobody ever offered me anything; if they had, I do not know that I should have accepted it.

26,188. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Downing ask you for your vote?—No; I have not spoken half-a-dozen words to Downing ever since I have known him.

JAMES HODDS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *J. Hodds.*

26,189. What are you?—A fruiterer.

26,190. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

26,191. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a farthing.

26,192. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

26,193. Were you offered anything at this last election?—Not a farthing.

26,194. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you give anybody else any money?—No, I had nothing to do with it.

26,195. Did you canvass anybody for their votes?—No.

26,196. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you canvassed for your vote?—No.

26,197. Were you not seen by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—No, I was not seen at all; I was not at home when they canvassed.

26,198. They did canvass you?—They canvassed a my house, but I was not at home.

26,199. Did anybody see them?—I do not know.

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26,200. Are you married?—Yes.

26,201. Did your wife see him?—She saw Mr. Brogden.

26,202. Did she tell Mr. Brogden you were going to vote for him?—No, she did not say anything at all about it.

26,203. Was that early in the canvass, or late, to your recollection?—I think they came, as my wife said, about 11 o'clock in the morning.

26,204. Was it near to the day of the election?—That I do not know. I voted early.

26,205. What I want to know is, how long before the day of the election was it they called upon you?—I think it was about four days before the election when they called.

26,206. And you are sure your wife did not say you were going to vote for them?—I am sure she did not; in fact they called twice, one day after the other.

26,207. Did they call on you on the other side?—Not at all, not one of them.

26,208. Did they not call when you were absent and your wife saw them?—No.

26,209. Can you account for the fact that both parties claim the promise?—I did not promise either of them. I told Skoulding I should vote for Lacon and Goodson.

26,210. When was that?—A month before the time; he is a friend of mine, and I promised him I would vote for them.

26,211. Both parties say you promised them?—Not one of them; I did not see either of them.

26,212. Your wife did not get anything?—No, I am certain of that.

26,213. (*Mr. Slade.*) Skoulding asked you which way you were going to vote?—Skoulding asked me which way I was going to vote, and I told him I should vote for Lacon and Goodson.

26,214. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Had you a vote in 1857?—No.

J. King.

JOHN KING sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,215. What are you?—A publican.

26,216. Did you vote at this last election?—Yes, the first time.

26,217. Whom did you vote for?—Lacon and Goodson.

26,218. Did you get anything for your vote?—Not a halfpenny.

26,219. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—Not at all.

26,220. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you draw your beer from Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

26,221. Who asked you for your vote?—Well, I believe Sir Edmund Lacon did speak to me about it, and that was all.

26,222. You promised him at once?—Directly; if he had not I should have voted.

W. B. Pye.

WILLIAM B. PYE recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

26,223. Do you know William Blyth?—The painter do you mean?

26,224. Yes, the painter, plumber, and glazier?—Yes, a fish curer he used to be.

26,225. Did you go up with him to the poll in the year 1859?—I think not, but I could not say; I am not sure. I think I may say I am sure I did not go up with him.

26,226. He has come here to-day and has sworn you did?—I might do. I think I may say not.

26,227. Do you recollect anything at all about the election of 1859?—I recollect going to vote, but I do not think I went up with any voter myself.

26,228. If Blyth says you went up with him, is that so?—I think I went up by myself. I would not, I never had anything to do with Blyth, nor yet nobody else.

26,229. Say one way or another, did you go up to the poll with Blyth?—Yes, he was a very particular friend of mine, we were always engaged in business together; we used to talk about business, about the prices we made, and so forth.

26,230. Did you tell Blyth at that election you had money from Cooper?—Never. I am able to contradict that anywhere.

26,231. You told us yesterday that you would bring up some evidence to show you were not living in the house in Howard Street?—Yes, I can tell you the date, I have been and got the date from the good lady. John W. Girling came to live there the 15th October 1858.

26,232. Is what you have just read your own writing?—Yes. He says he has not been ordered up here, John W. Girling. This is from my book, or rather the good lady's book. John W. Girling came to live there October 15th, 1858.

26,233. Had you ever received any money to vote at municipal elections from Mr. Cooper?—Never.

26,234. Blyth has been here this morning and he says he saw you receive it?—That is not true.

26,235. That is a lie?—I will swear it is a lie. Let Blyth come forward before me and say so. I never had the value of a penny piece, in fact I was surprised that I was put down as such from what Mr. Cooper said yesterday.

26,236. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is it from principle you did not take it, or that you were never offered it?—If you offered me ever so much I would not take it. I always voted for a Tory, except once, that is the only time I did not.

26,237. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Had you a vote in 1857?—Yes, I had a vote in 1857, because I have voted for several years.

26,238. Whom did you vote for in 1857?—I do not know who the candidates were.

26,239. The candidates in 1857 were Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh, and Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker?—I could not tell you whom I voted for unless I had the poll-book. There was once I voted for the Liberals, and the year I could not say, unless I had the poll-book to go by.

26,240. There was one occasion on which you voted for the Liberal party?—Yes.

26,241. Did you get paid then?—No, I never received a farthing, never a penny, nor yet the value of half a pint of beer.

26,242. How came you to vote for the Tories on the next occasion?—I was always on the Tory side, and always will be.

26,243. What do you mean by telling me you have always voted on the Tory side?—Except that once. I think they were turned out, and I said I would vote for them because they turned them out. As I told you yesterday I could not say when I was.

26,244. Had your father a vote?—Yes, I think he had a vote these last one or two elections, he has now. I think he has had one these two or three elections.

26,245. Did he have any money?—Yes, this last time he had.

26,246. Has he been examined?—His wife has been.

26,247. (*Mr. Slade.*) He is ill?—Yes, he has been laid up these three years.

26,248. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you ever get any money for him?—Yes, I did, because I knew he stood in need of it.

26,249. Who did you go to to get money for him; whom did you ask for money for your father?—Well, I went to Mr. Harrison, he told me if I could get him a vote they could have some money, that is what he told me. He is a gentleman living in Gaol Street.

26,250. Did Harrison get the money for him?—

Well, he told me to come in twice. I went in twice. Then he sent me to see another gentleman. I do not know anything further about it.

26,251. We must know. Did you get the money from Harrison ?—No.

26,252. Did he promise you the money ?—No, he said he would see me again.

26,253. Did you go to him again ?—Yes, I went to him again.

26,254. Well, what then ?—He said he could not say anything about it.

26,255. Did you get the money in consequence of going to him ?—No.

26,256. When did you get the money ?—I never had it.

26,257. Whom did you go to afterwards ?—I never had any money at all. I do not know where they got it from.

26,258. I mean for your father ?—I never got it. I do not know where they got it from. I do not know anything about it more than that. I do not know anything more about it.

26,259. Whom did Mr. Harrison send you to see ?—He did not send me to see anybody. He said he would see me again.

26,260. You said he sent you to see somebody else?—If I said so I made an error. He said he would see me again.

26,261. (*Mr. Slade.*) Why did you not take money at the election of 1859 ?—I never had the chance, because I never had any offered to me, and they knew it would be of no use offering me any.

26,262. Why would it be no use offering you money ?—Because I always voted on the Tory side, except that one time.

26,263. Would not you accept money ?—No, I would not, not on any account.

26,264. You are above that ?—I am, I hope. I hope, as far as that goes, I would rather want a piece of bread.

26,265. You are not above asking for money for your father ?—No.

26,266. What is the difference ?—Because he is an aged man, and incapable of work. I am a young man, and capable of working for my living.

26,267. (*Mr. Russell.*) You might have taken the money for your vote and given it to your father ?—My father was in bed then. I did not require it. He never had anything before in his life. That I can speak to, as well as myself.

GEORGE HARVEY recalled ; examined by Mr. SLADE. *G. Harvey.*

26,268. Did you receive any money at the election of 1859 ?—Yes.

26,269. Who from ?—I think it was sent to me from Mr. Green. It came through Mr. Powell.

26,270. How much was it ?—30*l.*

26,271. Through Benjamin Powell ?—He gave it to me.

26,272. What did you do with that 30*l.* ?—I gave it to Mr. Seago.

26,273. Samuel Seago ?—Samuel Seago, junior, and his father.

26,274. The two Seagoes ?—Yes.

26,275. 15*l.* each ?—Yes.

26,276. Did you receive any other money for the election in that year ?—No, no other money at all.

26,277. Samuel Seago denies receiving money in 1859 ?—I gave it to him.

26,278. He said he voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey, because Mr. Fill behaved unpleasantly to him ?—I gave him the 15*l.* myself.

26,279. Did you give it to Seago for himself, or to give to somebody else ?—I gave it to himself, and I think he took 15*l.* to give to his father as well.

26,280. It may be the father I am speaking of, who said he voted that way. The man I mean got 75*l.* from Parker ?—Yes, that is the same.

26,281. Have you seen this man Seago since ?—I have seen him about the quay.

26,282. Have you ever reminded him about this 15*l.* ?—I do not know that I have reminded him of it. I have spoken to him about the election matters.

26,283. Has he ever acknowledged to you that he took this money ?—No, I do not know that he has, not directly.

26,284. Has he ever spoken to you about this ?—No, I do not know that he has spoken to me about that in particular.

26,285. About receiving money in 1859 ?—I think his father will tell you that he had the 15*l.* from him, and that will prove clearly that I gave it.

26,286. His father is not on the register now ?—I think not.

26,287. Is his father alive ?—I believe so. He is a very old man. I believe I saw him a little while ago.

26,288. You gave it to Samuel Seago, junior, for his father ?—Yes.

26,289. Do you know whether his father received it ?—That I do not know, most likely. He voted that way I know.

26,290. Did you ask young Seago whether he gave it to his father ?—I do not remember doing that. I might have done so, but I do not remember.

26,291. Here is Samuel Seago's evidence : "What "did you get for your vote in 1859 ?—I do not re- "collect getting anything for it."—You are now reading his evidence I suppose.

26,292. Yes: "I never had any money from Mr. "Cooper in my life, not a penny." Then I say, "What made you vote for Lacon and Stracey then ? "I do not know. Mr. Fill behaved a little un- "pleasant to me, and for that reason I did not vote "that side." He had another reason besides that ?—I should think so.

26,293. Are you sure Benjamin Powell gave you the money ?—I am pretty sure.

26,294. I will tell you why, because Benjamin Powell has come here and said in 1859 he got 45*l.* from Mr. Green, and that money he gave to Daniel Carter 15*l.*, Samuel Haylett 15*l.*, and James Turrell 15*l.* ?—Green sent it to me for him, so that he might not account for it in that way.

26,295. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Naturally he would not account for it ?—He did not disburse it himself. Perhaps he would not account for it in that way.

26,296. Did Green speak to you upon the subject ?—Yes, I knew him very well ; I lived close to him.

26,297. (*Mr. Slade.*) I thought it better to put that to you ?—It is better I believe.

26,298. (*Mr. Russell.*) Your account is exactly corroborated by Mr. Cooper. Mr. Cooper gave us the name of Seago as having been bribed in 1859, and he said he gave you money for them ?—Mr. Cooper did.

26,299. That exactly corroborates your story ?—No, I got it from Mr. Green.

DANIEL BEALES sworn ; examined by Mr. SLADE. *D. Beales.*

26,300. Do you live in the Victoria Road ?—Yes.

26,301. Who did you vote for at the last election ?—Goodson.

26,302. What are you ?—A labouring man.

26,303. Are you sure you did not vote for the other side ?—No.

26,304. Not for Brogden and Vanderbyl ?—No.

26,305. You are wrong; you voted the other way ?—No, I believe not.

26,306. The poll book says you did ?—No.

26,307. Are you sure you have not forgotten it ?—Certainly I have not.

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26,308. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.

26,309. Do you know a man named Downing?—Perfectly well.

26,310. Did he give you any money for your vote?—Downing gave me 10*l.*

26,311. When did he give you that?—I think it was about two days before the election took place.

26,312. What other money did you get besides that 10*l.*?—Not one penny.

26,313. Did you go up to the "Angel"?—No.

26,314. Did you go to Cattermole's?—No.

26,315. Did you not receive 15*l.* of some other gentleman?—Not one farthing.

26,316. Did Downing give you a ticket?—No.

26,317. Did he give you ten sovereigns?—He gave my money into my hand, ten sovereigns.

26,318. Is Daniel Beales, who was on the register, your son?—Daniel Beales who is dead. No, I think not.

26,319. You think he was not?—I think he was not.

26,320. Did you receive any money on the other side?—No. Not one farthing.

26,321. Were you offered any?—No.

26,322. Had you a vote in the election before the last in 1859?—I had not.

26,323. Did you live in Mill Road?—It is called the Victoria Road and Mill Road, if you please to call it so.

26,324. You lived there then?—I did so.

26,325. You voted then?—Of course I had a vote then.

26,326. Then you did vote?—Yes.

26,327. Did you get any money for your vote?—No, not a farthing.

26,328. Do you know a man named Eagleton?—Perfectly.

26,329. What did he give you?—Not one farthing.

26,330. Are you sure of that?—Certain of that.

26,331. Did anybody give you any money?—No.

26,332. (*Mr. Russell.*) You say you voted for Lacon and Goodson last election?—Yes.

26,333. And you got 10*l.* from Mr. Downing to vote the other way?—No, certainly not.

26,334. What did Downing give you the money for?—I do not know. He gave me the money, what it was for I do not know. I am sure I cannot say.

26,335. Was Daniel Beales, junior, reputed to be your son?—Yes, I suppose he was.

26,336. Do you know that he had money at the last election?—No, I cannot account for that.

26,337. Did you see much of him?—No.

Mr. C. Cory.

Mr. Charles Cory recalled; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

26,338. We wish to ask you some questions about the election of 1859. What part did you take in that election?—I took no part in the election myself, except canvassing a few voters.

26,339. Were you not acting as adviser to Sir Edmund Lacon with regard to the election?—Not at all.

26,340. Had you any communication with Sir Henry Stracey with regard to the election?—Nothing at all, except by meeting him in the street and canvassing with him at times; nothing else.

26,341. Were you employed by Sir Henry Stracey as his solicitor on the petition?—Yes, I was, with Sir Edmund Lacon.

26,342. And did you send in an account of the expenditure and expenses of that petition to Sir Henry Stracey?—I think I did. Yes, I think so. I have no doubt I did.

26,343. How were you paid?—I think he paid me part, and part was paid by Sir Edmund Lacon in the account I mentioned.

26,344. Part was paid by Sir Henry Stracey and part by Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, in the defence of the petition.

26,345. The account you sent in to Sir Henry Stracey would be the same that you sent in to Sir Edmund Lacon?—Sir Edmund Lacon's account was sent in afterwards some time, there were a great number of things, actions, and suits after that, and then it was sent in altogether. Sir Henry Stracey's was sent in before, that is my impression.

26,346. I presume your books would show what were the costs of the petition that you charged to Sir Henry Stracey?—I think probably they might, what I received they would probably.

26,347. But your books would show the items?—I do not think my books would show the items, because I do not keep those in a book.

26,348. Have you no copy of the bill you sent to Sir Henry Stracey?—Not that I am aware of.

26,349. Do not you keep a copy of your accounts?—I do for some time, but I do not usually keep them long.

26,350. Does not the account you send in correspond with your books?—I did not keep any books of those affairs.

26,351. Do you remember the amount charged to Sir Henry Stracey for the petition?—I do not know. The best part of it was paid in London, so that I do not know by memory.

26,352. Yours would not include the parliamentary agent's expenses in London?—No. I think they were paid in London separate, that is my impression.

26,353. We have heard that Sir Henry Stracey indirectly sent a sum of money to Mr. Green. Were you cognizant of that at the time?—Not at all.

26,354. Were you cognizant of the fact that any money was sent to Mr. Green on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon?—No, I was not. I knew nothing about the money matters at all.

26,355. You knew nothing about it?—I knew nothing about the money matters.

26,356. Did you hear anything at the time?—No. I might have heard a rumour or talk, but nothing that I knew of in any way. I did not mix up with the election very much.

26,357. I believe you told us before, you did not know anything about Mr. Nightingale having advanced money until he communicated it himself?—I did not say that. I said I had nothing to do with the last election. The previous election you mean of 1859?

26,358. Yes—I did not mix up with the election at all, and then afterwards he came to me about the money.

26,359. Was that the first time you became acquainted with the fact that Mr. Nightingale had advanced the 1,000*l.*?—It was, after the election was over.

26,360. When he came and asked you to put it in the bill?—It had been mentioned before that, but I do not think my evidence implied I never heard it before. I do not mean to imply that at all events.

26,361. Do you recollect when you first became acquainted with the fact that Mr. Nightingale had advanced 1,000*l.* for that?—No, I do not.

26,362. That was soon after the election?—I think it was soon after the election.

26,363. You did not communicate that fact to Sir Edmund Lacon?—Certainly not.

26,364. Did you hear of money being advanced for Sir Edmund Lacon?—No, I did not.

26,365. Did you ever act as solicitor to Sir Edmund Lacon's mother?—No.

26,366. Are you aware that Mr. Reynolds suggested yesterday that more money might have been furnished by the Dowager Lady Lacon?—I heard it mentioned.

26,367. Had you ever heard it before?—I had heard a rumour. I merely heard it rumoured. It might be a guess, or it might be anything else. I knew nothing of my own knowledge at all in any way whatever.

26,368. Who was acting for Sir Edmund Lacon as solicitor at that time?—I think Mr. Isaac Preston or Mr. Charles Preston. They are his solicitors always.

26,369. They are Sir Edmund Lacon's solicitors!—Yes.

26,370. They are also solicitors for the Dowager Lady Lacon?—I do not know. I should fancy they were, but I do not know.

26,371. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was not Mr. Charles Preston acting as agent for the election expenses, both for Sir Henry Stracey and Sir Edmund Lacon?—In 1859?

26,372. Yes.—I think he was the appointed agent. I fancy so, that is my impression.

26,373. Did you act for Sir Edmund Lacon at all in 1859?—No, not in the least. I did not act for Sir Edmund Lacon until on the petition.

26,374. Was the bill that you sent in to Sir Henry Stracey only the expenses of the petition?—That is all, nothing else at all.

26,375. Was Mr. Reynolds' bill included in the bill you sent in to Sir Henry Stracey?—I do not think there was any bill of Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Reynolds assisted, and I paid him so much for the assistance I think. That is my impression now. I paid him a sum I think for services he rendered me.

26,376. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Reynolds told us he acted as a sort of clerk in that affair?—Not as clerk. He was an assistant in that affair.

26,377. Then that 50*l.* was the only item besides the expenses of the petition that was included?—That was, and that was part of the expenses of the petition.

26,378. Do you recollect the amount of the whole?—No, I do not at all. I do not like to speak from impressions because it is so difficult to speak of what it is.

26,379. We should like to know what the expenses of the petition were?—It did not come all through my hands, the expenses of the petition; the expenses that came through my hands I could ascertain.

26,380. That is what we want.—I can send you a note, if that will do.

26,381. Can you also ascertain the amount of the parliamentary account, the whole cost to Sir Henry Stracey of the petition?—No, I cannot ascertain the parliamentary agent's account, because there was a dispute about it, and there were several objections to the account, and it was finally settled in London without my knowledge at all.

26,382. Who would it be settled between?—I do not know who settled it on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey or Sir Edmund Lacon, but I believe Sir Henry Stracey objected strongly to a part of it, and Mr. Spofforth was the agent at the time. It was settled between Mr. Spofforth and Sir Henry Stracey, or some one on his behalf. There was a considerable dispute about the matter.

26,383. Was your part paid by a cheque on Harvey and Hudson's of Norwich?—I do not know what bank it was on.

26,384. By a cheque on a bank at Norwich?—I think so, that is my impression.

26,385. Sir Henry Stracey has told us that all the expenditure relating to the election and the petition, and some private affairs of his own, were settled at the same time, about two years after the election?—I have no doubt Sir Henry Stracey sent me a cheque, as far as I was concerned.

26,386. He sent you a cheque for all that was due to you?—I think so.

26,387. And that would appear in the banking account?—Yes.

26,388. You are not aware whether the expenses of the petition, the disputed account, were settled at the same time?—No, it was not settled at the same time, not with me. It was settled afterwards. My impression is they settled mine first, and settled the other afterwards.

26,389. Did you consider yourself as acting for Sir Edmund Lacon at the election?—No, certainly not. I had nothing whatever to do with Sir Edmund Lacon. I declined to have anything to do with the election at all.

26,390. And you cannot give us any more information with regard to the election?—No, I am very glad that I cannot.

26,391. You do become acquainted with secrets afterwards?—We do hear all sorts of things, but that is not evidence.

26,392. It is the means of getting at evidence?—Yes, it is the means of getting at it.

26,393. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you aware after the election of 1859 of any more money besides the 1,000*l.* having been advanced by Mr. Nightingale?—Not that I am aware of.

26,394. You were never aware of it?—No, never; he says that it was 1,000*l.* that he advanced, and I paid it him back, that was his statement.

26,395. We have not asked him.—Whatever Mr. Nightingale advanced that way it is my impression that I paid him back again. That is what I mentioned.

26,396. The question is, was it 1,000*l.* or was it more?—That I cannot be positive about. My impression was it was less. I should have said less if he had asked me positively, only he would have known better than I should perhaps.

26,397. Are you aware of Sir Edmund Lacon having paid any other money besides this 1,000*l.* after the election to anybody who had advanced money for him?—No, not at all. I do not think Sir Edmund Lacon paid a sixpence. I think not, at least I cannot tell myself. I am not aware of it at all.

26,398. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You told me you did hear a rumour that the Dowager Lady Lacon had advanced some money?—I think it was gossip to some extent.

26,399. Did you hear of anybody else?—No.

26,400. There was no other name mentioned at all?—No.

26,401. You must have had some belief on the subject yourself, I daresay?—No, I had not at all.

26,402. Had you ever communicated with Mr. Reynolds about it?—No.

26,403. Mr. Reynolds has told us that, acting on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey, he felt it his duty to inquire how much money Mr. Green had got from Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

26,404. And he satisfied himself a similar sum to that advanced by Sir Henry Stracey was advanced by Sir Edmund Lacon, and you say you are ignorant of the sum that was advanced?—I am.

26,405. You were not consulted about it?—Not the least in the world.

26,406. And you had nothing to do with the settlement of the account at the banker's?—No, nothing at all.

26,407. Will you let us have the amount of those accounts?—I will send it.

26,408. I want to ask with regard to the prosecution of Fayerman, which I believe you conducted?—Yes, I did.

26,409. Tell me the grounds on which the prosecution failed?—It was this, in a case of perjury you must have two witnesses to confirm the evidence.

26,410. Two witnesses to disprove what he has sworn?—Upon the examination at the Central Criminal Court the point was, whether Sir Edmund Lacon was in the Victoria Hotel at 12 o'clock at night or the time stated by the witness. My counsel unfortunately did not ask the witness, Balls, the other witness, the exact time, and it broke down in that way, and I complained very much afterwards about it.

26,411. What was the allegation in the indictment?—That he had gone before the Committee of the House of Commons, and sworn that Sir Edmund Lacon had given him a 5*l.* note on a certain night in a certain road, which was denied, and he said also, this witness, that he had endorsed the note at the time; but unfortunately for his evidence the note had been endorsed 1860 instead of 1859, when the transaction took place, and it was clear on the note. We had a photograph and produced it to the Committee, but

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they did not believe it; and when the trial went on Fayerman offered, I heard, to confess if we did not proceed with the prosecution.

26,412. I want to know the grounds on which the prosecution failed?—That the question was not put to him as to the precise time. Sir Edmund Lacon was in the hotel the whole time, so that he could not by possibility have been in the road.

26,413. Sir Edmund Lacon was I suppose a witness to prove that he was in the hotel at a particular hour?—Yes.

26,414. And the other witness?—They did not ask him the question as to the particular hour Sir Edmund Lacon went to bed. He took his candle and went to bed, and the question was the particular hour and time that he went to bed.

26,415. The case went to the jury?—Yes, the case went to the jury, and the judge made some very strong remarks upon the case against Fayerman.

26,416. Was it relied on then by the counsel for the defence that the fact was not negatived by the testimony of two witnesses?—Yes.

26,417. That was the defence?—Yes, that was the defence, and also they took some objection about one or two witnesses not quite corroborating each other, not as to the main point, but as to a secondary point, but that was the main point.

26,418. The case was not stopped by the judge telling the jury there was not sufficient legal evidence?—No, it was not stopped; but the judge when he wound up said he thought the evidence was hardly sufficiently legal to convict the party of the offence, and he made some strong remarks upon the offence.

26,419. You say your counsel omitted to ask that?—Yes, he did.

26,420. How came it to be tried at the Central Criminal Court?—Because he committed perjury in London, and we were obliged to take it there.

26,421. I see that the case was stopped?—Yes; I saw the evidence that was given by Mr. Livingston, which I think is the most gross, and especially as I think he must, and all the party must have known afterwards from what subsequently transpired that it was a conspiracy altogether. I must put my protest against that, because it was a gross thing on Mr. Livingston's part to come here and say that Sir Edmund Lacon bribed that man.

Wm. Mason.

WILLIAM MASON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

26,422. What are you?—I am a groom.

26,423. You had not got a vote at the last election, had you?—No.

26,424. You had got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

26,425. Whom did you vote for then?—Young and Stracey.

26,426. How came you to split your vote?—I altered my mind on the day.

26,427. Who had you promised before?—I promised a man that offered me 10*l.* He did not give me the 10*l.* at the identical time, so that I changed my mind.

26,428. Was that Greenhow?—Yes.

26,429. He promised you 10*l.*—Yes.

26,430. Do you mean to say he did not give it?—He gave me 5*l.*, then he came down to the stable and gave me 5*l.* more, and I returned that back.

26,431. You kept 5*l.* and returned 5*l.*?—I took 5*l.* and I returned 5*l.* back.

26,432. That was to vote for Watkin and Young?—Yes, I promised him I should vote for Watkin and Young, but still he would not come forward with his money, and therefore I did not vote for them.

26,433. What did you get for voting for Sir Henry Stracey?—Nothing.

26,434. Was 5*l.* all you got?—Yes.

26,435. How did you vote in 1857?—I do not know what members they were. They were Blue, but I cannot tell you the names now. I think it was McCullagh and Watkin, I am not sure.

26,436. How came you to vote for Sir Henry Stracey?—I changed my mind.

26,437. Are you sure you did not get some money to change your mind?—No, not a farthing.

Adjourned till to-morrow at half-past 10.

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C. A. Preston.

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CHARLES ABBOTT PRESTON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,438. You are a solicitor?—Yes, in Yarmouth, in partnership with my brother, Mr. Isaac Preston.

26,439. Were you appointed agent to Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey in 1859?—Yes, the legal agent.

26,440. When was your appointment made?—Just previous to the election.

26,441. A day or two?—Yes, two or three days previous to the election, or four or five days, I should think. I have my appointments here.

26,442. When was it then?—Here are the appointments (*the witness handed the documents in*).

26,443. I see Sir Edmund Lacon's appointment is dated on the 26th of April, that is three days before the election?—Somewhere thereabouts.

26,444. And Sir Henry Stracey's is dated the 22th, which is the day of the election?—Yes, that was the day of the election.

26,445. Previously to these appointments being made, had you anything to do with the election on behalf of the candidates?—Yes, I was certainly acting on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon, particularly before the election, because I know I was at the rooms several days, two or three days previous to the election.

26,446. Were you furnished with any money previous to the election?—No; what money I advanced up to the election was out of my own pocket. There were one or two trifling charges.

26,447. That you paid yourself?—That I paid myself.

26,448. And after the election the bills were sent into you?—Yes, for me to pay.

26,449. And you transmitted them to the election auditor?—Every item that I spent.

26,450. And I suppose the election auditor paid the bills?—The election auditor pays the bills. I signed my name at the bottom as the authority and the parties took them to the election auditor, and received the money, and I supplied the election auditor with money from time to time as he required it to meet the bills.

26,451. And were you paid by Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey?—It was charged equally to Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey. Mr. Reynolds, as acting for Sir Henry Stracey in his absence, supplied me with the amounts from time to time

and Sir Edmund Lacon, on the other hand, supplied me himself with the credit at the bank.

26,452. Were you aware that other monies besides money that passed through your hands, or rather the account of which passed through your hands, had been expended in the election?—Not one farthing.

26,453. Are you Sir Edmund Lacon's private solicitor?—Yes.

26,454. Did Sir Edmund Lacon say anything to you about the expenses of the election previously?—Nothing whatever.

26,455. No special direction?—No.

26,456. Or conversation?—I occasionally applied to him sometimes for the amount, to tell him what the amount was that had been paid by me, and it always was, "Well, what cash you want you shall have."

26,457. Were you applied to for money to disburse for any preliminary expenses at all?—No none whatever.

26,458. I mean legal expenses?—No, none whatever. I remember the first amount was merely a carpenter for putting up the desks. He had an execution put in his house, something of that kind, and they came to me to know whether I would pay the probable amount of his bill in advance to assist him, which I did out of my own pocket.

26,459. Had you anything to do with the petition?—Nothing whatever.

26,460. Who paid Sir Henry Stracey's account?—After the election Sir Henry Stracey left, leaving Mr. Reynolds to represent him, and I applied to Mr. Reynolds, the same as I did to Sir Edmund Lacon, at times, to see what money had been expended, and if I was out of pocket to be supplied with the necessary amount to meet bills.

26,461. You are aware now, since this Commission has been opened, that some money was spent in illegal expenditure on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon?—I have heard it and I have read it.

26,462. You have heard it for the first time since this Commission was opened?—Yes, except by mere report in the town, which is the same old song we always hear after a contest.

26,463. You never heard before, I presume, that part of the money came from Mr. Nightingale?—No.

26,464. It has been suggested that some money besides that 1,000*l.* that Mr. Nightingale has stated he supplied came from the Dowager Lady Lacon?—I never heard that.

26,465. Who was the Dowager Lady Lacon's executor?—I really cannot recollect. I think Sir Edmund Lacon was one, and Captain Henry Lacon.

26,466. Are you yourself aware whether Mr. Nightingale knows anything about it?—I have not the slightest idea, I should say not certainly.

26,467. It will save me asking you these questions, because we must inquire where this money came from?—I never heard it before.

26,468. Were you Lady Lacon's solicitor too?—My brother was. My brother and myself are in the firm, and we are solicitors to Lady Lacon at times; I do not say always, but occasionally.

26,469. Who was Lady Lacon's banker?—I believe Sir Edmund; I am not sure, I do not know of my own knowledge.

26,470. Did Lady Lacon live while she was alive in this neighbourhood?—No, she lived occasionally in London, I believe, at a distance, and used to go abroad a great deal, to Nice.

26,471. Do you happen to recollect whether she was in the neighbourhood in 1859?—She was not residing here.

26,472. Do you happen to know whether she was on a visit here in 1859?—No, I cannot say that. She generally came once a year, I believe, but she was generally abroad or in London.

26,473. You do not recollect at that particular period where she was?—No, I have not the slightest idea. She would occasionally come for a week or a fortnight here to stay at Sir Edmund's house at Ormesby.

26,474. As far as you know the election only cost Sir Edmund Lacon the sum mentioned in your account?—I do not know of one farthing besides, I am not aware of one single farthing besides that amount.

26,475. Did you ever hear of Mr. Green?—Oh yes, I knew him well.

26,476. Did you know his pursuits in election time?—Not the pursuits generally credited to him.

26,477. You knew by reputation?—Yes, not of my own knowledge, but merely what I have heard.

26,478. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you ever hear of Mr. Cooper?—Yes.

26,479. Did you hear of him in the same way as you heard of Mr. Green?—Yes; nothing of my own knowledge.

26,480. Was it generally known in the town of Yarmouth as to the employment of Mr. Cooper at the election?—I do not know; it was general talk. I knew Mr. Cooper to be an active partisan for the party; he was not at that time, not till Mr. Green died.

26,481. You knew him as the successor of Mr. Green by reputation?—He was equally active in Mr. Green's time, but not in what I have ever heard in those pursuits previous to Mr. Green's death.

26,482. After Mr. Green's death you heard that Mr. Cooper took his place?—I have read the evidence before the Committee of the House of Commons, and what has been talked of in general conversation in Yarmouth. I have no other means of judging than that.

26,483. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you acting for Sir Edmund Lacon at this last election of 1865?—No.

26,484. I do not mean as his legal agent?—In no way.

26,485. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was it well known in Yarmouth the part that Mr. Cooper took at the last election?—Mr. Cooper was spoken of. I do not know that it was known; it was spoken of in the usual way, Mr. Cooper did this, or Mr. Brown or Mr. Smith did that. I have heard of many other parties, but not Mr. Cooper exclusively; the usual discussion after elections, and charges, of which many of them may not be true at all.

26,486. I meant rather before the polling day, whether it was known the part Mr. Cooper was taking?—I cannot say. I never heard anything till after the election, when reports are very rife of what has been done.

26,487. Mr. Cooper had been very active in the election of 1859; were you aware of that?—I think that was Mr. Green's time. I think Mr. Green was then alive; but Mr. Cooper has always been an active partisan.

26,488. An active partisan in the illegal part of the business I mean?—No, I cannot say that. I think, from what I have heard, Mr. Green had the credit of it until his death.

26,489. There is no doubt as to Mr. Green's practices?—I cannot say of my own knowledge, to speak to his practices, only by mere repute in the town. Mr. Green was an illiterate man but a very clever man, and had the chief management of those affairs. He always led the canvass, and knew every man on the register and his number without looking at the book. He could tell you, if you wanted a man, he was number so and so. He had the most extraordinary memory.

26,490. And if there was any bribery to be done, of course you would not know anything about it personally, but you understood it would have to be done through Mr. Green in those days?—No, I did not understand that.

26,491. Did you not?—No, never. I never knew anything that was going on until after the election.

26,492. I meant only by common repute?—I mean repute, as you would hear that Brown did this, or Smith did that. I believe the lion's share was given to Mr. Green. That is what I always thought and always heard by repute; how true I must leave to you. I knew nothing.

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26,493. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you appointed Sir Edmund Lacon's agent in 1857?—No; my brother was, I believe. I do not know whether at that time there was a legal agent appointed under the Act of Parliament, but I know my brother acted in 1857.

26,494. You were not at that time in the confidence of Sir Edmund Lacon?—In what way?

26,495. With reference to the election?—I think we were.

26,496. You yourself?—No, I am speaking of the firm. When I say that my brother was, we are the solicitors to Sir Edmund Lacon, and I am under the impression that my brother acted for Sir Edmund Lacon in that election. I think he exclusively kept the accounts. I do not think I had anything to do with it, beyond going to the committee rooms.

26,497. Did Sir Edmund Lacon consult you whether he should retire or go to the poll?—No, he never spoke to me about it. I never heard that he ever did.

26,498. Have you any idea how the report originated that there had been a pecuniary arrangement between Mr. Watkin and Mr. McCullagh, and between Mr. Mellor and Mr. Young?—Not the slightest.

26,499. Had you heard of it yourself before it commenced in this court?—Yes, I heard of it at the time, after the election.

26,500. Merely as a general rumour?—Merely as a general rumour.

26,501. Did you ever take any steps to ascertain the truth of it?—Never. I treated it as one of those reports that in all probability were not the truth. There are so many reports you hear there is no depending upon them, and I never gave it further attention.

26,502. From your experience as an electioneering agent, what amount do you consider ought to cover the legitimate expenses of a contested election in Yarmouth?—Having the account of those expenses in 1859, I should say 800*l.*—700*l.* or 800*l.*

26,503. For the two candidates?—For the two candidates.

26,504. And what amount do you consider ought to cover the expenses of a non-contested election?—I should say a half or less than a half of that, perhaps all expenses. There was a large item for stave-men, which amounted to 87*l.* That was in consequence of an attack made on our rooms two or three nights before the election, and the windows being smashed. The violence was so great that we were obliged to protect the voters, and that formed a large item in our account.

26,505. Do not you think that the legitimate expenses might be fairly reduced below 700*l.* or 800*l.*?—In a contested election?

26,506. Yes?—It might, perhaps; but we do not look very much at shillings, or anything like it, in remunerating men for their loss of time.

26,507. I do not suppose you look so much to shillings to spend legitimately, when pounds are spent illegitimately; or, rather, the candidates do not?—It might be reduced, no doubt, if you put it out by contract, and I have no doubt it could be done for less.

26,508. I put the question to you, having observed a very great discrepancy in the various returns from the towns in England, with the expenses returned for contested elections, even in towns of about the same size and population?—I have noticed that discrepancy myself.

26,509. Do you believe that there might be some deductions?—I think there might.

B. Lane.

BENJAMIN LANE recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

26,510. You have been examined before us?—Yes.

26,511. With reference to the election of 1865?—I have.

26,512. But you were not examined with reference to the election of 1859?—Not yet; I am here for that purpose.

26,513. Whom did you vote for at that election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

26,514. Did you take a very active part in that election?—Yes, I did.

26,515. You received a sum of money, I believe?—I did.

26,516. How much?—About 120*l.*

26,517. Who from?—Mr. John Cooper.

26,518. Do you remember the names of voters to whom you gave that money?—I do.

26,519. Have you got a list of them there?—I have.

26,520. Was that a list made at the time, or made since from your recollection?—Made since from the poll-book and my own recollection. I should not like to be on oath as to the amounts given, but I believe I am correct.

26,521. Will you be good enough to give us the names?—Matthew Curson, watchmaker.

26,522. How much?—12*l.*

26,523. The next?—Robert Catchpole, of South Market Road.

26,524. How much?—6*l.*

26,525. He is dead, is he not?—I am not aware of it. I know he is a very old man, but probably he is. There is no account to be given of a man turned threescore years and ten.

26,526. To avoid future interruptions, as you give us the names, if you know of any man that is dead, please mention it?—I will.

26,527. The next?—William Charles Marsh, of South Market Road. He is now in America.

26,528. How much did you give him?—15*l.*

26,529. The next?—J. B. Hall, North Market Road, 14*l.* or 15*l.* George Tatham, that would be in Middle Market Road, 15*l.*

26,530. Has he gone away?—He has left the town these five years.

26,531. The next?—Thomas Frost, a rabbit seller, 12*l.*; and James Knowles, or wife.

26,532. How much?—I believe about 12*l.*

26,533. The next?—John Howard, a butcher, of South Market Road, 12*l.*

26,534. Did he live at the Market Gates in 1859?—No; he lived in the same house for the last 20 years now, to my knowledge.

26,535. The next?—John Diver, hay dealer, in St. Nicholas Road, 12*l.*, or about that. I think it was 15*l.* he asked for.

26,536. The next?—Daniel Powley, Caister Road.

26,537. How much?—1*l.*

26,538. Why did you only give him 1*l.*?—That was all he asked me for. I never gave them more than they asked me for.

26,539. He was the most moderate man in all Yarmouth?—He was very mild I must admit. I have another one the same amount, Henry Housago, North Market Road, that would be.

26,540. How much?—1*l.*

26,541. The next?—James Benstead, shoemaker, Charlotte Street.

26,542. How much?—6*l.*

26,543. The next?—That is the number.

26,544. Have you added up how much they come to?—Yes.

26,545. How much?—119*l.*

26,546. Though you are not certain as to the amount you gave to each individual voter, are you certain you gave that sum among the men you have mentioned?—Yes.

26,547. What did you receive for your own trouble?—Nothing.

26,548. (*Mr. Slade.*) There are only three of those men who are on the register at the present moment?—That I am not aware of.

26,549. Only Howard, Powley, and Housago?—Powley is dead. There would be four. Curson is still on.

26,550. He acknowledged it? — Yes, he did. Howard is still on.

26,551. Howard you mentioned, and Housago?—Yes.

26,552. That is all?—That is all.

26,553. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did all those voters vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey?—I should think so.

26,554. You are not aware that any of them received money on the other side?—Not in 1859; but I believe they did in 1857.

26,555. You seem to have given as much money to voters in 1859 as you did in 1865. Do you think there was a rise in price at the last election?—I do not think they would average above 10*l.* then. I have not cast it up. Take the amount and divide it, I do not think it comes to more than 10*l.* or 11*l.* a vote. It is 12 voters for 119; that is about 10*l.*

26,556. What should you put as the average in 1865?—I should think 15*l.*

26,557. (*Mr. Slade.*) Can you tell me under what circumstances you gave Henry Housago 1*l.*? I tell you why I ask, because the question is, "Did you not get anything in 1859?" to which he says, "Nothing." And he is asked, "Are you sure?" and he says, "I am sure." "Could you have got it and forgotten it?—I did not get any?"—I saw that in print.

26,558. How did you give him the 1*l.*?—I gave it him myself.

26,559. He says he could not have forgotten it?—It is a long time ago.

26,560. I say again to him, "Are you sure of it?" and he says, "I am sure of it?"—I am sure of it myself, and he has acknowledged it to me since.

26,561. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you pay all these men you have named yourself?—I took the responsibility of it.

26,562. Did you pay them all yourself?—No, I think not.

26,563. Was it your son to whom you gave the money?—No, I am sure they had it.

26,564. That is another thing; but I want to know the person to whom you gave the money yourself?—That I cannot exactly state. I gave a portion to my brother.

26,565. Is he alive now?—Yes, he is.

26,566. Is he in Yarmouth?—No.

26,567. When you gave the money to your brother and to others, did you give it specifically for the votes you have named, or did you give it generally to buy votes?—No, I should state there is so and so, and go along with him. I remained in a fly, and he would go and give it them. Perhaps one or two would know him better than they would me. I do not think there are above one or two.

26,568. And the rest you paid yourself?—Yes.

26,569. Was there anybody else besides your brother?—No, he might give it to Frost and Howard. I think those are the only two. It is a long time ago to recollect.

26,570. Did I understand just now you would go round with your brother?—Yes, I would be with him.

26,571. And give the money to him, and tell him to go in and give the money to the voters?—Yes.

26,572. Are you aware whether your brother had any other money besides what you gave him?—Not to the best of my knowledge.

26,573. (*Mr. Slade.*) Have you ever spoken to John Howard since about this 12*l.* you gave?—In 1859?

26,574. Yes.—No, I do not recollect that I have.

26,575. We have not examined him yet.—No, you have not.

26,576. Has he ever acknowledged to you that he got it?—I spoke to his son.

26,577. And what did his son say?—He believed he had money in 1859, but he did not believe he had any this last election time; but he was not exactly certain who gave it, whether me or a young man.

26,578. Would that be your brother?—That would be my brother.

26,579. Where is Hall?—He is living on the North Market Road.

26,580. Did you give him the money yourself?—Yes, I think I did, in fact I am pretty sure I did. I cannot say whether he took it of me or whether I laid it down, but he had it of me.

26,581. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Where is Thomas Frost?—He is living in one of the Rows in Charlotte Street.

26,582. And Joseph Knowles?—He works for his mother on the North Quay; he lives on the St. Nicholas Road.

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J. Diver.

26,583. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—Lacon and Stracey.

26,584. You have heard Mr. Lane say he gave you 12*l.*?—I have just come in; I did not hear him.

26,585. Mr. Lane says he gave you 12*l.* for your vote?—10*l.*

26,586. Was that what you asked?—I did not ask anything, and neither did I know what he gave me until I undid the paper and found it was 10*l.*

26,587. Did you vote at this last election?—No, I had no vote.

26,588. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you receive any money from anybody else in 1859?—No.

26,589. Are you sure?—No.

26,590. You are sure of that?—I only took the money from Mr. Lane.

26,591. Did anybody else give you any money?—I did not vote for anybody else but Lacon and Stracey.

26,592. But did anybody else give you any money?—No.

JOHN TRUEMAN BUSTON recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. T. Buston.

26,593. We have heard what you did in 1865. We want to know now what you did in 1859?—I have the names down.

26,594. How much money did you receive in the first place?—I think somewhere about 100*l.*, but I am not positive as to the sum.

26,595. From Mr. Cooper?—From Mr. Cooper.

26,596. Can you give us the names of the persons to whom you gave the money?—One was Charles Baldwin of North Road.

26,597. How much?—15*l.*; he is dead.

26,598. The next?—James Cadywould of the Queen's Road; he is dead also.

26,599. How much?—15*l.*

26,600. The next?—William Cooper of Fuller's Hill.

26,601. How much?—15*l.*

26,602. Is he in Yarmouth now?—He is living in the same house he was then.

26,603. The next?—Robert Davey of Charlotte Street; he is dead.

26,604. How much?—15*l.*

26,605. The next?—William Howes of the North Road, a gardener, 15*l.*; he is living, and that is all that I can remember. There are others, but I cannot remember them, it is so many years gone by.

26,606. That is only 75*l.*?—Yes; and 5*l.* of the money was spent in treating at the North End Retreat.

26,607. How many do you think you have omitted to give?—There may be two or three omitted, but I cannot say, it is so long gone by, and I have so much business to think of more important than elections; but I have had very little to do with electioneering

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business since I have been with the Conservative party.

26,608. Charles Baldwin?—He was a boot and shoe maker.

26,609. Was he always a Conservative —I think he was not, I think not.

26,610. We have an intimation that he voted for Watkin and McCullagh in 1857?—I daresay he did.

26,611. Do you think you gained him for the Conservative party by the offer of 15*l.*?—I am positive of that.

26,612. Without the 15*l.* he would not have voted for you?—No, he would not.

26,613. Did you look upon him as a man who had been bribed on the other side?—No, the other party never had any men whatever for them scarcely that were not bribed.

26,614. That cannot be so. Have you any special reason to believe Charles Baldwin received money in 1857?—Not to my knowledge he did not; I have heard reports that he did receive money at every election that he voted. Whether it was true or not I cannot say.

26,615. Did he say anything to you?—No, his object was to get money.

26,616. With regard to James Cadywould, do you know how he voted in 1857?—No, I do not.

26,617. Do you look upon him as a man who had any political principles, or voted according to the money?—His principal principle, I suppose, was to get the money. It did not matter which way he voted, I daresay, if he got the money. He was a man that anybody might buy.

26,618. Had you any special reason to believe in the previous election he had voted different?—I understood from him prior to that he had 20*l.* I do not know where he got it.

26,619. Are you prepared to say that you understood from him he had money at the previous election?—Yes.

26,620. William Howes, is he alive?—Oh yes, he is alive and well, to the best of my knowledge.

26,621. Did you know at the time you bribed him in 1859 what way he voted in 1857?—No, I do not. I should say he had not a vote in 1857; not that I am able to say, but I think he had not.

26,622. There is a William Howes; he voted in 1857 for the Liberals?—I should have thought he had not a vote then. I do not think he had the garden long enough.

26,623. How came you to go to him?—Because I knew he was a man that wanted money, and I thought I could get him for 15*l.*, and I asked him.

26,624. Did you ascertain whether he had any political principles?—No, I heard him say he would rather vote for the Tories; that is all I heard him say.

26,625. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you know a man named Thomas Robert Barber?—I may know such a man.

26,626. He is a Birmingham and Sheffield dealer?—Whereabouts did he live?

26,627. He lives in the Market Place or did live in Regent Street?—I know there is such a man.

26,628. Do you recollect him?—I should not know the man if I were to see him.

26,629. Were you ever sent to him by Mr. Reynolds?—No, certainly not. Mr. Reynolds never mentioned his name to me, nor I ever mentioned his name to Mr. Reynolds. It is a business, I think, that Mr. Reynolds did not interfere in so far as regards voters.

26,630. Mr. and Mrs. Barber have told us that in 1859 Mr. Reynolds said he would send you to him. You never were sent?—Mr. Reynolds never mentioned such a thing to me. There is Mr. Reynolds.

26,631. Mr. Reynolds has denied it.—That I am sure he would positively, because he never did, and he never asked me to go and see Mr. Barber on any business whatever, to the best of my knowledge. Indeed I do not know the man. There is a man that once lived on the Church Plain, I think.

26,632. You never had any dealings with him in the way of bribing him?—No, I never had, to the best of my knowledge. I do not remember going to the man's house for anything.

26,633. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you receive anything for your own services in 1859?—Not anything.

26,634. You seem to have given precisely the same sum to vote in 1859 as you did in 1865, 15*l.*?—Yes, precisely.

26,635. You did not consider there was any rise in price at the last election?—No; I do not think that any of the Conservatives had more than 15*l.*, very few of them, and the others, I think, averaged about 20*l.*

H. Wilshack.

HARRIS WILSHACK recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

26,636. You have been examined before with reference to the election of 1865?—I do not recollect. I did not understand what you asked me then about this.

26,637. You have been examined before us previously with reference to the last election?—I did not understand you at that time what you meant. You had better ask me about 1859, and then I can answer you.

26,638. What amount did you receive in 1859?—80*l.*

26,639. Who from?—Mr. Shuckford.

26,640. Can you tell me the men to whom you gave that 80*l.*?—Yes, John Newark, in Charlotte Street.

26,641. How much?—15*l.*

26,642. Newark has been examined before us and swears he only received 10*l.*?—He received 5*l.* the day before the election, an extra 5*l.*, because on the Saturday before the election the news came that Mr. Watkin's party was giving more money, so I was obliged to give 5*l.* more. What he says here since, now, I cannot say.

26,643. How much did you hear Mr. Watkin's party gave him?—He was offered 15*l.*, and I had to give 5*l.* more. He had the 10*l.* previous to that. He denied that 5*l.* I think in the paper.

26,644. Now the next?—Mingay of North Quay; he is dead.

26,645. How much?—15*l.*

26,646. And the next?—Solomons the watchmaker in King Street.

26,647. How much?—15*l.*

26,648. Mr. Cooper has mentioned Mr. Solomons before, and says he paid Mr. Solomons?—No; Mr. Cooper cannot say so; I did. There is his wife alive, she will tell you.

26,649. But he may have been paid by both?—I cannot say.

26,650. Does his wife know that you gave the money?—Yes.

26,651. The next?—James Gurney.

26,652. How much?—16*l.*

26,653. Is Gurney dead?—No, he is alive, as I know of; he is alive. I am sure I gave him 15*l.*, and he was there, and the election morning I was obliged to give him another sovereign. He would not go till I gave it him. He brought it before the Commissioners in London. He was there himself.

26,654. The next?—A man of the name of Martin in Gorleston, a draper and grocer.

26,655. Where did Martin live?—In Gorleston.

26,656. Is that William Martin of High Street, Gorleston?—Yes.

26,657. How much?—18*l.* He said he would vote for my party if my son gave him a gold watch and chain. My son gave him a gold watch and chain. That came to 18*l.*, and I gave him the money for it.

26,658. Did you buy a gold watch and chain?—Yes, of my son.

26,659. Out of the money you received?—Yes.

26,660. He was an expensive investment. He voted for Watkin and Young?—He did; but he has the gold watch and chain, and he wears it now.

26,661. Do you know whether he was bribed on the other side?—That I do not know. No doubt of it, or else he would have voted on our side.

26,662. Is that the last one?—That is the last one.

26,663. That amounts to 75*l.*?—That is right.

26,664. Did you receive anything for your own services?—No, I did not receive anything, I lost money. I did not mind that.

26,665. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you know Newark well?—Yes.

26,666. Do you know how he voted in 1857?—He came forward for the Conservatives in 1857.

26,667. Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Vereker?—I believe he had money of me then.

26,668. For the Conservatives?—Yes.

26,669. In 1857 that is?—No; Watkin and McCullagh.

26,670. He did vote for Watkin and McCullagh?—Yes; and I gave him the money.

26,671. For the Liberals?—Yes; I was not for the Conservatives then, I was for the Liberals.

26,672. (*Mr. Russell.*) How came you to change your political views?—It took my fancy. There are a good many changes in the time, and I am in business. That was my business, you know.

26,673. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Where did you get the money, from the Liberals?—That I cannot recollect.

26,674. To give to Newark in 1857?—I believe it was my own money. I have lost it. I have never had it returned to me.

26,675. You are quite certain you bribed Newark?—I believe I am quite certain of it.

26,676. Had you known him for a long time?—Many years.

26,677. Did you consider him a man having any political principles?—Never.

26,678. Or did he only vote for money?—He only voted for money.

26,679. So you secured him in 1859 for the Conservatives?—Yes.

26,680. How long was it before the election of 1857 you had secured him on that side for the Liberals?—That I cannot recollect.

26,681. Now we will go to James Gurney. Had you known him for any time?—Yes, I had.

26,682. How did he vote in 1857?—That I cannot say. I did not go to him. I had nothing to do with him.

26,683. Had he any political principles?—No, he had no principles at all, because I lost 150*l.* by him.

26,684. Either political or moral?—No.

26,685. In 1859, how soon before the election did you give or promise him this money?—I believe he had his money the Monday before the election, 15*l.* I gave the wife, and he was there.

26,686. Did you disburse any of this money before you received it from Mr. Cooper?—I never received any money from Mr. Cooper.

26,687. From Mr. Shuckford, I mean?—I cannot say; I cannot tell you, because if Mr. Shuckford told me to get any votes I always did before I asked him for any money. I recollect when he gave me the money. I had the money because me and Shuckford did business together.

26,688. Do you recollect when Shuckford gave you the 80*l.*?—I cannot. He did not give it to me at once.

THOMAS DOWNING recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

T. Downing.

26,689. We have heard you were on the Conservative side in 1859?—I might do a little. I did not do very much.

26,690. Did you receive money to give to voters then?—Yes.

26,691. How much?—I am not sure of it, I cannot tell you exactly. I never kept any account, it was a mere trifle.

26,692. Who was it from that you received it?—I had some from Mr. Richard Yaxley. I think it came from Mr. Shuckford, still I received it through Mr. Yaxley.

26,693. Do you believe that money came from Mr. Shuckford?—Yes, I believe it did; still Mr. Yaxley gave it to me. I do not know, I cannot say, I only suppose it came from Shuckford.

26,694. Do you recollect to whom you gave the money, whatever it was?—40*l.*, I had, I think.

26,695. To the extent of 40*l.*?—It was 40*l.* I think.

26,696. Will you give us the names?—William King.

26,697. Has William King been examined?—Yes. I think he has said I gave it him.

26,698. How much?—10*l.*

26,699. The next?—Shearman Bayfield.

26,700. How much?—I think that was 10*l.* I am almost certain they all had alike. I was asking King, and he said, what he recollected was 10*l.* There were four of them together, and I gave them all alike.

26,701. And who was the other?—Henry King.

26,702. And who was the other?—Benjamin Ashby.

26,703. How much to Henry King and Benjamin Ashby?—They all had alike.

26,704. You think it was 10*l.*?—I think it was 10*l.*, all alike. I was asking King whether he could recollect what it was, and he said it was 10*l.* he had; and I know I gave them all alike. I do not recollect what there was, only by what he said; I know what I gave one I gave all.

26,705. Is that all you can recollect?—That is all. Those are the four I had the money from Yaxley for.

26,706. Can you recollect any other voters whom you paid on that occasion?—John Nicholls, I think he had 15*l.*; 10*l.* before he voted, and 5*l.* afterwards.

26,707. Is that Nicholls in the Caister Road?—No, John E. Nicholls, I think, in the Nelson Road.

26,708. Where did you get the money to give him?—I fancy I had it from Mr. Shuckford, or Mr. Shuckford's clerk. I do not know. I cannot say exactly now; it is so long ago.

26,709. (*Mr. Slade.*) You never gave 10*l.* to William King?—Yes, I did.

26,710. You offered it to him?—I gave it to him. The man told me the other night he had it. You will find he did, because he told me the other night it was 10*l.* I did give him. He met me in the market. I asked him. I said, "Do you recollect what it was I "gave you?" and he said, "10*l.*" I said, "That "is what I gave Ashby;" and he said, "Yes, you "gave us all alike."

26,711. William King, of Apollo Walk?—Yes.

26,712. He has been examined before us, and says he was drunk in 1859, and got 15*l.* from Mr. Clements, and was offered 10*l.* by you?—The man cannot deny I gave him 10*l.* I gave it him about three days before the election; he and Ashby were together, they were both in the gardens. They both have gardens down there.

26,713. Has he acknowledged it to you since?—Yes. The man stopped me in the market, and I asked him. I said, "What was it, Billy, I gave you the election before this?" and he said, "10*l.*"

26,714. Shearman Bayfield says you gave him 8*l.*?—I gave them all alike. I do not remember what it was now exactly. I know what money I had from Mr. Yaxley I gave them.

26,715. Was Henry King the man who now keeps the public-house at Norwich?—No. It is Henry King of Row, No. 92, I think.

26,716. He says he got 10*l.* from you?—Yes. That is right I know; I gave them all alike; I made no distinction, for they were all together as you might say, and

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they asked me 40*l.* for the four. I am quite satisfied what one had the whole had. They were to have 5*l.* more if they voted all right, but two of them I think did not vote at all, and two of them voted the other way.

26,717. Do you know Benjamin Ashby ?—Yes.

26,718. Is he very ill ?—I do not know ; I have not seen him this two or three years.

26,719. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were all these men you have mentioned always Conservative when they were paid ?—No. I think they were all Liberals. I know they were all Liberals ; but I thought I could depend upon them ; I had known them several years.

26,720. Do you know whether they were paid on the Liberal side the previous election ?—That I cannot say. I do not know.

26,721. I find all these men voted for the Liberals ? —No. I do not think they voted at all.

26,722. Except King, who did not vote ?—I do not think he did.

26,723. Have you any reason to suppose they were bribed the other side ?—I do not know. King said he did not get anything the other side. I asked why he did not vote ; I knew him many years. He said, "I do not know. When last came to last I dare not." He held a garden, I think, under some one, and he dare not vote when the time came.

26,724. (*Mr. Russell.*) May you have received as much as 100*l.* from Mr. Yaxley ?—No, I should not think I did ; it is so long ago I cannot recollect. I do not know whether I had another sum to come. I know there were three or four more that I cannot recollect, it is so long ago. I have tried to tax my memory; there are so many people dead, and some gone away from the town, you cannot recollect now the state of the poll book, in fact I cannot recollect it.

26,725. There is a most extraordinary mortality in Yarmouth among the men who gave and took bribes ? —There are a great many voters dead, but I have not any dead ones; you cannot lay that to my charge.

26,726. How much money do you think was spent in bribery by the Conservatives in 1859 ?—About 8,000*l.*

26,727. Of which you received 40*l.* ?—I had some more, but I cannot recollect. There is Nicholls 15*l.*, that made 55*l.*, and I might have a few pounds more, but I cannot recollect the others. It is no use my saying I can recollect, when I cannot recollect.

26,728. What makes you think 8,000*l.* was spent in 1859 ?—The talk. I know within a little what they cost a vote, and I know within a little what men there are to tin.

26,729. What do you think was spent by the Liberal side in 1859 ?—Not so much; we got the start of them three or four days.

26,730. How much should you think ?—I should think they must have spent between 3,000*l.* and 4,000*l.* They must have spent over 3,000*l.* I should think, that I calculated upon. They spent very little in Gorleston, therefore they shortened that account. There are 600 people to buy, that is what there are in Gorleston and Yarmouth.

26,731. 600 to be bought ?—Yes, I well know it. If you put that altogether you will find that is not far off the mark. In fact I told Mr. Brogden when he first came, if he wanted to win the election he would have to buy 320 to make himself safe. Other parties led him astray ; they said they did not think he would want so many.

26,732. You think whoever gets hold of the 200 first will win ?—Yes. He is sure to win, because he can always buy some of the bad ones twice over, and some three times.

26,733. As you have experience both sides, I should like to know how it is the Liberals have paid more for the votes than the Conservatives ? —At the last election ? I will explain it to you. On the Friday morning I had secured 100 at from 10*l.* to 15*l.* each. If they could have had the money the Saturday morning and—perhaps I am rather out of place in saying I urged Mr. Brogden's solicitor to go in then and win if he was a mind to win, if not it would be lost ; but I was quite satisfied they would begin the Saturday or Sunday, and I told him before that I went into that the Monday morning, as there are several witnesses can bear me out, gentlemen who were there, "If you now go on you "will lose it, 10,000*l.* or 15,000*l.* will not win it, "but still I will do it if you want it." But I was certain it was gone, I knew it was gone the Sunday night.

26,734. What do you think was the average price of a vote on the Liberal side in 1859 ?—I think about 7*l.* and 3*l.*, and 8*l.*, and 2*l.* more when they voted, but I know the stated price the other side was 10*l.* down, and 5*l.* more after they had voted.

26,735. Do you mean in 1859 the Tories were paying more for their votes than the Liberals ?— Yes, decidedly so.

26,736. And in 1865 it was the other way ?—In fact Mr. Shuckford gave me the order when I went out anywhere, if the Whigs gave 15*l.* anywhere, the Tories would give 5*l.*, never mind, tell them, they should have 5*l.* more than the other party would give, and I knew he was a leading man, so I took it from him what they intended to do ; they intended to win the election ; it would not matter what they gave, if they had given 20*l.*, the Tories would have given 25*l.*, but it would have been no use if the Whigs had spent 15,000*l.* this time, they would be as far off as they are now, because half the men they gave money to would have voted without money, but strangers coming here gave the money indiscriminately, and they took it, so half the money was thrown away. It was not our fault.

26,737. Do you think a stranger in Yarmouth would have to pay more for a vote than a gentleman who is known to the electors ?—There are a great many people who would take money in Yarmouth who do not wish to be seen, and would only take from certain people. There are plenty of people worth 2,000*l.* or 3,000*l.*, who would take 15*l.* in Yarmouth. You do not suppose you have the whole of the truth by a great deal; I am satisfied you have not. There are plenty of parties who have come up and have sworn it, and have sworn they have not had it.

26,738. We have not got the whole of your truth ? —If I had taken anything I should have known it. I never got a penny in my life.

26,739. You did not answer my question, which is this. Do you believe a stranger coming down to canvass the town would have to pay more for a vote than a gentleman resident in the neighbourhood, and who was known to the inhabitants ?—No, not a penny. I consider Mr. Brogden stands better than anyone that had ever come to Yarmouth, barring Mr. McCullagh, or Mr. Watkin. Mr. Watkin was a popular man, and Mr. McCullagh, and so was Mr. Brogden, and if both Mr. Brogden and Sir Edmund Lacon were pitted together, and neither of them spent any money, I would guarantee he would poll 100 more votes than Sir Edmund Lacon.

26,740. Put Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden out of the question, do you think there is any feeling in Yarmouth in favour of a local gentleman ?—The borough is decidedly Whig, and you cannot alter it, and in my personal opinion it always was this last 40 years.

26,741. Were they Whig in 1859, when you belonged to the opposite party ?—I know you never could win an election without buying it, I was satisfied of that.

26,742. On the other side ?—Yes. The Whigs would always go in if there was no money spent. When each gave two guineas to the freemen, they generally got in nine times out of ten, when each party paid alike to the freemen. And if you were here and were to see a demonstration that is got up, if the Whigs and Tories were here, you would see enough to judge for yourselves which way the people of Gorleston are.

26,743. (*Mr. Slade.*) We are talking of the voters?—I take the voters in a general way, and there are a great many of them coerced.

26,744. (*Mr. Russell.*) You say 600 men in Yarmouth can be bought?—In Yarmouth and Gorleston.

26,745. Take the remainder who cannot be bought, do you think the majority of them are Liberal or Conservative?—We cannot judge, because the other party got into the field a fortnight before the Whigs, but there was as near a balance of votes according to my keeping the canvass book. I do not think there was 11 difference each way.

26,746. If you were to take the poll book, and scratch out the 600 who were bought, who do you believe then had the majority?—I hardly know who had the majority, Sir Edmund Lacon or Mr. Brogden. I do not think there was 11 difference according to my calculation.

26,747. In whose favour was the difference of the 11?—That I do not recollect, whether in Sir Edmund Lacon's favour or Mr. Brogden's, because I have not got it. I have lost it. I have looked for it among my papers several times. I kept it correct because most of these men I knew, and I did not put down a man "Yes" or "No," unless I was satisfied he would vote. There were some would promise who I knew would not vote without being paid.

26,748. If you were to put your Conversatism of 1859 and your Liberalism of 1865 together, and go through the poll book, and make out how you believe the register really stood as regards the pure voters, it would be a very interesting thing?—I think in 1859, as I thought then, the Liberals had the best canvass.

26,749. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Edwards handed us in this very interesting register of 1865. Were you the person on whose information he mainly relied when he put the letter T against each voter of Yarmouth?—I do not know that I was in particular, perhaps I might be.

26,750. I have not added it up to see how many people are open to bribes. Were you aware he put it down?—When I was out canvassing I said, "You might put T against that."

26,751. Did anybody else give that information?—Yes, I daresay there was; but everyone I knew I said, "You might put T to his name; that is a decided case of tin."

26,752. We have had several parties before us who repudiated the imputation?—So they will. I have no doubt of that.

26,753. Had you anything to do with bribery in 1857?—Yes, a little; but it is long ago, I do not recollect it.

26,754. You were then a Conservative?—Yes. I have been a Conservative, and was always a Conservative until this election.

26,755. You do not mean to say there was any bribery on the Conservative side in 1857?—That is Lacon and Vereker's?

26,756. Yes?—No. I do not think there was, or very trifling. I think they did begin a little, but it was soon stopped for want of money.

26,757. There was no money forthcoming?—No. They were waiting for it, but it did not come, from what I can recollect of it.

26,758. You have no doubt there was bribery the other side?—Yes, I think there was a little; but they did not want a great deal, they would not go on without the others went on.

26,759. Mr. Watkin handed us in a list of men who had in 1857 voted for himself and Mr. McCullagh, who in 1859 voted the Conservative side, and he assumed they were all bribed?—I daresay they were, I have not the least doubt of that. I do not suppose people have changed their opinions without something.

26,760. The question is whether when they voted on the Liberal side they were bribed or not?—I cannot say that, for I have been on the other side ever since Lennox and Coope's election, and I cannot say what they did.

WILLIAM LAMB sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

W. Lamb.

26,761. What are you?—A butcher.

26,762. In the St. George's Road?—Yes.

26,763. Did you receive any money for your vote at the last election?—No.

26,764. You voted for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

26,765. Who asked you for your vote?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson. They came and canvassed me.

26,766. Who did you vote for at the previous election of 1859?—Lacon and Stracey.

26,767. And previous to that you voted the other way?—Yes.

26,768. What made you change in 1859?—I do not know; we like to have a change now and then. I thought perhaps I might do a little better by going the other side, in regard to business.

26,769. You received no money for your vote in 1859?—No; not the value of a penny.

26,770. Did you improve your business by going round from the Liberal to the Tories?—It increased a little, but very little, still I do not think it made any difference.

25,771. Who canvassed you in 1859?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

ZACHARIAH EASTICK sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

Z. Eastick.

26,772. What are you?—Superintendent of the gasworks.

26,773. What part did you take in the election of 1859?—Not any.

26,774. Had you not some money to give to another voter?—No. In 1865 that was.

26,775. At the last election?—Yes.

26,776. What did you have?—I received 20*l.* from Mr. Jones or Mr. Edwards, I do not know who it was, it was a stranger that was down at Gorleston, for Mr. Eidsforth, which I gave him; and I received two 15*l.* from Mr. Brand, one for Mr. Bradnum and one for Mr. Snell, which I gave them.

26,777. Mr. Brand says he gave you 25*l.* He gave you 30*l.*, did he?—Yes, two 15*l.*; 30*l.* together.

26,778. Who did you say the parties were to whom you gave it?—Isaac Bradnum and William Snell.

26,779. Had you anything to do with the election of 1859?—Not anything.

26,780. (*Mr. Russell.*) Had you a vote in 1865 and 1859?—I never had a vote for the borough.

JOHN TEASDEL sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

J. Teasdel.

26,781. What are you?—A licensed victualler.

26,782. How did you vote at the last election?—For Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Brogden.

26,783. How did you vote in 1859?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Stracey.

26,784. And in 1857?—Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin.

26,785. Are you a Liberal in principles?—Not particularly. I do not know what they call Liberal, I am sure.

26,786. Did you get anything in 1859 from the Conservatives, when you voted for them?—Certainly not.

26,787. You had not anything?—I never had a penny in my life.

26,788. What induced you to abandon the Liberal party in 1859?—Nothing particular, my own will. I had no one to oblige.

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J. Teasdel.

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26,789. It has been suggested that those who voted for Watkin and McCullagh in 1857, and who voted afterwards in 1859 for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey, were bribed. That was not the case with you?—Oh no, it is quite wrong.

26,790. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you a licensed victualler in 1857?—Yes, and 10 years before that. I have been a licensed victualler in one house for 23 years.

26,791. (*Mr. Russell.*) There is no form of variety left to you, you have voted entirely Liberal and entirely Conservative, and part Liberal and part Conservative?—Yes.

J. Hart.

JOHN HART sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,792. What are you?—A fisherman.

26,793. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

26,794. Did you get anything for your vote?—Nothing at all.

26,795. Were you canvassed?—Yes.

25,796. Were you offered anything?—No.

26,797. By neither party?—By neither party.

26,798. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

26,799. (*Mr. Russell.*) Is James Hart a relation of yours?—A cousin of mine.

26,800. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you see Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman on the canvass?—No.

26,801. Do you know that they called at your house?—There were plenty of them called at my house, but I was not at home.

26,802. Are you married?—Yes.

26,803. Did your wife tell you who had called?—Yes.

26,804. Did she tell you Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman had called?—I do not know that she told me that. I do not remember the words the woman said. She never said such a thing to me.

26,805. Do you think your wife ever promised them that you would vote for Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—No.

26,806. Your wife would not accept money?—Not a penny piece; she dare not do it, she never did.

26,807. She did not receive any?—Not a penny, and I did not request it of any person.

26,808. You are credited here with having promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—It might be so. I cannot say what I did say at that time. I was quite busy about the fishing at that time.

26,809. Is it likely you would have promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman, and afterwards voted for Lacon and Goodson?—I tell you what I said, the first come the first served, and I believe Sir Edmund Lacon's party came first, and I promised my vote, and I voted for them.

26,810. You are also credited with promising that party?—Well, I do not remember.

26,811. You are quite sure you did not receive 20*l.* from the other side?—Not one penny from either side, nor yet a halfpenny from any person, that I am satisfied of.

26,812. (*Mr. Slade.*) You do not care who it is as long as he comes first?—Yes, first come first served, that is the way I was always brought up.

R. Goose.

ROBERT GOOSE sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,813. What are you?—A gardener.

26,814. How did you vote at this last election?—For Lacon and Goodson.

26,815. How did you vote in 1859?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey I think then.

26,816. How did you vote in 1857?—I never voted at all then.

26,817. Are you quite sure about that?—Yes. I do not believe I had a vote. I do not recollect at this moment.

26,818. Do you live in North Road?—Yes.

26,819. You voted for Watkin and McCullagh?—Well, I might, I cannot recollect.

26,820. Watkin and McCullagh belonged to a different party from Lacon and Stracey?—Yes, I know they do. I used to be a Blue.

26,821. Why did you vote Conservative in 1859?—I do not know I am sure.

26,822. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No, I never asked anyone to give me anything.

26,823. Have you ever had any money?—No.

26,824. Do you act on the principle of the last witness said he acted on, first come first served?—It did not make any difference to me which way.

26,825. It did not make any difference to you which way you voted?—Very little.

26,826. Why did you not vote for the Tories then?—I might do it to oblige some one. I do not know now.

26,827. Do you recollect who it was you obliged in 1859?—No, I do not recollect anything about it.

J. Harris.

JOHN HARRIS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,828. What are you?—A pipemaker.

26,829. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

26,830. Did you get anything for your vote?—15*l.*

26,831. Who from?—Mr. Stagg.

26,832. Did you get anything in 1859 for your vote?—No.

26,833. Nothing?—Nothing.

26,834. You voted Liberal, I think, in 1857?—Yes, that was my maiden vote.

26,835. Did you get anything then?—No.

26,836. Why did you change your principles?—I have never changed my principles.

26,837. Why did you vote the other way?—Because I was under an obligation to the Liberal party. I was just entering into business at the time.

26,838. In 1857 that was?—Yes. I told Mr. Livingston and Mr. Watkin when they came down in 1859, they canvassed me first. I told them deliberately I should vote against them, and they never canvassed me at this last election.

26,839. You got nothing for your vote in 1859?—No.

26840. How came you to take money at this last election for your vote?—Well, I never solicited it, but Mr. Stagg saw me in a house, and he asked me whether 15*l.* would be of any use to me, and I said "Yes, it would be.

26,841. He tempted you, and you could not resist the temptation?—No, I could not; no man is infallible to gold.

26,842. Would you have voted for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson if you had not received any money?—Yes, and always shall unless my principles change.

26,843. Is it William Playford Stagg?—No, Edward Stagg.

26,844. He is not on the register?—Yes; he is an auctioneer.

26,845. (*Mr. Slade.*) He says he gave you 15*l.*?—That is right.

ARTHUR BLAND sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,846. What are you?—A fisherman.

26,847. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Sir Edmund Lacon.

26,848. Lacon and Goodson, or Lacon alone?—No, not at the last election; I had not a vote.

26,849. In 1859 whom did you vote for; was it Lacon and Stracey?—Lacon and Stracey.

26,850. What did you get for your vote then?—I am sure I do not know what we did get.

26,851. You got something?—I never took anything; I was very ill at the time.

26,852. Did not Mr. Eagleton give you 12*l.*?—He left it at the house.

26,853. Did you return it?—Yes; he came for it again. I was upstairs. I never see the money. I was very ill at the time.

26,854. You returned it to him, did you not?—He came for it, and he received it back. I could not go out.

26,855. He found you were going to vote the other way; is that it?—Yes, I suppose so; I never asked for it.

26,856. Did you get anything from the other side?—Not that I know of; I never received anything.

26,857. Did your wife?—Not that I know of.

26,858. Were you offered anything?—No; I could not get out. I could not be about at all.

26,859. Why not?—I had the rheumatic gout for two years; I could not get out sometimes for three weeks together.

26,860. You voted?—They came for me.

26,861. Why did you vote for the Tories then?—Because my brother came for me, and pressed me. I should not have attempted to vote at all.

26,862. You voted Liberal, did you not, in 1857?—I do not know.

26,863. You voted for Watkin and McCullagh, did you not?—I think I did.

26,864. Why did you change?—I do not recollect; I did not intend to vote, only my brother pressed me.

26,865. Did you get any money to vote for Watkin and McCullagh in 1857?—No.

26,866. You are sure of that?—Yes.

26,867. (*Mr. Russell.*) Are you a cowkeeper?—No.

26,868. Did you ever keep cows?—I used to do years ago.

26,869. In 1859?—No, not so late as that.

26,870. Used you to have your grains from Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

26,871. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was any other money left at your house at the election of 1859?—Not that I was aware of.

26,872. Could it have been left there without your knowledge?—I did not know Mr. Eagleton left that money. I did not know it at the time.

26,873. Who told you of it first?—My wife.

26,874. Did your wife get any money on the other side?—Not that I know of.

26,875. Did she tell you she had?—No.

26,876. Why did you not keep that 12*l.*?—Because Mr. Eagleton came for it again. I never asked him for it; he left it. I did not know anything about it, and I wanted it bad enough, for I had been ill two years.

26,877. Did he give it to your wife?—There was a glass on the table, and he left it there. I do not think she was aware of it at the time: she saw it the next day.

26,878. Do you know what it was for?—We guessed what it was for. I was in bed; he used to come at night; he was never allowed upstairs. It was not often I see him.

26,879. Did you see anybody on the other side at that election?—Yes.

26,880. Who?—My brother often used to come in.

26,881. He voted for Lacon and Stracey?—Yes.

26,882. Did he bring you any money?—No.

26,883. Did he receive any money himself?—I do not know.

26,884. What is your brother's name?—James Bland.

26,885. Your brother got money in 1859?—Did he?

26,886. Yes; do you not know that?—No, I do not know much about his business.

26,887. Did you know that?—No.

26,888. Did you ever hear of it?—No, I never heard of it.

26,889. Did he ever tell you he had got money?—No, he never told me.

26,890. You are sure of that?—Yes, I am sure he never told me.

26,891. Do you know a man of the name of Robert Symonds?—Yes.

26,892. Did he come to you at all at the election of 1859?—I think he did; it is so long ago I entirely forget.

26,893. Do you know whether he gave your brother any money?—He never told me.

26,894. Do you know whether he did?—I do not know whether he did; he might receive some. I do not know I am sure what he did.

26,895. Did he ever give you any money?—He never gave it to me, but whether he left it I do not know.

26,896. Robert Symonds may have left money at your house?—Yes.

26,897. Did your wife ever tell you Robert Symonds had left any money?—I do not recollect.

26,898. Do not come here and prevaricate; it is not likely money would be left at your house and you not know it. Did you hear afterwards there was money left at your house?—Yes, I think there was; I am not sure.

26,899. You have no doubt there was?—I have no doubt there was.

26,900. Left there by Robert Symonds?—I do not know I am sure; it might be left by him, or it might be left by somebody else.

26,901. That money you did not return?—No, if it was left there.

26,902. You never gave back the money to Symonds?—No.

26,903. (*Mr. Russell.*) It was two months after the election Mr. Eagleton came for the money?—I cannot say I am sure.

26,904. Did not Mr. Eagleton tell you he must have the money back because you had taken money on the other side and voted that way?—I do not remember at all he said anything about that.

26,905. Do you remember being paid for the repair of a boat?—No, I do not remember it.

26,906. Do you remember being paid for the repair of a boat?—I do not know what it means.

26,907. Mending a boat?—No, I do not recollect anything about it. Mr. Symonds built a new smack for me.

S. Leggett.

SAMUEL LEGGETT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,908. What are you?—A shipwright by trade.

26,909. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

26,910. What did you get for your vote?—10*l.*

26,911. Who from?—Edward Leggett.

26,912. Is that all you got?—Yes.

26,913. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—No one; I had not a vote.

26,914. Had you a vote in 1857?—No.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

G. Parker.

11 Oct. 1866.

GEORGE PARKER sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,915. What are you?—I am a fruiterer, but I do not do anything now; I live on my property.

26,916. In Charlotte Street?—I live in Charlotte Street.

26,917. Did you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson at the last election?—I did.

26,918. Did you vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey in 1859?—Yes, I did.

26,919. How did you vote in 1857?—Mr. McCullagh and Mr. Watkin.

26,920. What was the reason that you changed your side?—Because I supplied a man on the staff, and he lost his ticket, and they would not pay him.

26,921. What do you mean by that?—He lost his ticket. I employed him as one of the staff, and they would not pay him till just before the next election, and then I went and voted for the others.

26,922. What do you mean by employing a man upon the staff?—For the election they used to give them 7*s.* 6*d.* for two days or a day.

26,923. And they would not pay him?—They would not pay him.

26,924. Because he lost his ticket?—Yes.

26,925. And you would not pay it?—No, the man got nothing.

26,926. Was it a voter?—No.

26,927. Was that a sufficient reason for your voting for the Tories at the next occasion?—Yes.

26,928. You did not receive anything for your vote?—I did in 1859; I might have had money from both parties.

26,929. I asked you your reason for changing your politics?—I told you.

26,930. What did you get?—In 1859?

26,931. Yes?—13*l.*

26,932. Who from?—John Gowing.

26,933. The 13*l.* had nothing to do with it?—With what?

26,934. With your vote for Lacon and Stracey?—Yes, though I might have had as much on the other side, and more too.

26,935. You told me you voted for Lacon and Stracey in 1859 because the Liberals behaved bad?—Yes, that is the reason I went and voted for the others.

26,936. Did you get any money in 1857?—I did not, not a halfpenny.

26,937. Did you get any money at this last election?—No.

26,938. Did you ask for this 13*l.*, or did Gowing offer it you?—I cannot tell now; I think he offered it me.

26,939. That was the reason why you voted for Lacon and Stracey?—No; I might have had more on the other side if I had liked.

26,940. Were you offered any money?—Yes.

26,941. In 1859?—Yes.

26,942. Who by?—Mr. Greenhow, or some such name as that; two or three of them asked me.

26,943. Is that John Gowing alive?—I believe he is; I have not seen him lately.

26,944. Is he in Yarmouth?—I think he is.

26,945. Why do you say you might have had money from the Liberals in 1857?—I did not say so.

26,946. In 1859 you said?—Yes.

26,947. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you offered any money at the last election?—Yes, I was.

26,948. Who by?—Mr. Edwards.

26,949. T. B. Edwards, the tailor?—Yes.

26,950. What did he offer you?—He offered me 7*l.*

26,951. That was not enough?—I might have had more if I liked.

26,952. How much did he go on to; did he rise in his price?—No; two or three of them asked me.

26,953. Who else offered you any money?—I was a fruiterer in the market at the time of the election; and I went up and showed myself after they had lost the election, and they told me I was of no use then, that they had lost the election.

26,954. The other side, the Liberals?—Yes.

26,955. You voted for the Conservatives?—Yes, I did. I meant to vote for them, and would a hundred times if I had a vote.

26,956. If you had been paid by the other side you would have voted for them?—No, I should not.

26,957. (*Mr. Russell.*) I understand you to say you went to the Liberals on the day of the election, and asked for money, but they told you you were too late?—No; I did not ask for any money; they came after me, three or four of them.

26,958. You would have taken it then if you could have got it?—Yes, I should have taken it.

26,959. If you had got the money from the Liberals how should you have voted?—Well, I fancy I should have voted one and one, I fancy I should. I think if I took money from both parties I should have had a right to do so.

26,960. You said you did not get any money from the Conservatives in 1865?—Not one halfpenny.

26,961. Then why would you vote one and one?—Because I had a man in Lacon's place, a carpenter, living in one of my houses, if I must tell you truth.

26,962. You got the man in?—I had a man living in one of my cottages. The man came down after me, and I did not wish to get the man turned out.

26,963. Have you reason to believe the man would have been turned out?—I would not say; the election would go a great way.

26,964. Did the man tell you he was afraid he would be turned out?—Well, the man came and asked me to vote for that side.

26,965. What is his name?—William Munser.

26,966. Is he a voter?—No; and I believe he did get discharged the election day.

26,967. For any reason connected with the election?—I do not know; I cannot give you that answer.

26,968. Did Munser say he would give you anything if you would vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—No, he had nothing to give me. He is a poor fellow, and cannot hardly pay his rent.

26,968*a.* Did you know that Mr. Cooper had any money to give away?—I do not know anything about Mr. Cooper's business.

26,969. Did you know money was being spent in buying votes on the Conservative side?—I heard so.

26,970. You did not try and get some money?—No; because I have enough of my own.

26,971. You said just now you would have taken money from the Liberals if you could have got it?—Yes; there were four or five after me.

26,972. Do you mean to say you would have taken money from the Liberals, and not the Conservatives? No, I did not want it. I promised him I would vote when he came.

26,973. You were going to give away one vote and sell the other?—So I should; but I did not go till after they had lost the election; that is when I went.

26,974. Do you remember what o'clock it was when you voted?—Yes, I think I can tell you. I had done in the market, and I looked at the clock; it was about half-past 10 or a quarter to 11.

26,975. In the morning?—In the morning.

26,976. Who told you on the morning of the election that the election was lost?—The people reading the bills outside when the poll came out.

26,977. Who told you?—Several people who stood about there; I cannot tell you the names now.

J. Mayers.

JOHN MAYERS sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

26,978. What are you?—I am a miller by business, but I do not follow it. I follow the pork butcher and keeping cows. My shop is in Gaol Street.

26,979. Did you vote for Lacon and Goodson at the last election?—Yes, for both of them.

26,980. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

26,981. Did you vote for Lacon and Stracey in 1859?—I think I did. I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon then.

26,982. Did you get anything for your vote then?—No, not a farthing.

26,983. Whom did you vote for in 1857; did you not vote for Watkin and McCullagh in 1857?—No, I did not. I do not think I voted for them at all. My recollection is bad; I am getting an old man, and I cannot recollect.

26,984. Is it Gaol Street you live in?—The upper part of Gaol Street.

26,985. You voted for Watkin and McCullagh in 1857?—Did I?

26,986. Yes.—I forget.

26,987. Did you get anything for your vote then?—No, not anything.

26,988. Why did you change your party?—I was obliged to change my party because I kept a lot of cows, and Sir Edmund let me have the grains. I will tell you the truth if you ask me. We used to pay 4*d.* a bushel for grains, and after I voted we contracted for them for 3*d.*

26,989. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is that the understood thing, if you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon you get your grains a penny a bushel cheaper?—I contract for them. I used to pay 4*d.*, and then afterwards I paid 3*d.* a bushel.

26,990. If you had contracted for them before would you have got them at 3*d.* a bushel?—Yes, I should.

26,991. It has nothing to do with your vote?—No, it had nothing to do with that at all. It is not me only has them so; there are a good many as contract for them, and they are all tied to take so many bushel a week. Mr. Nightingale ordered I was to have them so.

26,992. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you make the contract with Mr. Nightingale?—I made an arrangement with the man who served them out; he told me I was to have them so.

26,993. Were you asked at the time the contract was made whether you were a Conservative or a Liberal?—No, I never was asked anything at all about it.

26,994. (*Mr. Russell.*) How should you vote if you did not get your grains from Sir Edmund Lacon?—I never mentioned it before.

26,995. If you did not get your grains from Sir Edmund Lacon, how should you vote; whom should you vote for?—I should have voted for Sir Edmund all the same.

26,996. All the same?—Yes.

26,997. If you did not get the grains?—Yes, I should have voted for him, and always did.

26,998. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Why did you vote against him in 1857?—Well, I do not know; I forget; I cannot tell you.

26,999. (*Mr. Russell.*) When you got your contract for the grains, was anything whatever said about your vote?—No, no, no, not anything.

27,000. You are sure of that?—No, no, no.

27,001. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did Sir Edmund Lacon canvass you?—No.

27,002. Did he ask you for your vote?—No.

27,703. Who did?—Somebody along with him canvassing; old Mr. Green I think his name was. I cannot tell. I am 76 years of age. I cannot recollect.

27,004. Mr. Green had a very agreeable way of canvassing, had he not?—I believe he had.

27,005. Did not Mr. Green offer you some money in 1859?—No, he never offered me a farthing.

27,006. Did he say anything about the grains?—No, he never said anything about the grains, not anything, not till afterwards.

27,007. What did he say afterwards?—He said I ought to have my grains the same as other people; that I should contract for them; and so the next time I went I had them; that is all I know about it. I had nothing to do with Sir Edmund Lacon. I never took a penny from him in my life.

27,008. Can anybody contract for the grains?—If they have plenty of them to give; sometimes, when there is a scarcity in the winter time, they cannot.

27,009. Then they give the contract to their friends?—Yes, if they take so many bushel a week; and I took 30 bushel a week.

27,010. When you voted for Sir Edmund Lacon, Mr. Green said you ought to have your contract?—No, it was never mentioned.

27,011. Afterwards?—No.

27,012. You said afterwards it was?—Not him; the man at the brewery office.

27,013. A man in the brewery said that?—Yes.

27,014. Did he say because you had voted for Sir Edmund Lacon?—I ought to have my contract; and so I had so far as that goes.

27,015. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you think you could have got your grains at 3*d.* a bushel anywhere else?—No, I do not know that I could.

27,016. You save 2*s.* 6*d.* a week by getting them at 3*d.* a bushel?—Yes; 30*d.* is 2*s.* 6*d.* I am not alone; there are a good many other people contract for them as well.

27,017. Then Mr. Green did you a very good turn?—Mr. Green did nothing to me about that.

27,018. I say Mr. Green did you a very good turn?—Yes, he did.

EDWARD NUTMAN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

E. Nutman.

27,019. What are you?—A publican.

27,020. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

27,021. And whom did you vote for in 1859?—Lacon and Stracey.

27,022. I believe you voted for Watkin and McCullagh in 1857?—Yes.

27,023. Did you get anything for your vote in 1859 when you changed?—No.

27,024. How came you to change?—My opinions changed, that is all.

27,025. It would be wrong to say that you changed for money?—Yes, decidedly it would be.

27,026. You never received any money at any election?—No.

27,027. It has been imputed to you that you were bribed in 1859?—Very likely it might be said so, but I never received anything.

27,028. Was it your interest to vote with the Conservative party in 1859?—No, not at all. I had no interest either way, not particularly.

27,029. You are a Conservative now?—Yes.

27,030. (*Mr. Slade.*) Were you offered any money at the last election?—No.

27,031. Were you asked for your vote on both sides?—Well, the candidates called on me; of course I was canvassed.

27,032. Who did?—The candidates called on me.

27,033. All four?—No; Mr. Vanderbyl did not call, Mr. Marshman did.

27,034. Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman?—No, Mr. Brogden alone.

27,035. And Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Yes.

27,036. Did you promise anybody?—No, I did not promise anybody particularly. I intended to vote for the Conservatives.

27,037. You did not promise them?—No, not at the time when they called, two days before the election.

27,038. Why did you not promise them if you intended to vote for them?—I do not know why I did not exactly. I intended to vote for the Conservatives.

27,039. Why did you not promise them?—I do not know, I am sure, now.

27,040. If you always intended to vote for the Conservatives, and Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson called on you, I want to know why you did not tell them you intended to vote for them?—Well, I do not know why I did not tell them so at the time, but I

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intended to do so; I said I should not vote against them.

27,041. I thought you said just now you did not promise?—I said I would not vote against them. I did not promise them that I would vote for them.

27,042. If you told them you would not vote against them, I take that to be a promise?—It is tantamount to a promise, but I did not say positively I would vote for them.

27,043. If you said you would not vote against them they would have put you down as being on their side?—I do not know but what they would.

27,044. Are you sure you told them you would not vote against them?—Yes.

27,045. Who did you tell that to?—To the parties who were there; there were several of them; the canvassing party.

27,046. Tell us who it was?—Lacon, I believe, and several of the party. I do not know the others names.

27,047. Did you tell Sir Edmund Lacon himself?—I told him I should not vote against him.

27,048. When he called?—Yes.

27,049. What did you mean by telling me you would not promise?—I did not promise him I should vote for him, but I would not vote against him, that is what I said.

27,050. If you had told them that you would have told me here that you promised them to vote for them?—No, I should have told you what I told them exactly.

27,051. You never promised at all?—It is tantamount to a promise. I said I should not vote against them.

27,052. Did you intend to get money for your vote?—No.

27,053. Never?—No.

27,054. That you swear?—Yes.

27,055. In your own mind you never looked for money?—No.

27,056. And never told anybody you did?—And never told anybody.

27,057. And never wished it?—No.

27,058. Why did you not tell Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson you would vote for them?—I do not know, I am sure, why I did not at the time.

27,059. You are put down here as a bribed man?—Yes.

27,060. You take your solemn oath you received nothing for your vote?—Yes.

27,061. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What induced you to vote for Watkin and McCullagh in 1857?—I do not know; it was my first vote.

27,062. Did you get anything then?—No.

27,063. Were you offered anything?—No.

27,064. How soon did you let it be known that you intended to vote for them; how soon before the election?—I do not remember now how long before the election; it was not a very long while.

27,065. Were you canvassed at that time early?—Yes.

27,066. A month before the election?—Yes, by both parties.

27,067. Did you know there was any money going then?—No, I did not know anything about that.

27,068. Who canvassed you upon the Liberal side at that time?—Watkin and McCullagh.

27,069. Did you promise them?—That I cannot say; I cannot remember now.

27,070. Can you give us the reason which induced you to vote for Watkin and McCullagh then; were you a Liberal in politics?—Yes, I was at that time; and I changed afterwards.

27,071. Do you mean that you changed your party, or that you changed your opinions?—I changed my opinion about their party.

27,072. You are a publican, and you get your beer from Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, mine is a free house, and I can get it where I like. The house is not Sir Edmund Lacon's.

27,073. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you draw your beer from Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes, some of it.

27,074. Do you know a man named Henry Nutman?—Yes.

27,075. What relation is he to you?—A brother.

27,076. A carpenter?—Yes.

27,077. Do you know that he got 15*l.* for his vote?—I know by the reports in the papers; nothing further.

27,078. You never heard of it before?—No.

27,079. You never heard of it before he told us?—No, I never knew whom he voted for until I saw it in the papers.

27,080. Do you see much of your brother?—Very little; sometimes once a week.

27,081. Did you see him about the election time?—I saw him during the election, of course, but he never said anything to me, or I to him, about the election.

27,082. Did he never tell you that he had received money for his vote?—No, I did not know that he had a vote till after the election.

27,083. Did you ever hear of any man in Yarmouth being bribed at the election time?—No, nobody ever told me they were bribed, only it was the talk about people being bribed. I never knew anybody personally who got any money.

27,084. You heard that money was going?—Yes, of course.

27,085. Before the election?—Upon the election day I heard it; I did not know anything about it before.

27,086. Before the election you never heard of any money being given to voters?—No; I heard the talk, of course, that there was money being given away, but I do not know of anybody who received anything.

27,087. Did you hear of money being given away upon the Conservative side?—Both sides I heard it talked of; a rumour about the town.

27,088. Did you know Mr. Lummis?—No; yes, I knew him.

27,089. Then why did you say "No?"—I thought you meant did I know him personally. I saw the man frequently, but I never spoke to him in my life.

27,090. You never heard of a single man taking money for his vote before the election?—No.

27,091. That you swear?—Yes.

27,092. And never heard it till your brother told us in this court that he received money?—No.

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JAMES WILLIAM BUNN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

27,093. What are you?—A coal and corn merchant, and one of the aldermen of the borough.

27,094. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

27,095. You belong to that party?—I never was asked for my vote in my life by any party. I have always voted Conservative. I am so well known a Conservative that they never ask me.

27,096. Had you anything to do with the last election?—I was a strong partisan, but illegitimately, I had nothing to do with this election.

27,097. I think it is the 1859 election?—In 1859 I took a little more active part in it.

27,098. Tell us what you did in 1859?—I will answer any questions you like to ask me. I mainly worked in the Southtown Ward, to assist in the management of that ward. It is at the far end of the parish. All my business premises lie in Southtown, and being a young man they pressed me to go down there.

27,099. Did any money pass through your hands on that occasion?—I think it did; not to bribe a man myself. I was perhaps a little more than a conduit pipe. I took money down one day before the election, and I gave it mainly to Mr. Rivett, and on one or two other occasions to other persons to give to voters.

27,100. You merely gave it to Mr. Rivett and to other persons?—Yes.

27,101. How much did you give to Mr. Rivett?—I cannot tell you exactly. I had better make a lengthened answer upon that point.

27,102. If you please?—All of us have a great horror of Gorleston. It is a very long ward, nearly four miles long, and it is objectionable to canvass it. It is a nasty ward. There is at times so much hard work that everyone, after once having had experience of it, gets out of the way. I, not understanding the ward, was pressed by Mr. Palmer, who was then in the town council, but now in London, to undertake it, being one of the principal members of it. I went down with Mr. Harmer and a legal agent, perhaps a fortnight before. We were trying to find out how the voters were going. I had a memorandum book, and Mr. Rivett looked at my memorandum book which I had. He said, "You may cross out so-and-so." He said, "They are all right when I get the money." After that, whenever I saw him, if I found any name which I did not understand, he would tell me whether they were for or against. Then I would tell Mr. Harmer. I do not think he had any knowledge of the bribery. I see he has been accused of being one of the operators. I am bound to say that he never saw a halfpenny during the whole of the election, the same as I. I did not bribe, but I was cognisant of it. I was down there a fortnight before the election, nearly every day, and three days before the election Mr. Rivett said, "I shall have no money to spare, you had "better bring down some in case of a run upon the "election day." I went up to the rooms on the day before the election, and went into a room where Mr. Green and Mr. Reynolds were. I said, "I had better take down 200*l.* to Gorleston." One of the others said, "Look in in an hour or so." I went back again, and there was the money prepared for me. I recollect it was done up in 10*l.* packages, in sovereigns. I took it down with me. Fortunately we did not require all to be used. I went down to Gorleston and stopped all that night. It was a very rainy night, and the other side would not operate, and we had won the election at 10 in the morning. It was impossible for the others to operate. I do not think there was above 130*l.* of this money expended.

27,103. Whatever it was, you gave it to Mr. Rivett?—No. There was a person of the name of George Colk, who is a collector of dues here. He had no knowledge of the people, but he knew I should be down there, and in former times he went down to offer his services, and when I knew a man wanted any money, or Mr. Rivett told me that he was to have so much money, I gave it to Mr. Colk to give it to him, and I had the man pointed out to him. I see Godbolt said I bribed him with 10*l.* I was perfectly aware of his having the 10*l.*, and I have no doubt he believes he is correct, but he is a very drinking man. He was drunk three or four days before the election. I was perfectly astonished when the election was all over; about 10 or 12 o'clock in the morning he said, "Is it not time for me to vote?" I was astonished at that, because he had been acting on our side for three or four days previously. He said, "I want some money," I said, "You do not want money, surely!" He said, "I am to have 15*l.* or 20*l.*" He had been drinking, and he kicked up a row, and I turned round to one of them, and said, "Give him 10*l.*" That is exactly the same thing as if I had done it myself. It is only cheating the devil. I did not pass it to him, but I caused it to be passed to him.

27,104. Were you the only person that took money to Mr. Rivett?—I think Mr. Cooper gave him some. He told me the other day he believed Mr. Rivett went into his shop and took some money.

27,105. Have you any knowledge of what Mr. Rivett did?—No, I have not. I have a very bad recollection of persons features; I do not know persons again after canvassing them two or three times. I can recollect several names. Rivett told me of a man named Banham, a baker at the corner. I asked him about him, and he said, "That is all right, I have squared him," Then there was a man named Matson. I could not find out where he was, and I asked Mr. Rivett. He took me up to a loft over a public-house. He was stone deaf. I can remember the peculiarity, that he made him understand so, that he did vote for us all right. Then there is a man named Fisk. He is not upon the register at the last election. I do not think he lives in Gorleston. There is the other, Godbolt; I do not think he took any money, but he was an active partisan with us. And there are two or three other names I was thinking of this morning.

27,106. You cannot give us any information as to who the individual voters were that Mr. Rivett bribed?—No, I cannot. I recollect Reuben Smith. He works for me at times. I see the names sometimes down in my book. I really do not know them personally. I thought I could get voters, but I do not think now I have half the influence that I thought I had. Godbolt is dead. He is a different class of man to the one that has been up here. He was the employer of that one who was up; he is a cousin of his.

27,107. He had money?—I do not know. Mr. Rivett told me about him, that he would be a useful man, and would be all right; and a man named Fisk; he was a shoemaker down there.

27,108. Do you mean when you said 200*l.* you took down, that 200*l.* was all you took down?—Every bit. I think I took back 57*l.* or 47*l.* of that upon the morning after the election. If the election was on the Saturday, I took it back to the committee room afterwards, and gave it up in the committee room with the account, mentioning to whom I gave the money.

27,109. Whom did you give that account to?—Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Green were both in the room, but who took it up I do not know, I laid it down. I gave the account in, and I think Mr. Reynolds pencilled it down.

27,110. Did you and Mr. Green have any conversation about the money?—No. I have known Mr. Green ever since I have left school nearly. He was a very austere old fellow, and if you asked him a question he would insult you as likely as not, especially if you were a well-known partisan he thought he could take a liberty with.

27,111. You did not hear from Mr. Reynolds or Mr. Green how much money there was to spend?—No. I have my own opinion.

27,112. What is your opinion?—That the election cost 3,000*l.*

27,113. Have you any idea where it came from?—Yes. I think I brought some of it.

17,114. Where from?—From Norwich.

27,115. Did you bring it from the bank?—No; but it was very close to the bank where I brought it from. I attend the Norwich market as a corn merchant. I think—I cannot tell whether I was told of it, but I had an impression on my mind—that I should have a parcel to bring down upon that Saturday night. Somebody met me close by Harvey and Hudson's bank. I do not know much of Norwich, any further than from the corn hall down to the train. Harvey and Hudson's bank is upon the way, and some person met me within 100 yards of it, and asked me my name, and said, "There is a parcel for you to take down to the Conservative party at Yarmouth."

27,116. Do you know who the person was?—No, I do not know who it was. My idea was, it was taken directly from Harvey and Hudson's bank and brought to me, so that the traces of it should be lost.

27,117. Some person well acquainted with you, and with the position you held, brought it you?—Yes. No doubt some person who had had some information, or had had me pointed out to him.

27,118. Can you judge from the size and weight of the parcel what was in it?—It was in brown paper and sealed up. It is difficult to tell, because you cannot see through brown paper. I think there was a little gold, and the rest was notes. I heard afterwards it had 500*l.* in it. That is my impression.

27,119. Was that upon the Saturday?—That was upon the Saturday.

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27,120. Was that the first money, do you know, that came to Yarmouth ?—I do not know. That is the only parcel that I brought.

27,121. Do you know who that came from, or did you understand whose money that was ?—No, I do not think I understood anything about it. I could exercise my own ideas at the time.

27,122. Was it your own idea that it was Sir Henry Stracey's money ?—It was my idea that it was a part of Sir Henry Stracey's money, and came from Harvey and Hudson's bank ; but I had no knowledge of it.

27,123. Have you any idea of where the money came from on the part of Sir Edmund Lacon ?—No, not Sir Edmund Lacon. I should feel a great interest in Sir Henry Stracey, he not being so well known. I felt very anxious for him ; and he had fought such a good fight in the county before, that I was a very active partisan. That is the reason I might have been one of the conduit pipes. I like Sir Henry Stracey, and his bold way of speaking and character.

27,124. You took these parcels ?—No, one parcel.

27,125. Where to ?—Up to the committee room across the market.

27,126. That was not the public committee room ?—Yes, it was.

27,127. And whom did you give the parcel to ?—I opened the closet door, and laid it in the closet. Mr. Green and Mr. Reynolds were in there at the time.

27,128. Were there other parties present cognizant of the transaction ?—There were ten or a dozen rooms in the house. The legal agent would not have known a bit abont this.

27,129. Did any other party know about it except Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Green ?—No. I would not swear that *they* knew about it. I have very good reason to believe that they did. They saw me go to the closet and open the door.

27,130. Did they take it up ?—They did not touch it in my presence. I have no doubt they took it up, one or the other. I have an impression it was meant for Mr. Green.

27,131. It was not directed to anybody ?—No, it was not. I think it was a brown paper parcel sealed up.

27,132. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is that man, George Colk, alive ?—Yes. I saw him this morning. He keeps the "Bath Hotel" now. I do not believe really he would know a single man hardly in Gorleston. He went down knowing that I should be there, to see if he could be of any use to me ; I daresay it was very foolish on my part. It is like passing money direct ; one is as bad as the other. I went a roundabout way to do what Mr. Cooper did direct.

27,133. What part did Mr. Colk take in it ?—If I said, "There is so-and-so, he is to have 10*l.*, give him the money," he did it. I did not buy the men, or any of them. It was all arranged. Mr. Rivett would say, "So-and-so is there." I think at the time he was short of money ; he had expended the money that he had. I only took mine down in case of a run. They said to me, "Take this down two or three days before the election," in case of a run. And so his money being expended, two or three men whom he engaged, and whom he could not pay, he asked me to pay. I did not like to pay them myself ; I asked Mr. Colk to do it for me. I do not know that I did not ask one or two other persons to do it. I returned 50*l.* or 60*l.* out of the 200*l.*, therefore, there was not much expended. I think it was 47*l.* or 57*l.* that I returned.

27,134. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you happen to know anything about Matson ?—I do not think I ever saw him except up in that loft. I think that was the name of the man. He was a little old man, very deaf. Rivett took me up into the loft to him.

27,135. According to your idea, Mr. Rivett had arranged with this man before ?—Yes. I could not find out why the men hung back. Now and then I found one man promising. I met Mr. Rivett, and he said, "Let me look at your book ;" and then he said, "So-and-so is right," and I guessed how they were made right then.

27,136. At this election of 1865, had you anything to do with Mr. Rivett then ?—The only conversation that I can recollect with Mr. Rivett at the election time was on the Thursday, it might be eight or ten days before the election ; I was going over the bridge to my office. He said, "When do you go down to Gorleston ?" I said, "I do not mean to knock myself up again, I have had enough of Gorleston." Then he said, "It is time for somebody to come down." I said I did not think there would be a contest. I reckoned things were such a certainty that the others would retire. He said, "If there is to be a contest it is time for some one to come down ; I think we ought to have some money down very soon." As you know one's business increases a little, and not wishing to be led on, I did not have any further conversation.

27,137. That was eight or ten days before the election ?—Yes, eight or ten days before the election.

27,138. And did you repeat it at the committee room ?—No, I did not wish to be drawn into it. I am rather impulsive. I did not like to go down to Gorleston again, although I occupy a farm in Gorleston Ward. I never went there for three weeks previous to the election, because I did not wish to be drawn into it.

27,139. Had you ever mentioned to anybody that Mr. Rivett said that it was time to commence ?—I do not know that I did. I might, or might not. I have no knowledge of it..

27,140. Did you see Mr. Cooper at all upon the subject ?—I saw him very often.

27,141. Did you mention it to him ?—We talked about politics, and how things were going on, and, like an old racehorse, I liked to know how they were getting on, though I did not interfere myself.

27,142. With that exception you had no knowledge of Mr. Rivett's proceedings ?—None.

27,143. And you never heard of them ?—No, I do not think I spoke to him again. When he found I would not have anything to do with it, I do not think we had any further conversation.

27,144. (*Mr. Russell.*) You say you may have given money to other people besides Mr. Colk ?—Yes.

27,145. Can you remember anybody else ?—No. I think very likely I should have trusted the elder Godbolt if he had asked me. I should have done it, simply passing it from one hand to the other, immediately in front of the polling place, in a public-house immediately in front ; I might have done that.

27,146. You do not remember the amount you gave to Mr. Colk ?—No. I asked him this morning if he could recollect, and he said, "It is five or six times you have asked me about it ; I know nothing of Gorleston ; I do not know the people there from Adam."

27,147. Cannot you remember who it was that sent you to bring the money from Norwich ?—Nobody sent me, the parcel was given to me in the street. The party said, "Is your name so-and-so ? Will you take that parcel down to the Conservative rooms ?" I might have been sitting up in the committee room the night before, when it might have been said, "We shall have a parcel down from Norwich," so that I might understand it.

27,148. You cannot recollect who it was who mentioned it ?—I cannot. Mr. Green would talk in an off-hand way, expecting me to understand it.

27,149. Who was in the room besides Mr. Green and Mr. Reynolds ?—I do not recollect. I passed the clerk's room ; there were Henry Teasdel and one or two other clerks in the room, but we did not want to go into that room. I passed their room in going on.

27,150. How came you to know the election cost 3,000*l.* ?—I say I do not know, but I conjecture it cost about 3,000*l.*

27,151. I suppose you base your conjecture upon this ; you knew Sir Henry Stracey spent 1,500*l* ?—No, I did not know that, it was calculated immediately after the election. That was my impression ; I do not know how I arrived at it.

27,152. You would say whatever Sir Henry Stracey spent Sir Edmund Lacon spent the same ?—I am certain that one would not let the other pay more, at least I should think not.

27,153. Did you know that Mr. Reynolds had brought some money down before you brought down this 500*l.*?—I think I did; I have an impression I did, it is only conjecture. I took a note up to Harvey's bank the Saturday previous, and left it there; I said, "I think I have to call for a parcel." I met Mr. Reynolds in London Street, Norwich, during the day, whether I was leaving the Corn Exchange or not I do not know, and he said, "You need not go about that parcel, I have got it," and therefore I did not bother further about it.

27,154. Who was it told you to go for that parcel?—I think Mr. Lushington Preston gave me a note.

27,155. Did you have any idea how much that parcel contained?—No, I had none.

27,156. Did your hear subsequently?—I had an impression at the time, it might be from what I heard Mr. Reynolds say, 1,000*l.*, or something of that sort. I did not know at the time; in fact I did not see the parcel. I expected I should take the parcel simply as the conveyer, but I found it was gone.

27,157. Did you ever hear of any money that came from or through Sir Edmund Lacon except the 1,000*l.*?—No, I had not the slightest idea how Sir Edmund Lacon's money would come. He had plenty of friends of course. It was quite easy enough in any way, and I should not attempt to inquire. It is unreasonable to attempt to find out what you have no business to know, and I should not attempt to inquire about it.

27,158. Whom did you give the note to that Mr. Lushington Preston gave you?—I do not know.

27,159. Was it to a gentleman at the bank?—Yes. They would know me possibly at Harvey's bank when I would not know them. I believe I have a credit at the bank—it is not often used, through Sir Edmund Lacon's bank here. I have occasionally taken up parcels, the exchange between Sir Edmund Lacon's bank and Harvey's bank. I might have taken back the exchange of notes upon a market-day. I have repeatedly taken up notes to leave there for other persons that could not get over to Norwich. They may know me, but I do not know them, or any of them.

27,160. Do you know Mr. Pill by sight?—No, I do not. I know who you mean, Harvey's manager you mean.

27,161. Can you remember whether you drove Mr. Cooper down at the election of 1859 to the house of a man named Mayes?—Yes, I recollect it quite well. It was possibly two nights before the election. I had just come up from Gorleston, and I met Mr. Cooper upon the Quay. He said, "How are you getting on?" I showed him my list, and he said, "There is old Mayes, I know him quite well." Every Wednesday and Saturday Mr. Mayes' stall is placed immediately in front of Mr. Cooper's shop, therefore he knew him. He said, "I can work him," and we engaged a fly and drove down. I set him down at Mayes' door, and drove on to the "Greyhound." Within a few minutes he came back to me there, and said he had secured Mayes. He said, "Old Manthorpe has now gone in there." I said, "What does he want to do with him?" He said, "He is his brother-in-law." Mr. Cooper said that he had no money, and I lent him 15*l.*, I think, out of my own pocket, and I recouped myself if I did lend it him out of the 200*l.*

27,162. Whether it was your money, or whether it was Mr. Cooper's money, Mayes had the money from Mr. Cooper?—Undoubtedly, I believe so; I took him down for the purpose of bribing him. I left him there, and he came out and told me he had put it all right; and the probability is he did give the money, notwithstanding his brother-in-law's going on, because he voted one and one, and old Mayes is a very strong dissenter, and would not have gone with us without.

27,163. Is it your belief that Mayes had the money?—I did not see it, but I have no moral doubt of it, of course.

27,164. Were you upon those terms with Mr. Cooper, that if he had been unable to secure the man he would have told you so?—Yes, he would have told me directly. I have known Mr. Cooper a great many years. I have great faith in him, so far as that goes.

27,165. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say you took a note from Mr. Lushington Preston to the bank at Norwich?—Yes.

27,166. Did you understand that that note was one written by Mr. Lushington Preston, or by anyone else?—My impression is, I knew that I should have to bring some money down.

27,167. Do you know whether it was directed by Mr. Lushington Preston, or whether it was in anybody else's handwriting?—It was Mr. Preston's handwriting. I think it was written in my presence in his office by him. He said, "I want you to take a note up to Harvey's." His office is close to mine. Of course we did not want much conversation about it. He wrote a note, and I took it. That is my impression, that it was so.

27,168. (*Mr. Slade.*) You knew what the note contained?—No, I did not, but I guessed.

27,169. He did not tell you?—No, I do not think we had any discussion particularly upon it. I had an impression that the money would have to come from Harvey's if it was required for Sir Henry Stracey, and we were all of us warmly interested in Sir Henry Stracey's return. I jumped at once at it. I do not think we had any particular conversation about it.

27,170. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) There is one question I want to ask you which I had forgotten, with regard to Mr. Rivett. Did you know the under-agent that Mr. Rivett employed at Gorleston, who distributed the money?—No, I did not. I do not think he spent anything like what he did in 1865.

27,171. From your intimacy with him, do you know who those persons were whom he trusted?—No, I had no knowledge of them. He was a shipping agent, and I occasionally met him on board ships in valuations. I know that he lived somewhere upon the hill, but I do not know his house.

27,172. You would not know the parties he employed to distribute the money?—No, I should not. We did not get anything like the majority in the year 1859 that we did in 1865. I think that was the result of his nephew William Thomas Clarke's influence. They were fighting one against the other. I think many of the voters we got in 1865 we should not have got if Mr. Clarke had lived.

27,173. Did you know Mr. Clarke?—Quite well.

27,174. Do you know anything of his proceedings at the election?—It was notorious that he was the manager upon the Radical side, as Mr. Rivett was upon our side.

27,175. Did you ever have any means of judging how much money he spent?—I heard him say something about his loss of 300*l.* by the party.

27,176. Did you hear him say how much he had spent?—Yes, one day at the "Star," we had a meeting about the vestry clerk. It was a split up among us. I do not know if it was the respectable party who voted against us, or the non-respectable party. We were disposed to get in Mr. Chamberlin, and Mr. Clarke worked with me. We lost; and I recollected his growling about the party, and saying that he had lost 300*l.*

27,177. This is subsequently?—This is within three years ago.

27,178. Did he refer to the election of 1859?—No, I do not know that he did. These vestry clerk's elections cost something; and he said, "I have now 300*l.* owing to me by the party."

27,179. Might that occur from municipal elections?—No. We could carry them there without spending a penny. He had all the pilots, or a great many of them, with him.

27,180. Did you understand it at that time to refer to that election?—No. I think it referred generally to borough elections, that is, for members of Parliament.

27,181. It referred to several elections?—It might have referred to some lump sum.

27,182. Did you understand it to refer to the

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election of 1859 ?—No, I did not. It might have referred to the election of 1857. It was in common conversation, something like this, "Oh! confound their politics; I am now 300*l.* out of pocket," or "300*l.* is owing to me," or something of that sort.

27,183. (*Mr. Slade.*) Are you a brother of Charles Victor Bunn ?—Yes.

27,184. Can you say who Godbolt received the money from; was it from Mr. Cooper ?—I do not know that he received it from Cooper. I passed it on, and he had it within a minute. My impression is, that he was bribed by the other side too. I think he wanted to vote half and half, and my impression is rather confirmed by seeing that he was bribed by both sides this time. He was intoxicated. He said "Is it not time for me to go and vote ?" I said, "I am astonished you have not been before." He says, "Give me the money." The election being won, and not being particular about a 10*l.* note, I got Mr. Colk, or somebody else, to give him 10*l.*, and settle him.

27,185. The election, you think, cost the Conservatives 3,000*l.* Have you any idea what it cost the other side ?—It is no use answering these questions; you only answer them in a spirit of party feeling. There have been answers given that have been laughed at on both sides.

27,186. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you give any money to your brother ?—No. I am rather annoyed. One looks after the young ones a little more than oneself. I was annoyed to see him come out so much as he did. I find both of them were handling a little money in 1859. One of them was a clerk in my office. He is now South America. I had a feeling of elder brothership, and I wished them to be kept away. I was not aware of their spending any money.

27,187. Do you know where your brothers had the money from in 1859 ?—No.

27,188. You are aware that they both handled money ?—I see that my brother Charles did. I did not know that the other did.

27,189. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You cannot doubt but that he had it from Mr. Rivett ?—I do not doubt that.

27,190. At any rate it was so with regard to one, and it is very probable the other brother who is in South America had the money, also from Mr. Rivett ?—Mr. Colk told me to-day that my brother John did something. I said "Surely he is too young." He said he had some money. If so, it has been only for one or two cases. He would be afraid to let me know it.

27,191. He might have taken the money to a particular voter ?—He would have been the means of conveying the money only.

27,192. And not to use his discretion ?—No.

27,193. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who was it told you your brother John did something ?—I was asking about it. It was Mr. Colk. He said, "Your brother John did something."

I. Shuckford.

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27,194. Have you some memoranda there to refer to about the election of 1859 ?—Yes, about the election of 1859.

27,195. We understand that you gave some money to persons to disburse in 1859 ?—Yes, I did.

27,196. Will you give us the amounts, and the names ?—I am not certain that these amounts are correct, but I will endeavour to give them as correctly as possible. I gave a man named William Beales 80*l.* or 90*l.* I gave a man named Richard Yaxley 30*l.* I gave a man named Harris Wilshack 80*l.* I gave a man named Thomas French, senior, who is dead, 30*l.* for his voters. I gave a man named Henry Swan, who is dead, 60*l.* for some voters.

27,197. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) He is dead, too, Henry Swan ?—Yes.

27,198. Is he any relation to the Swan examined here to-day ?—That is a son of his, I suppose; he passed the money from me to his son to distribute. There are also a certain number of men whom I myself gave money to.

27,199. Is Richard Yaxley dead ?—Richard Yaxley is dead.

27,200. (*Mr. Slade.*) Now the names of those you gave money to ?—I think there are 10, but I can only remember eight. I have gone through the poll book, and with any degree of certainty I can only pick out eight, but I fancy I bribed about 10.

27,201. Downing received money from you ?—Yes, Thomas Downing 40*l.*, I thought I had given that name in. I am very positive about this 40*l.* that Downing had, because I heard this morning he said he had not 40*l.* of me.

27,202. Yes, he said he had ?—He said he had it from Mr. Yaxley, I thought.

27,203. He said he had it through Mr. Yaxley, but it came from you ?—He had the 40*l.* from me. It was an unfortunate speculation. I do not know the four men; all I know is one of the four never voted at all, and the other three voted dead against us, and I thought the money badly laid out, and not only so, but there has been a grievance between Mr. Downing and me about this matter. When the petition came on Mr. Downing said he thought he had better go away, and considering the result of the 40*l.* I thought he had better go; and I said, "Yes, I think you had." He went away, and after the petition was over came back again, and I perhaps was uncharitable enough to think at the moment he had not spent the 40*l.*, all of it, considering how they voted. Therefore I did not pay the money out of my own pocket for his going away during the time of the petition, and I believe that has been his great grievance. But I did do something. He, like many other men, became unfortunate, and had to go through the court. He asked me whether I would be kind enough to go to his solicitor, Mr. Cufaude, and, as a matter of form, pass my name to his solicitor for his expenses, and said it would be all right, and that sort of thing, and I, thinking of this little matter he had been engaged in, from good feeling, I went and passed my name, as a matter of form, to Mr. Cufaude, to put him through the court. And after some little opposition, Mr. Cufaude successfully got him through, and the finish was I had to pay all the expenses of his going through the court. Therefore my little transactions with Mr. Downing have not been very profitable. Would you like me to give you the names of the men I can remember having bribed ?

27,204. (*Mr. Russell.*) I should like to ask you one question first. I suppose, if Mr. Downing had continued to be a member of your party, he would have been a very unlikely man to be entrusted with money to buy votes ?—As far as I was concerned he would certainly.

27,205. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you imagine that may have had anything to do with Mr. Downing's political conversion ?—I believe that had the whole to do with it myself.

27,206. Now give us the names ?—Henry Ames, Daniel Beales, Robert Burwell, Samuel Goodwin, Isaac Miller, George Martin Holmes, George Howlett, and Charles Harvey.

27,207. Did they all get the same amount ?—No. I do not know the amounts, but, generally speaking, they ranged in fact from 10*l.* to 15*l.*, all of them. But I should say a greater portion of them were 15*l.*

27,208. Do you think you probably bribed another couple of men ?—I think I bribed about 10.

27,209. (*Mr. Russell.*) Are any of these eight dead ?—Yes, I think so. Daniel Beales is dead, and Samuel Goodwin is dead, and Isaac Miller and George Howlett. There are four of them dead, and four of them alive.

27,210. (*Mr. Slade.*) Did you, when you gave money to your sub-agents, give them any instructions as to how much they were to give ?—I think the

prices ranged from about 10*l.* to 15*l.* My impression is, nothing beyond 15*l.* was gone to in 1859.

27,211. Were your instructions that you would rise a five-pound note above what the other side were giving?—Certainly not, nothing of the kind. If any man wanted 20*l.* in 1859, my impression is he would have been pooh-poohed, and he would have been put on one side. 10*l.* was a sort of starting point in 1859, but it came up in consequence of the tactics of the opposition to 15*l.*

27,212. (*Mr. Russell.*) I cannot find Robert Burwell?—Perhaps it is spelt wrong in the poll book.

27,213. Was it Robert Burrell?—I suppose it to be the same man. I think I am correct; I will not be positive it was not Burrell, it is my impression it is Robert Burwell.

27,214. Is it Charles Harvey, of St. Nicholas' Gate?—He lived at St. Nicholas' Gate.

27,215. (*Mr. Slade.*) William Beales has told us that you gave him only 30*l.*?—My impression is that I gave him 80*l.* or 90*l.* It is eight years since, but that is my impression. I do not know the man, but I know the sum, and it seems to me it must have been more than that. I ought not to say, "That Beales would have," because I fancy more men would come for the money.

27,216. He says you gave him 30*l.* for Samuel Roberts and R. Hastings, or some such name?—I gave him money for a man of the name of Robert Earl. I did not give him the money for any particular man that I remember at the time, but he said that he knew of a man that would not vote without money. He found the men, and not I.

27,217. (*Mr. Russell.*) Can you remember any other men who Beales mentioned then?—I cannot say that I do.

27,218. (*Mr. Slade.*) From whom did you get this money in 1859?—From Mr. William Green.

27,219. Can you tell us the exact amount that you got from Mr. Green?—No, I cannot. I thought I had about 200*l.* or 300*l.*, until I came to the figures and papers, and I found I must have had something like 400*l.*

27,220. You are aware that Henry King Swan has told us that he received 50*l.* from you at the last election?—Yes.

27,221. Which you have forgotten?—I did not consider it my transaction, the 50*l.* that I paid to Swan. I simply passed it from one to another; and there is another man besides Swan I paid money to. In certain wards there is one man who particularly had a certain amount of money, and he was the working man in that ward; it was in the Victoria Gardens. Some of the opposite party were there the same night. I had a bottle or two of wine with John Lummis; they watched me from the gardens, they knew I was there, and he asked me if I would pass the money from him to this Swan and another man. I considered it Mr. Lummis's transaction altogether, but I suppose, without thinking whether he was right or whether he was wrong, that I might, having been so friendly so many years with his father, thinking I might have a little more weight with them than he had, he said, "Will you give 50*l.* for me to Harry Swan?" as we called him. And I paid the money to Henry Swan. I considered it Mr. Lummis's transaction altogether, and not only that, but I passed the money to another man of the name of William Staff, 30*l.*

27,222. William Henry Staff?—That is the man. My impression is that was for two votes.

27,223. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know how much it was?—30*l.* And I think the other was for three votes to Henry King Swan.

27,224. (*Mr. Slade.*) They were both Mr. Lummis's monies?—Mr. Lummis gave me this money, and in fact I did not wish Mr. Lummis to know that I really had money at all. I did not let everybody know that I had money, and if I had, not only that, but I should have been rather reluctant to have parted with money out of what I called my district, because I wanted to keep mine to see if I should require it at the last moment.

27,225. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know who the two men were for whom Mr. Staff had the money?—I think for a man of the name of Elliot and himself; I think so, I am not positive.

27,226. Do you know what Elliot's christian name is?—I do not.

27,227. Or where he lives?—I do not.

27,228. Or what he is?—He is a block-maker.

27,229. (*Mr. Slade.*) Then you were quite right in your account with Mr. Nightingale?—Yes, quite so, with my money.

27,230. Did any other money besides this that you received from Mr. Lummis go through your hands?—Not that I am aware of, not any more. I do not remember any money beyond this, and I suppose Mr. Lummis gave me the money; being rather a large employer here, he thought I should have a little more weight with those men than he had.

27, 231. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did any money pass through your hands in a similar way in 1857?—Not in 1857. I have given all the information that I remember in 1859.

27,232. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Lummis had no objection to your knowing that he had money and was employing it?—No.

27,233. Do you happen to know any other parties through whom Mr. Swan disbursed money?—No, I do not.

27,234. You cannot give us any clue to it?—Indeed I cannot.

27,235. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you ever hear what amount Mr. Lummis received?—No. I never heard the amount no further than as general evidence has come out.

27,236. (*Mr. Slade.*) What Mr. Cooper said?—He did not seem to be to me at all in want of any money when he asked me to pass this money. I might suppose he had 1,000*l.*, or I might suppose he had 3,000*l.* or 4,000*l.* He seemed to have plenty of money at the time he asked me to pass this over.

27,237. (*Mr. Russell.*) He did not tell you he had any money except from Mr. Cooper?—Certainly not; and I never asked him where the money came from either.

S. Nightingale.

Mr. Samuel Nightingale recalled; examined by Mr. Slade.

27,238. You told us that you advanced 1,000*l.* for Sir Edmund Lacon at the election of 1859?—Yes.

27,239. Did you advance any other money at that election?—I have remembered since advancing some money to a Mr. Stolworthy; I do not remember the amount; I got some of it back again. It might have been a couple of hundred pounds.

27,240. The 1,000*l.* you advanced, I understand, you sent to Mr. Green?—Yes.

27,241. Did you send any other money to Mr. Green?—No.

27,242. Nothing but that?—Nothing. I do not remember the exact amount. I told you at the time I thought perhaps it was rather more than 1,000*l.*

27,243. Can you say whether it was to the amount of 1,500*l.*?—No, it was not.

27,244. Not that?—No, certainly not. It might have been 1,100*l.* or 1,200*l.* I do not think it was quite an even sum.

27,245. What was the amount that Mr. Cory put in that bill, do you remember?—No, I do not; it was so long ago, and I did not remember. The fact is, I did not try to remember.

27,246. Was it the exact amount you had advanced?—Yes, as near as I could tell, with the exception of Mr. Stolworthy's; I do not think that was included. I never had that; I made up my mind to lose it.

28,247. You say for certain that you did not advance

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as much as 1,500*l.* to Mr. Green?—Yes, I am certain I did not.

27,248. We have heard that Mr. Green received 1,500*l.* from Sir Henry Stracey, and that he also received a similar sum from Sir Edmund Lacon?—I should think not. You see if Mr. Cory paid me 1,100*l.* or 1,200*l.*, and I advanced 100*l.* or 200*l.* to Mr. Stolworthy, it would be pretty near it; and a Mr. Child told you I advanced him a little the other day. I had forgotten the circumstance; it was merely a trivial amount, 15*l.*, or something of that sort.

27,249. Would your advancing the 200*l.* to Mr. Stolworthy be known to Mr. Green?—No, I think not, unless Mr. Stolworthy was in communication with him, which probably he might be.

27,250. You cannot say?—That I cannot say; I think it is most probably he was. Mr. Green was aware Mr. Stolworthy was spending some money.

27,251. He was?—Yes, I expect so.

27,252. Have you ever been repaid the 200*l.* you advanced to Mr. Stolworthy?—No. Every election generally has cost me some money; I have been out of pocket every election. I thought it was too large an amount to put in Mr. Cory's bill, so I let it stand over.

27,253. And you have never been repaid in any way, independent of Mr. Cory's bill?—No. I let it stand over from time to time, thinking something might turn up at some future occasion perhaps. I never mentioned the subject.

27,254. Was it known to Sir Edmund that you had advanced more money?—No.

27,255. How did you send this money to Mr. Green?—I really forget now. I think he came to my house once, and I went to his house once or twice. He had it not all in one sum, in three or four sums, and I am not certain he had it all until the election was over. Mr. Green was a man who stood so well with the voters that his word was quite sufficient, they would take his word.

27,256. You think some of it was paid after the election?—I think it was; I know it was not paid all at once.

27,257. Mr. Green, we understand, was very well known in Yarmouth?—Oh yes.

27,258. And also, I suppose, in election tactics very well known?—Oh yes.

27,259. Have you seen Mr. Stolworthy lately?—Oh yes; but his mind is gone. He is blind and paralyzed. He has no recollection of anything.

27,260. His memory has quite failed him?—Yes; his eyes are paralyzed, and he is paralyzed altogether. He is incapable and blind.

27,261. Was Mr. Green's occupation known to Sir Edmund Lacon in your opinion?—What occupation do you mean?

27,262. As regards bribing?—He might have a suspicion. Before Sir Edmund Lacon contested the borough Mr. Green was so well known. He was half a century, I suppose, employed in the same business, and he used on previous occasions to canvass with the candidates, and his knowledge was so good that he would tell you every voter and how he voted for years previously, without any reference to memoranda or anything. He knew the history of every man. He was an extraordinary character.

27,263. Beyond his merits as a canvasser, was he not also known to be a man who had the disbursement of money when required?—Oh yes, I think so.

27,264. Did Mr. Green come to you with the result of the canvass from time to time?—No, I had it from other sources.

27,265. Used you to see Mr. Green at the time of the election?—Oh yes, frequently, repeatedly.

27,266. Were Mr. Green's visits to you chiefly for the purpose of obtaining money?—Oh yes.

27,267. Were you ever in the company of Mr. Green about the election of 1859 at the same time as Sir Edmund Lacon?—No.

27,268. Never?—Never. I do not remember that I ever was; I think not.

27,269. Can you say whether Sir Edmund Lacon was aware if Mr. Green ever came to you?—I should think not; certainly not.

27,270. I want to ask you if you can give us the number of the public-houses which are supplied with beer from your brewery in Yarmouth?—Yes, I can; taking our own houses and those we supply in Yarmouth and Gorleston alone, there is about 203 or 204. There are not many of our own houses, just under 40, and that of course forms a very small part of our business, and especially those houses form but a small part of it.

27,271. Are those 203 or 204 in Yarmouth alone, or included in Yarmouth and Gorleston?—In Yarmouth and Gorleston.

27,272. In the borough?—Yes, in the borough.

27,273. Do you know how many public-houses there are in the borough?—No, I do not. Many of those houses I have given you are beerhouses, not spirit-houses. I should think we supply nine-tenths of them.

27,274. Nine-tenths out of the whole of those in the borough?—Yes, of the free houses I am speaking of. Of course there are other public-houses belonging to private parties.

27,275. How many brewers are there in the borough besides your brewery?—Two, I think.

27,276. Mr. Ferrier is one?—Yes, Mr. Ferrier is one, and Mr. Tomlinson.

27,277. How many houses have they got, do you know?—No; but very few, I should think.

27,278. Are both those gentlemen Conservative in politics?—Yes, I think so.

27,279. (*Mr. Russell.*) Brewers generally are, I believe?—I think so.

27,280. (*Mr. Slade.*) This 1,200*l.* that you sent to Mr. Green, was that drawn out of the bank?—No, I explained before, if you remember, I borrowed 1,000*l.* of Mr. Wolton, and the other I had by me.

27,281. I think you said you borrowed at the last time of Mr. Wolton, and you previously had done so?—Yes, I think Mr. Wolton confirmed me in that.

27,282. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) We have heard several times that the election of 1857 was pure, as far as the Conservative party was concerned?—Yes.

27,283. To your knowledge no money was advanced?—I think so.

27,284. You advanced none?—No.

27,285. And you were not cognizant of any having been advanced at all?—No, not by the Conservatives.

27,286. You told us before that you were resolved that in 1859 you would not be beaten by bribery?—Yes.

27,287. And that you would resort to the same expedient?—Yes.

27,288. About what time was that resolution first come to?—After the defeat of 1857.

27,289. Immediately after the defeat?—Yes.

27,290. How long before the election of 1859 did you first communicate that resolution of yours to anybody else?—I do not quite remember that. Perhaps some few weeks, probably.

27,291. How soon did you put yourself in communication with Mr. Green?—Perhaps as soon as the election was talked of; as soon as the canvass was commenced.

27,292. Did you then inform Mr. Green that the money would be forthcoming when wanted?—Oh yes.

27,293. I suppose you recollect when Sir Henry Stracey first announced himself as a candidate?—Yes.

27,294. Did you or any of the party, not Sir Edmund Lacon, communicate with Sir Henry Stracey or his friends on the subject of money?—No.

27,295. Sir Henry Stracey told us that it was understood that the battle was to be fought on equal terms?—Yes.

27,296. That he always understood it?—Yes.

27,297. Did you understand that too?—I understood from Mr. Green that he had the same amount.

27,298. I mean beforehand did you understand that it was to be? Sir Henry Stracey substantially said

when he came down here it was on the terms that each party was to pay half?—It was understood so, I believe.

27,299. I want to know when that understanding was come to?—I do not quite remember. At the time Sir Henry Stracey declared himself.

27,300. Mr. Green understood that?—Yes.

27,301. Was Mr. Green known to both parties as the agent who was to conduct it?—I presume he was.

27,302. At all events, when you were prepared yourself to advance money to Mr. Green, you understood Sir Henry Stracey was to find half?—Yes, and understood from Mr. Green that he had done so.

27,303. Was that after the election?—At the time it was going on.

27,304. Did you enter into any particulars with Mr. Green about it?—No.

27,305. Was that a mere general statement that Sir Henry Stracey had performed his part of the bargain?—Yes.

27,306. And did you understand the amount?—No, he merely said he had got an equal sum from both.

27,307. But he must have said that after the election, I suppose?—He said it during the election.

27,308. He could hardly have said that with truth, because Mr. Reynolds has told us that the first money that passed into the hands of Mr. Green on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey was the second Saturday of the election, and the second sum we have heard from Mr. Bunn was brought down the Saturday before the election. He thinks it was 500*l.*, and Mr. Reynolds says it was 1,000*l.*; and Sir Henry Stracey's money was in the hands of Mr. Green the Saturday before the election, and you have told us your money was not paid until afterwards?—I will not be certain of that. I think not, I think it might be at the finish of the transaction. Mr. Green told me he had a similar sum from both.

27,309. That was after you had paid his last amount?—Yes.

27,310. How much do you suppose yourself you advanced altogether to Mr. Green?—It might be 1,100*l.* or 1,200*l.*, I do not know the sum.

27,311. Did you advance as much to Mr. Stolworthy?—I think perhaps he did, but he returned me a part. I forget what it was. I had nearly forgotten the circumstance.

27,312. In point of fact do you think you spent 1,500*l.*?—I do not think I spent that; it might have approached near to it.

27,313. Have you any reason to think Mr. Green got money from anybody else?—I do not know, but I think not.

27,314. Was there any application made by you to anybody else?—No.

27,315. It has been suggested to us here that some money might have come from the Dowager Lady Lacon?—I heard the report at the time repeatedly, but I did not think it likely.

27,316. You did not think it likely?—I did not at the time. I could not tell. She was a wealthy woman, and quite able to do it if she wished.

27,317. And likely to have done it if she was asked?—Yes. There might have been an application to her, and she might have done it.

27,318. You have no knowledge of that?—No, it would be kept from me, of course, knowing I was connected with them.

27,319. I should have thought you were the medium of communication?—No, probably Lady Lacon would not have done it if she knew I was acquainted with it.

27,320. The person to keep it from would be Sir Edmund. It is probable she would not tell him?—I do not think it is likely it occurred at all; it may have done so.

27,321. Was Mr. Green known to her, do you know?—I should think he was. He was known to all the town; he was rather a notorious character.

27,322. The Dowager Lady Lacon's husband had been member for the borough for some time?—Yes, for some years; she would naturally take an interest in it.

27,323. And she would naturally know something about it?—Of course.

27,324. As an agent through whom the money might have passed?—She might have done so.

27,325. Did you ever hear Mr. Green mention anybody else as having given him money?—No.

27,326. You never heard him mention Lady Lacon's name?—No.

27,327. You say you gave Stolworthy 200*l.* or 300*l.*, and he gave you back part of it?—Yes.

27,328. Do you recollect how much?—No, I do not remember; it is so long ago. It is seven years ago, and I cannot remember it. I have banished it from my mind, in fact.

27,329. When you gave the money to Mr. Stolworthy did you suppose that Mr. Green would become acquainted with the fact?—I knew that Mr. Green and Mr. Stolworthy were in communication with each other, so that I naturally concluded he would know it.

27,330. Did you understand, in giving the money to Mr. Stolworthy as well as to Mr. Green, that you were carrying out the agreement with Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

27,331. In fact, that it was a part of the contribution?—Oh yes.

27,332. We may take it that in point of fact you believed that the whole of the money advanced on the Conservative side at the election of 1859 was advanced by you?—I think it was. There might have been a private application to other parties. I cannot say myself as to that. I have no knowledge of it.

27,333. Is there anybody else to whom the application would be made except to Lady Lacon?—I think not. Perhaps, if an application had been made to Lady Lacon that such and such a sum would secure the election, she might be induced to do it; but I have no knowledge of the thing.

27,334. Would it have been likely to be made to her directly?—Oh yes, it would be so. Of course it would have been concealed from Sir Edmund Lacon.

27,335. Were any of the sons living with her at the time?—No.

27,336. Do you happen to recollect where Lady Lacon was at the election of 1859?—I think she was living at Ormesby House then.

27,337. You think she was in the neighbourhood at the time?—Yes, I think she was living at Ormesby House, the residence of Sir Edmund, the house Sir Edmund now lives in.

27,338. Was that her house at the time?—Yes.

27,339. That was her house during her life?—Yes.

27,340. Then it would be very easy to make the application to her during the election?—Oh yes.

27,341. Was Sir Edmund living there too?—No, Sir Edmund was living down at Hopton, I think.

27,342. And you say none of her other sons were living there with her?—No.

27,343. An application, if made to her at all, might have been made by Mr. Green direct?—Yes.

27,344. Do you recollect from whom you heard the report?—It was a current report at the time, repeatedly.

27,345. Not very current in the town?—I heard it repeatedly myself amongst the party. I do not remember the precise party I had it from.

27,346. Do you think Mr. Lushington Preston was likely to know anything about it?—I think not; he might have done so, he might have named it, I mean.

27,347. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was the Dowager Lady Lacon aware that you advanced the money in 1859?—No.

27,348. Were you on intimate terms with her?—Yes.

27,349. If she had advanced that money she would have been as likely to have advanced it through your hand as anybody's?—If I made the application probably, but I did not.

27,350. May the amount you gave to Mr. Green and

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Mr. Stolworthy have amounted to 1,500*l.*?—I do not think it would quite. I do not think so much money was spent as is reported.

27,351 If 1,500*l.* was spent, the balance over and above what you advanced must be a small one?—Oh yes.

27,352. And a sum hardly worth while, I should have thought, applying to Lady Lacon for?—I think not; they might have made a special application to her to say a certain amount would have saved the election. But I do not think it myself. There is no accounting for what is done at those times.

27,353. (*Mr Fitzgerald.*) At present we have not got the exact sum advanced by Sir Henry Stracey?—You have not.

27,354. (*Mr. Russell.*) I mean, if Lady Lacon was applied to, it was probably for a larger sum than 200*l.* or 300*l.*?—I think very probably.

27,355. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you think, when Mr. Green and you conversed on the subject, that the amount advanced by Sir Henry Stracey was adverted to?—He merely said he had got an equal sum from each.

27,356. That is when he made up the exact sum he received from you, he said he had an equal sum from Sir Henry Stracey?—Yes.

27,357. Did he ask you for the balance to make it up?—No.

27,358. Then all that you advanced was expected by Mr. Green?—Yes, I should think so.

27,359. (*Mr. Russell.*) Of the public-houses supplied by Sir Henry Lacon, are the majority of them tenanted by voters?—Yes, I think so.

27,360. I suppose almost all?—Almost all. Some are attended to by women.

27,361. I suppose they are all 10*l.* occupiers?—Yes, most of them.

27,362. Did you ever ascertain how they voted; in what proportion?—No, I have not.

27,363. Did almost all of them vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—I think a great many of them; the majority of them.

27,364. I think it right to ask you whether any influence whatever was brought to bear on those men to your knowledge?—Only the legitimate interest. Of course we use what interest we can in all cases in asking them for their vote. There was no unfair means used.

27,365. Was any publican given to understand that if he did vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl it would be against his own interest?—I do not remember; not by me certainly.

27,366. Or by your authority?—No.

27,367. The subject of the screw has been mentioned, therefore it is almost incumbent upon you, if you can do so, to give it a direct denial?—I do so. I confess I used all legitimate influence I could fairly in forwarding Sir Edmund's interest; but I never used a threat nor did I put one in execution.

27,368. Of those publicans who voted against Sir Edmund, who are supplied by him, have you any case that you know of in which a man has done it to his own injury?—No.

27,369. Have you ever turned a man out of his house?—No, I think not. In preferring or admitting a tenant, I have asked him his politics, and I would naturally, if there were two, three, or four candidates equally eligible, I would prefer the man who is friendly to me.

27,370. Is it your invariable rule to ask a man's politics before you allow him to occupy one of your houses?—I do so; but if he is a man likely to do more business than another who is not opposed to me, it would not be a consideration.

27,371. If a man says his politics are Liberal you do not put him into the house?—Unless he is a more eligible man than the other. If there are two equal men I prefer my own friend.

27,372. Have you put in any men who represented their political views were Liberal?—Oh yes.

27,373. And have those men voted Liberal afterwards?—Yes.

27,374. Without any detriment to themselves?—Oh yes.

27,375. Are your houses held at will, or do you grant leases?—At will, most of them.

27,376. There is another matter that has been mentioned, the grains?—Yes.

27,377. A voter named Mayers, a miller, was examined before us to-day, and he told us in 1859 Mr. Green came to him and said he would obtain a contract for him for grains at 3*d.* a bushel, by which Mayer saved half-a-crown a week, or 6*l.* 5*s.* a year. Were contracts of that sort made with your knowledge, or by your sanction?—Oh yes; but that is not confined entirely to voters.

27,378. The 3*d.* is a very small price, is it not?—4*d.* is the extreme price, but in making those contracts they undertake to consume a certain quantity all the year round. As many in summer as in winter.

27,379. Are the contracts for grains at 3*d.* per bushel ever made with men who voted against Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—I think there are some who voted against us; but I should not as a general way make a contract with those men, unless we had such an abundance that we could not sell them without. In winter it is of very material consequence to dairymen whether they get grains or not.

27,380. If it were not for the contracts to sell grains at 3*d.* per bushel, could you sell them at a higher price?—We might in the winter, but not through the summer. It is of material advantage to take a certain amount, and I would naturally give a preference to my friends. I consider that only a legitimate influence.

27,381. What do you consider the average price paid for grains by men who have not got contracts?—He pays 4*d.* a bushel, but then he does as he likes. In summer he turns his cows to grass. In summer he is not bound to take more than he likes.

27,382. Mayers has told us he could not have bought his grains at 3*d.* a bushel anywhere else?—Perhaps not, because there are very few grains made anywhere else.

27,383. As you have said you consider that a legitimate influence, I suppose you do not mind admitting it is partially with a view of obtaining the votes of these men that the contracts are entered into?—Perhaps, to a certain extent, I give them the preference. I could take as many contracts again as I have this time of year. They are all anxious to take the contracts, and, having a certain amount to dispose of, I give the grains to those I like best.

27,384. And those you like best are those who would vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—Probably that is in my mind at the time. I consider it is fair you should do so. It is no use having an interest, if you do not use it.

27,385. Did you ever know a man that had a contract that voted against Sir Edmund Lacon?—Yes.

27,386. Did you ever know them afterwards get their contracts renewed?—Yes, I think so.

27,387. After the contracts were renewed, did you ever know them vote against Sir Edmund Lacon?—I do not remember any precise case.

27,388. I suppose you never would give a man more than one trial?—No, I think not, perhaps not. I should say nothing to him. I should say the contract is at an end, and give instructions that it should not be renewed, and give no reason.

27,389. If the man had voted the other way?—Perhaps so. You see a man who is friendly towards us, and voting with us, would naturally complain if he was excluded, and others were allowed to take them; because I could take as many contracts again if I had them.

27,390. Have you been repaid the 4,000*l.* you advanced at the last election?—No.

27,391. Have you any idea whether that money will be repaid in equal proportions by Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—I think, if it is paid at all, it probably will be so.

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27,392. But no communication has taken place with reference to its payment ?—Not a word.

27,393. Either with Sir Edmund Lacon or Mr. Goodson ?—No.

27,394. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you recollect that particular case of Mayers, the old man of 74 ?—I do not know him ; there are so many that we have a man in that department to sell the grains, and he gets his instructions from me. I know very few of them.

27,395. Mayers was a voter whose name was handed in to us as having voted for Watkin and McCullagh in 1857, and for Lacon and Stracey in 1859, and the inference drawn from that was that he was bribed in 1859. He denied that he was bribed in 1859, but he said he had voted for Sir Edmund Lacon subsequently, and that he had in consequence of the interference of Mr. Green obtained a contract ?—I think very likely he might have done so. Many of them make a contract with me, and get supplied all the winter, and in the summer throw them up.

27,396. Was it the habit of Mr. Green after an election to mention to you parties who he thought ought to have contracts ?—I do not remember his so doing. It is probable he may have done so, but I do not remember it.

27,397. Do you remember his ever doing so ?—No. Of course in all our transactions we would naturally either employ or assist those parties who were friendly to us. For instance, we use between 30,000 and 40,000 quarters of malt, which is nearly the whole of it manufactured in Yarmouth. That would naturally give us great interest and great power ; and in the employment of all our tradesmen we would select those that are friendly to us, it is only natural we should do so.

27,398. How many contracts do you suppose you have at the present moment to take grains ?—I do not know. We take between 50*l.* and 60*l.* a week for grains. We take 100*l.* a week for yeast and grains together.

27,399. You cannot tell me how many persons have contracts with you ?—I should think 20 or 30.

27,400. Not more ?—No. A great many are supplied in the country round. The cows in Yarmouth could not consume all our grains.

27,401. (*Mr. Slade.*) You have received 175*l.* from Mr. Shuckford since the inquiry ?—I think that was the amount ; he sent me a cheque, and I paid it into my account.

27,402. Have you received any money besides that ?—No.

C. Lubbock.

Charles Lubbock sworn ; examined by Mr. Slade.

27,403–4. What are you ?—I am out of business now.

27,405. What were you ?—I have been a purveyor of timber in London, in a large firm in London, a shipbuilding yard, previous to my retirement.

27,406. Are you on the register at present ?—Not at present.

27,407. Were you in the year 1859 ?—I was.

27,408. Who did you vote for ?—Watkin and Young.

27,409. Did you receive any money for your vote ?—12*l.* of Mr. Eagleton.

27,410. Had you any offer of money on the other side ?—No.

27,411. Had you voted for the Liberal party previous to the year 1857 ?—No, I had no vote then. I was in London then.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning at half-past 10.

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J. Stanford.

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Joseph Stanford sworn ; examined by Mr. Slade.

27,412. What are you ?—A Trinity pilot.

27,413. Did you vote at the last election ?—Yes.

27,414. Who for ?—Lacon and Goodson.

27,415. Did you receive any money for your vote ?—I received 15*l.* for loss of time.

27,416. Who gave you that money ?—Mr. Rivett.

27,417. Did you send in any account to Mr. Rivett ?—No.

27,418. Did Mr. Rivett offer you the 15*l.*, or did you ask for it ?—He offered it to me if I would wait to vote, in the room of going to sea.

27,419. Had you a vote in the previous election of 1859 ?—I had.

27,420. Did you get any money at that election ?—10*l.*

27,421. Who from ?—I really could not say who gave it me. It was from the Liberal side. I voted Liberal that time.

27,422. Had you voted previously at the election of 1857 ?—No.

27,423. Did you know the late Mr. Rivett ?—I did.

27,424. He secured a great number of votes in Gorleston ?—I cannot say what he did.

27,425. Do you know anybody to whom he gave money ?—I do not.

27,426. Did you know that he had given money to Thomas Leggett ?—I heard that he had, but Mr. Rivett did not tell me so ; I heard such was the case, but I was not aware of it till I read of it in the paper yesterday. I am not certain of it, although he is a shipmate of mine.

27,427. Did Mr. Rivett give you the money with his own hands ?—Yes.

27,428. Was this 10*l.* that you got from the Liberal side in 1859 also for loss of time ?—Yes it was.

27,429. Cannot you recollect who the person was who gave you the money in 1859 ?—I cannot. The late Mr. Barker took me to the gentleman who gave me the money, but who the gentleman was, or what he was, I cannot say.

27,430. Where was the gentleman staying when Mr. Barker took you ?—Standing abreast of the "Star." I do not know where he was staying.

27,431. Was that gentleman a stranger to you ?—A perfect stranger to me.

27,432. Do you think it was a Yarmouth man who gave you the 10*l.* in 1859 ?—I really cannot say.

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Mrs. JUDITH SOLOMON sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

Mrs. J. Solomon.

27,433. Are you the widow of Abraham Solomon?—Yes.

27,434. Did he vote at the last election?—Yes. He was taken there in a most helpless state, quite unfit to go, still he was taken in Stafford's carriage.

27,435. Whom did he vote for?—Lacon and Goodson, so far as I know. He went there in the carriage.

27,436. Dr. Stafford has said that he gave him money for his vote. Are you aware of that?—Dr. Stafford might have given him money. He was our medical man, and I perfectly recollect one day when in the shop he inquired if Mr. Solomon was alone, and I thought he came on his professional visit. I might have heard the conversation. It was about 10 minutes. When he left I heard him say, "I have behaved well to you, and you behave well to me." Before I had time to make any remark to my daughter the door opened, Stafford left the shop, and my husband was at the keeping room door to put the money in my hand, 15 sovereigns; and that is all I know about it.

27,437. Do you know whether he voted in 1859?—I do not recollect it. I did not interfere in those affairs at all; I do not know whether he did or not.

27,438. And you do not know whether he got any money?—I know nothing about it and I should not have known this, only for his being in such a helpless state; he could hardly make himself understood at times, even his reason had left him; indeed, I did not expect they would take him for a voter in the state he was. He suffered from paralysis of the brain for three years before he died, and Dr. Stafford was his medical man.

R. J. Harvey, Esq., M.P.

ROBERT JOHN HARVEY, Esq., M.P., sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

27,439. Are you a partner in the bank of Messrs. Harvey and Hudson at Norwich?—Yes.

27,440. Are you a Member of Parliament?—Yes.

27,441. For what place?—The borough of Thetford.

27,442. We have been told, that on the Saturday before the election in 1859 Mr. Reynolds received a sum of money, a parcel containing money, at your bank; do you remember that?—I do not remember it. Very likely he did. I have come here for the purpose rather of clearing up your way than probably being asked questions; and perhaps it will facilitate if I tell you exactly all I know on the subject, if you like that.

27,443. We should prefer that.—All I know of the subject is this, that about a month or six weeks before the election Sir Henry Stracey called upon me, and he said that some money would be wanted on account of the Yarmouth election, and that either Mr. Reynolds, or Mr. Palmer, or Mr. Preston—I really do not know which, I forget—was to have what (I believe) they required. I remember stating at the time that that was such an order as I could scarcely take, inasmuch as the amount must be limited; and he then fixed 2,000*l.* as the extreme amount that either of those gentlemen was to draw, I cannot tell you which. I see, in looking back, that 1,000*l.* was taken about the 22nd March, 500*l.* on the 15th April, and 500*l.* about the 23rd April. The greater part was taken in our own notes, for we issue notes.

27,444. How was this money drawn out?—I cannot say. You see it is seven years ago. I cannot tell you. I know it was a letter or a note individually to me, from one of those gentlemen.

27,445. Had Sir Henry Stracey a balance of that amount in your hands at that time?—I think he had; but Sir Henry Stracey is a man of very large fortune, and anything that he required he was certain to have.

27,446. What is Mr. Palmer's christian name?—I really do not know. I do not come to Yarmouth once in two or three years. I know Mr. Palmer, and I know Mr. Reynolds, and I know Mr. Preston, but I really did not know one from the other. I only knew that they were connected with the Conservative party in Yarmouth, and that was all I knew of them.

27,447. We have been told that Mr. Bunn took up a letter to your bank, and that in consequence of that letter a parcel was given to Mr. Reynolds by a gentleman whom he supposed to be Mr. Hill?—That is quite incorrect. You see, sir, it is impossible after seven years to remember to whom a parcel was given of money, inasmuch as we are dealers in money.

27,448. What I wish to know is, whether you were the gentleman who Mr. Reynolds took for Mr. Hill?—I never saw Mr. Reynolds, and I never saw anybody but Sir Henry Stracey.

27,449. Then you never gave a parcel of money to any person?—No. It was given probably to him. My impression is this, that a letter was written to us, "Somebody will call for a parcel, which please to make up in the following way;" that is the sort of impression I have. But this I can say, that the greater portion of it was taken in our notes.

27,450. And the entire amount was 2,000*l.*?—2,000*l.*

27,451. (*Mr. Russell.*) Sir Henry Stracey exceeded the limit he had fixed on the first occasion?—No, he did not; it was 2,000*l.*

27,452. (*Mr. Slade.*) When did Sir Henry Stracey ask for his account at the bank?—About a month or six weeks before the election.

27,453. I mean to say, had he his pass-book sent to him then, his pass-book made up for him?—No, he called. He merely said he was going to Yarmouth to stand at the Yarmouth election; there would be some money wanted there, and I should attend to the instructions of some gentleman at Yarmouth, I forget who.

27,454. When did Sir Henry Stracey ask for his account for the election at Yarmouth?—Sir Henry Stracey is a very bad accountant, and I do not think Sir Henry Stracey looks into his affairs very often. I should think the book was made up in the ordinary way; I do not remember. I may say I have had no conversation with Sir Henry Stracey on the subject of Yarmouth ever since.

27,455. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Ever since what?—Ever since 1859.

27,456. Ever since the election?—No, never.

27,457. (*Mr. Slade.*) Then I understand this 2,000*l.* was not an advance by you?—No.

27,458. Was this money brought down partially in notes, and partially in gold, do you remember?—I think that the first 1,000*l.* was taken, 600*l.* in notes and the rest in gold.

27,459. You cannot tell us who took the first 1,000*l.*?—I cannot.

27,460. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose you simply directed your cashier to give the parcels to any gentleman who called on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey?—Any gentleman who identified himself, I think.

27,461. Sir Henry Stracey has told us that he did not settle his account with you with reference to his election expenses until 18 months afterwards?—I do not know how that was.

27,462. You do not remember whether that was so?—No.

27,463. Was this 2,000*l.* a balance, or part of a balance, that Sir Henry Stracey had with you?—Perhaps I had better fully explain to you how the transaction really was. The fact is this: the order from Yarmouth was so exceedingly irregularly sent to me, that I felt I was not justified in charging that amount to Sir Henry Stracey's account without a better voucher, and therefore I took upon myself individually this 2,000*l.* for 18 months.

27,464. (*Mr. Slade.*) Was Sir Henry Stracey ever

aware of that?—Sir Henry Stracey was not aware of that for 18 months afterwards.

27,465. And then he became aware of it?—Yes.

27,466. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was that in contemplation of the possibility of a petition?—It was not at the time at all. The fact was, the order was so exceedingly irregular, such an order as could scarcely be taken as a proper voucher in a banking establishment, and I did not choose that anything irregular should go on through our bank, so I took it on myself. Sir Henry Stracey is a very intimate friend of mine, and my father was on his death-bed at the time, and I had not an opportunity of seeing Sir Henry Stracey; and immediately after the election a petition was, I believe, either threatened or filed against Sir Henry Stracey, and we thought it better not to say anything to Sir Henry Stracey about it for 18 months afterwards.

27,467. Then in fact you adopted this course partially to protect yourself as a banker, and partially also to protect Sir Henry Stracey from the consequences?—Just so.

27,468. Sir Henry Stracey has informed us that he gave a *carte blanche* to Mr. Reynolds to draw whatever might be requisite. Mr. Reynolds says he carried that, and your statement bears out Mr. Reynolds?—I have stated exactly the fact, that Sir Henry Stracey in the first instance said, "I do not know whether it was "Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Palmer, or Mr. Preston, I cannot "tell you which, that either one or the other was to "have what they required." I said that was a sort of order that no bank could take, there must always be a limit to any order of that sort, and then Sir Henry Stracey limited it to 2,000*l.*

27,469. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was this all by conversation?—By conversation.

27,470. There was no letter?—None at all.

27,471. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was any money drawn by Sir Henry Stracey with reference to the election expenses shortly after the election?—I really cannot tell you. Whatever else was drawn was drawn by cheque, and I have no means of tracing it whatever, nor do I know of any other transaction but that which I have mentioned to you.

27,472. You were not aware yourself whether the whole of this 2,000*l.* was drawn with reference to illegal expenditure?—I know nothing about the illegal expenditure.

27,473. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Your books, I understand you, would not show the drawing of this 2,000*l.*?—No, my private account would show it, and that is the only account that would show it.

27,474. Your private account in the bank?—Yes.

27,475. That would show the three separate items of 1,000*l.*, 500*l.*, and 500*l.*?—Yes, that is it.

27,476. (*Mr. Russell.*) Then Sir Henry Stracey's account with you would show whether he drew a cheque shortly after the election for the payment of the legal expenses?—I should think it would. The books are here; we can look at them.

27,477. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) We ought to know that, whether the legal expenses came out of the 2,000*l.*?—We unfortunately give up the vouchers in our establishment, therefore we have no means of tracing it.

27,478. The only means of tracing it would be this, if Sir Henry Stracey gave a cheque for the exact amount the amount would correspond in your book?—I have been looking for that and cannot see it.

27,479. You see no cheque for the sum charged by the election auditor?—I do not know what the sum is. I do not know anything more than what I have said, something like 800*l.* or 900*l.* They told me about 900*l.* I was to look for. I looked, and could not find such a sum.

27,480. 800*l.* would be the whole for both?—I do not know the amount. I see there is a cheque payable to Mr. Preston of 250*l.* in May.

27,481. In May of the same year?—May of that year; but I do not know whether it is the same Mr. Preston, or any other Mr. Preston. It is put in our ledger as Mr. Preston, so much.

27,482. Is that the only entry of 250*l.* to Mr. Preston in your book about that time?—I think it is; it appears to be.

27,483. What Sir Henry Stracey would have to pay as legal expenses would be 404*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*?—My impression is, a little further on, there is another cheque of 100*l.*, or something like that, to Mr. Preston, but I have no opportunity of knowing what Mr. Preston it is to.

27,484. We only want to know how it stands in your books?—I think there is another cheque to Mr. Preston, but we have no opportunity of knowing whether it is Mr. Preston of Yarmouth, or Mr. Preston of anywhere else. Of course on referring I could find.

27,485. (*Mr. Slade.*) I understand you have Sir Henry Stracey's account here?—Yes.

27,486. Will you allow the Commissioners to look at it?—Yes. I imagine you gave me a summons to produce it, and that is all I required. (*The book was produced.*) What do you wish to know?

27,487. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) We wish to know whether, soon after the election, there is any cheque in your book to Mr. Preston?—If you wish us to refer we will refer to our cash books, and no doubt we can trace it; but in this ledger I have now before me there is 250*l.* payable the 12th May to Mr. Preston, and the 3rd of June there is another 150*l.* payable to Mr. Preston. It may be Mr. Preston of Yarmouth or any other Mr. Preston.

27,488. That would just make up the 400*l.*, you see?—Yes, it would.

27,489. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose you are giving the exact amount of the cheques?—Yes, the exact amount.

27,490. No odd shillings?—No.

27,491. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Where does it appear in your books that Sir Henry Stracey repaid you the 2,000*l.* which was advanced?—The facts are these, that there was some settlement with Lady Stracey in September 1860, and at that time, after all the petition and the whole business was over, I mentioned to Sir Henry Stracey, at least I did not then mention it to Sir Henry Stracey, but I mentioned it to a member of his family, that they had forgotten there was 2,000*l.* due to me for his order on account of the Yarmouth election, and so that was given to me.

27,492. It was given to you in that way?—Yes; and there was a question that a little account might be opened, and it was opened and paid.

27,493. And nothing was said as to the manner in which it was expended?—No, I never spoke to Sir Henry, nor have I seen him upon the subject since the election. I never mentioned to him the subject in any way whatever.

27,494. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose you charged interest for the money for 18 months?—If you ask me, I did not; for Sir Henry Stracey and I are on terms of great friendship, and I thought he had lost enough money with his petition and other things, that I did not charge him any interest.

27,495. The 400*l.* that you have mentioned amounts to the sum that would have been Sir Henry Stracey's share of the legitimate expenses within 4*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* No doubt then the 400*l.* was to pay the legal expenses, leaving the 2,000*l.* advanced as you said for illegal purposes?—Yes. That you know, as a banker, I had nothing to do with. When gentlemen ask for money, I have nothing to do with what they want it for. It is their business.

27,496. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) The manner in which this transaction was carried on obliges me to ask you whether at the time you advanced this money you believed it was for legal purposes?—I do not trouble myself to think for other people; I leave that to them. I have plenty to think of in my own affairs.

27,497. At all events I may take it you did not assume it was for strictly legal expenses?—I did not want to think about it. The mode the money was ordered was unusual, and that is all I can say.

27,498. ((*Mr. Russell.*) Mr. Brogden's banker stated everybody knew Yarmouth, and I suppose you

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did ?—It struck me that the amount was wonderfully small, that I confess.

27,499. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) For the requirements of Yarmouth ?—Yes; but in my opinion it is the duty of the Legislature to prevent it, and that is very easily done by making it a criminal offence. When Parliament does that there will be no longer any bribery.

27,500. (*Mr. Slade.*) You are a member of the Legislature, and may apply yourself to that ?—For that purpose, I apprehend, you come down here.

27,501. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I ask you whether you think it would put down bribery if members were required to make a declaration at the table of the House that they had not spent money, or money had not been spent to their knowledge ?—I do not think it would have any effect whatever. My own impression is that gentlemen are kept in perfect ignorance of the illegal expenses until after the oath has been given them, then they would be informed of it. I think until you make it a criminal offence to give money or receive it, and make it criminal for the member also to have had it charged in any way to him, or proved to have been charged to him, you will not do away with it. That, I am afraid, the House of Commons will never consent to, because it affects themselves.

27,502. Suppose it was a criminal offence, do not you think a court of law ought to be invested with the powers of this Commission, to insure a conviction of the individual ?—I quite agree with you.

27,503. (*Mr. Russell.*) I understood you to say this, you believe if a member had to make a declaration at the bar of the House, the same means would be adopted during the election to enable him to make the declaration with truth which is at present adopted to enable him to do so before a Committee of the House of Commons ?—That is just my opinion.

Mr. Edward H. L. Preston recalled ; examined by Mr. Slade.

Mr. E.H.L.Preston.

27,504. Can you tell us what authority you had to draw on Messrs. Harvey and Hudson for Sir Henry Stracey ?—I had the authority of Sir Henry.

27,505. When did Sir Henry Stracey authorize you to do so ; how long before the election ?—I think it must have been a month or five weeks before the election, I should think so.

27,506. Did Sir Henry Stracey say to what amount you might draw ?—Yes, I think it was said at somewhere about 1,500*l.*

27,507. Was this money to be drawn by an order from yourself to Messrs Harvey and Hudson ?—I think Sir Henry said, "Your order will be honoured."

27,508. Are you aware whether Sir Henry had given a like authority to Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Palmer ?—Mr. Palmer is a great mistake of Mr. Harvey's. Mr. Palmer had nothing to do with it.

27,509. What is Mr. Palmer's christian name ?—I suppose he means the partner of Mr. Reynolds ; there is no other Mr. Palmer. Mr. Palmer was the returning officer, and it was a mistake, it could not be him.

27,510. Had Mr. Reynolds any authority to draw ?—Mr. Reynolds, I think, had no authority whatever.

27,511. And to what extent did you exercise this authority ?—I am surprised to hear this morning Mr. Harvey talks of 2,000*l.* The only order that I gave, as I believe, was one card for 1,000*l.* I am not aware of ever having given a second.

27,512. We have been told that you gave an order for money to Mr. James William Bunn ?—Yes.

27,513. Is that the order you mean, of 1,000*l.* ?—That is the order I allude to.

27,514. That is the only order you recollect ?—That is the only order I am aware of having given.

27,515. On what day was that order for 1,000*l.* drawn ?—I really cannot tell, but I think it was in March. I have endeavoured to refer to my books this morning, but can find nothing of it whatever. All I remember of it is this, it was on my own printed card, to which I put my initials, and I fancy I put 1,000*l.* ; but I certainly did not exceed that.

27,516. It was really written on your own card ?—enclosed my card in an envelope.

27,517. A visiting card ?—A visiting card. I enclosed it in an envelope, putting the sum. I am not certain about that, but I suppose it must have been so. I put 1,000*l.* upon it, and I put my initials to it in pencil, and I put it in an envelope and gave it to Mr. Bunn.

27,518. We have been told by Mr. Harvey 1,000*l.* was drawn out on the 22nd of March ?—I should think that must have been the sum.

27,519. Was that money ever brought to you ?—Never ; I never saw it.

27,520. Did you hear whether Mr. Bunn had got it himself ?—I think I must have heard that, but I am not aware that I did. I think I must have heard it, but he never came to me about it. In fact I had nothing whatever to do with it further than to give orders for such money as might be wanted.

27,521. You did not make any inquiry of Mr. Bunn whether he cashed that ?—Not the least ; in fact I did not know. It might have been in sovereigns or paper. I never asked him any questions about it.

27,522. Can you give us any information about the two sums of 500*l.* that were drawn on the 15th and 23rd of April ?—I am not at all aware of it. I have been talking with Mr. Reynolds this morning ; he seems to think I did give a second order. I am quite satisfied I never did. I never gave but one order, and that was for 1,000*l.*

27,523. Was this authority from Sir Henry to draw to the extent of 1,500*l.* given verbally ?—Oh yes ; I was staying over at Rackheath with Sir Henry, and he told me, arranging about the election, "What money you want go to Harvey's for and give your initials."

27,524. Did he mention at that time the sum of 1,500*l.* ?—I think I said it would require somewhere about 1,500*l.*

27,525. That being the case, can you say one way or the other whether you drew to the full extent of 1,500*l.* ?—I am quite satisfied I never drew beyond the 1,000*l.*

27,526. That you are certain of ?—I am quite satisfied of it. I have endeavoured this morning and yesterday to find the books ; somehow or other, through the death of my father and the changing of the office, I cannot lay my hands upon them ; but I am quite satisfied if I could do so I should find a copy of my order.

27,527. Are you at all aware at this time that a similar sum to what Sir Henry Stracey advanced was to be advanced by Sir Edmund Lacon ?—No, I am not at all. I had nothing to do with the management of the election ; that was exclusively in the hands of Mr. Reynolds, but I suppose it was to be so.

27,528. At the time did you ?—I imagined it was ; as my own matter of belief I thought it would be so, but I do not know anything about it.

27,529. It is many years ago, and the recollection of the different witnesses seems to vary. Mr. Reynolds tells us that he brought down a parcel from the bank of Messrs. Harvey and Hudson, and that it contained 1,000*l.*, and Mr. Bunn told us yesterday that the order to draw for him was 500*l.*, and he brought that back ?—My notion is that it was for 1,000*l.* I never gave another. If Mr. Reynolds brought 1,000*l.* down, that must have been my order. I understood Mr. Bunn brought the 1000*l.*

(*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Bunn has told us exactly the day he brought the money, which must have been on the 23rd of April.

27,529*a*. Would that be a Saturday ?—That would be a Saturday or a Friday. I do not remember the day.

27,530. The election was Friday the 29th of April, and Mr. Harvey has given us the 23rd of April as the day, and Mr. Bunn says he brought the money that day ?—The 22nd of March, is not that the 1,000*l.*

27,531. That is the 1,000*l.*?—That is the first order that was given, and that I gave.

27,532. That no doubt was brought by Mr. Reynolds?—By Mr. Reynolds.

27,533. That 23rd of April must be the day Mr. Bunn brought his, because he fixed it to be the Saturday before the election, whereas Mr. Reynolds thought his was about 10 days or a fortnight before the election?—The first application for money and the first advance of money was that that I gave the order to Mr. Bunn for.

27,534. (*Mr. Slade.*) The 22nd of March?—Yes.

27,535. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Mr. Harvey's books agree with Mr. Bunn's evidence that 500*l.* was drawn the Saturday before the election?—It only shows that Mr. Bunn took 500*l.* on the 23rd of April, but it does not show that my order did not exist the 22nd of March.

27,536. Not at all?—I maintain that I gave Mr. Bunn no order for 500*l.* in April; my order was for 1,000*l.*

27,537. That was in March?—That was in March, and that was the first order that was given; I am quite satisfied of that.

27,538. And you are quite sure that was the order you gave to Mr. Bunn?—Yes.

27,539. (*Mr. Russell.*) It is perfectly clear the 1,000*l.* the 22nd March no doubt was the 1,000*l.* you gave the order for. The 500*l.* on the 23rd April is no doubt the 500*l.* Mr. Bunn brought down, but there is an intermediate sum of 500*l.* drawn the 15th April, of which we have no evidence except the evidence of Mr. Harvey, the banker?—I am quite satisfied I gave no order except for the first 1,000*l.*

27,540. Are you aware whether any gentleman but yourself had authority to give an order?—I am not aware of any; still, in the *mêlée* of an election, if money were immediately wanted, one cannot say who was in that position.

27,541. Would you say of your own knowledge Mr. Palmer had any?—No, he was returning officer, and never mixes with elections.

27,542. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is there any other Mr. Palmer who does?—No, none; it is a mistake of Mr. Harvey's altogether. He has connected that with Messrs. Palmer and Preston in Yarmouth, who are large parties on both sides, but the name is a mistake altogether.

27,543. (*Mr. Slade.*) I should like to ask you this question; do you believe the 2,000*l.* was not brought down for Sir Henry Stracey?—I have no doubt Mr. Harvey is perfectly correct, but all I say is this, it is 2,000*l.* that I was totally unaware of, and if I had given the order I must have been aware of it, I could not give orders for 1,000*l.* and 500*l.* without knowing it; and I do not think, and I am perfectly convinced, it is a long time ago certainly, but I am perfectly convinced I only gave one order for 1,000*l.*, and that was done on my own visiting card.

27,544. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) To whom did you give the order?—To Mr. Bunn.

27,545. At the committee room?—No, he came to my office.

27,546. In consequence of what did you give that order?—He came and said that money was wanted.

27,547. Did you suppose he came from Mr. Green?—Yes.

27,548. Had you any conversation with Mr. Green on the subject?—Not a bit, but I knew that Mr. Bunn was a trustworthy man, or they would not have sent him to me, and Mr. Bunn would not ask me for money without it was proper and correct.

27,549. Then, further than giving the order to Mr. Bunn, you do not know whether Mr. Bunn went that day or not?—He may have given it to somebody else.

27,550. He may have carried it back to Mr. Reynolds?—Yes.

27,551. And Mr. Reynolds may have got the money?—He may have given it to anybody, and another person may have brought it down.

27,552. You knew nothing of the subsequent order for 500*l.*?—Nothing at all. Speaking now from recollection, to the best of my belief I swear I did not give a second order.

27,553. You told us you thought the 1,500*l.* was brought down?—I have no doubt it was. The banker's book says so.

27,554. Previously to this, were you not under the impression that 1,500*l.* had been spent by Sir Henry Stracey?—I have always understood so.

27,555. How the 500*l.* came you do not know?—How the 500*l.* came I do not know. If I had given the order I should have said so directly, because whether it was 100*l.* or 1,500*l.* was a matter of no importance.

27,556. You do not keep any diary?—Yes, I do; and I have referred to my diary, and as I just now said, on account of my father's death, and the whole of our books having been removed from the office, I miss '58, '59, and '60. I cannot find them anywhere, or else if I could find those books I have no doubt I should have seen my order. If I could find them I should be happy to put them before you.

27,557. We have it now as a matter of certainty 2,000*l.* passed from the bank?—I have no doubt about that.

27,558. And we have only proof that 1,500*l.* arrived in Yarmouth?—I do not doubt whatever about what Mr. Harvey says. The money came, and there can be no doubt the money came; but you ask me what did you give the order for? I tell you what I believe, and what I am satisfied I gave an order for, no matter if I gave it for 1,500*l.* or 1,000*l.*, it is a matter of no importance, or even of 2,000*l.* If it came to a balance of account, as it were, I should not necessarily balance the account with him.

27,559. But, as far as you go, you say that?—As far as I go I gave the first order to Mr. Bunn, and my impression is that Mr. Bunn brought the money down himself, the first 1,000*l.*

27,560. Was Sir Henry Stracey brought into communication with Mr. Green himself?—No, I should not think so, as a canvasser.

27,561. You knew, I suppose, that Mr. Reynolds was acting for Sir Henry Stracey to take care of his interests?—Yes. I should tell you, when Sir Henry Stracey came to Yarmouth, he sent for me, and in talking the matter over I advised him not to stand for Yarmouth; if he did, I recommended him to take Mr. Reynolds as his managing man, and I told him I should be very happy to give him assistance, but I would have nothing to do with money matters whatever. However, afterwards, as we began to warm up, he had confidence in me, and he asked me whether I would undertake to give the orders for such money as would be wanted; and I said that I would, and I wrote the single order that I gave, and Mr. Bunn took it, and what became of it after I do not know, for I never saw it.

27,562. Were you aware that Mr. Reynolds had equal authority with you to draw?—I should say he had not, but still I think, from the confidence that Sir Henry Stracey had in him, if he had drawn, I think his cheque would have been honoured.

27,563. Sir Henry Stracey has told us that he gave a *carte blanche* to Mr. Reynolds?—That is a mistake.

27,564. Mr. Harvey has told us that Mr. Reynolds was one of three?—I have no doubt Sir Henry Stracey in talking to Mr. Harvey would say, if Mr. Preston or Mr. Reynolds come for it, you will let them have it; because if it had been arranged with me and Mr. Reynolds that he should give the order, I am sure Mr. Reynolds's cheque would be honoured equally with mine.

27,565. Mr. Reynolds being in partnership with Mr. Palmer, it is very likely Sir Henry Stracey would say Palmer and Reynolds?—Mr. Palmer is not the person who would have anything to do with it.

27,566. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did Sir Henry Stracey tell you that an arrangement had been made that he and Sir Edmund Lacon should share the expenses?—Oh dear, no. He and Sir Henry Stracey came first of all

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into Yarmouth almost as it were independently, and it was not till after some days that he had been here that I succeeded in arranging a coalition, and Sir Henry Stracey came to Yarmouth with the intention, if he could succeed with a coalition in Yarmouth, to obtain the seat if it was to be had.

27,567. Do you think it likely that Sir Henry Stracey may have spent a sum illegally in excess of that spent by Sir Edmund Lacon?—I should think he may have done that for the influence of Sir Edmund Lacon. I suppose at that election he had 40 or 50 votes above Sir Henry Stracey, and he would not require that amount of money that the other would; but still I do not know that it was so, but as at present informed, Sir Henry Stracey seems to have spent 700*l.* or 800*l.* more than Sir Edmund Lacon in buying votes at that election.

27,568. Has it been shown that, although the money has been received, it has been spent?—It has not been shown. There is such a thing as part of that money having been carried over to the petition expenditure. It is not necessary, on the present showing of the case, that the money was spent.

27,569. Sir Henry Stracey would have bribed if he had received this money in notes and gold, and he had kept it in his pocket for subsequent disposal?—I did not hear his evidence, but from what I have collected he tells us he knows nothing at all about his expenditure, and Mr. Harvey says he is not a great accountant, and knew nothing at all about it.

27,570. That is very evident?—And I believe so, from my knowledge of Sir Henry.

27,571. If any further sums than the sums we have heard of as sums advanced by Mr. Nightingale were advanced by Sir Edmund Lacon, are you aware from what source they have come?—I have no idea at all. I know nothing at all about Sir Edmund Lacon's side whatever, further than giving my support to it.

27,572. Mr. Watkin has told us that 750*l.* was all that was spent by him in illegal expenses at that election. Have you any idea yourself what money may have been spent?—I am not aware at all; there must have been a large sum of money.

27,573. Did it surprise you to hear so small a sum as 750*l.*?—It was puerile to talk about it. He must think people are a parcel of fools.

27,574. You consider it was a great fall down from the oyster barrels to 750*l.*?—Oh, very.

27,575. I mean 750*l.* was exclusively the expenditure of Mr. Watkin?—I am quite satisfied it was not, and if the election of Sir Henry Stracey and Sir Edmund Lacon cost 4,000*l.*, that the other cost more, and that they could not have approached Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey without an enormous outlay; and I think if you could collect the number of men that were bribed on that side it would show that the sum they talked of would not be sufficient.

27,576. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is not the way I have arrived at it, from taking the price of votes and the number bribed on that occasion?—You think it was sufficient.

27,577. I think on that occasion, the election of 1859, 4,000*l.* a-side would be much too large a sum?—What did they poll?

27,578. The number polled was something like 200 under the number, and there were only 600 polled by Sir Henry Stracey at that election, and there were 800 this election.—They must have polled 500 for Mr. Watkin?

27,579. Yes.—I do not think they could do that under 4,000*l.*

27,580. (*Mr. Russell.*) The majority of Sir Edmund Lacon over Mr. Watkin was 131?—Yes, and over Sir Henry Stracey, I think, 40.

27,581. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) If the whole of the constituency were bought at 10*l.* a-head?—They did not get them for 10*l.* a-head, they varied to 15*l.*; that is a third more.

27,582. The illegal agents have estimated the number of bribed voters at only from 550 to 600 at the last election, when the constituency was much larger?—You see the Whig party or the Radical party, whatever they like to be called, have a peculiar habit of first of all dividing among themselves before they pick up the outsiders. You look round at all the Edwardses and all those people, they first of all divide among themselves, and take care that everyone of their friends is provided for, so that almost everyone of them is bought before they do anything.

27,583. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is that confined to the Liberal party?—I think it is; you will find our men are a much better class.

27,584. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Can you give us any clue to the discovery of that?—You see it in your daily books. I have observed it daily. You have Mr. Edwards and a number coming up, who say, "We should have voted Liberal without the money."

27,585. It is clear when a gentleman comes down prepared with 6,000*l.* there are plenty of people prepared to take it?—Exactly; and all those people who had the money to give, they divided it among their friends, that appears to be the heart and object.

27,586. (*Mr. Russell.*) If you were sitting here instead of standing there, can you tell me what course you would adopt to ascertain if there was any further expenditure made by Watkin and Young in 1859?—It is impossible to say what course. It is well known the town was under bribery. It was as clear as could be, and there is no doubt that Mr. Rundle, who was brought from Grimsby, was brought down purposely to bribe Gorleston, and as to telling me that 700*l.* or 1,500*l.* bought their side, it is puerile to talk of it.

27,587. You cannot give us any further clue?—I have no idea how the money came. Mr. Watkin goes right through that; he himself spent 700*l.*

27,588. Mr. Watkin polled 568 votes at the election of 1859. Of those 568 votes how many in your opinion were parties open to receive a bribe?—I do not believe they polled 300 without bribery.

27,589. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) 268, you think, were bribed?—Yes, that is 1,720*l.*, taking it at 10*l.* a-head, and that is without any other expenditure; and then they were very free and easy with their public-houses and meetings, and so on, and that is not a small item in the election, from my own experience.

27,590. A witness told us that he went up to the Liberal committee room, as early as half-past 11 the polling day in 1859, wanting money for his vote, and he was told it was too late, as the election was lost already, so that, though a very large sum might have been contemplated as expenditure, it had probably been arrested early in the day?—It is perfectly futile to put off buying votes until the morning of the election. If the parties are not quieted the night before, you are sure the election would be lost before 10 in the morning. In 1859, I think I am right in saying the election was lost by that time, certainly it was the last time, I know.

27,591. Then, necessarily, they would stop buying votes?—They would not buy except on such an emergency arising in the course of the day, that one was three or four ahead, then there might be an attempt to bribe, but as to going the election morning when bribery is going on on both sides, to think of buying it then I think was impossible.

27,592. That may have been the reason why Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young may not have spent so much?—The money went before that; days before that at Gorleston; it was all arranged for, and so it was in Yarmouth.

27,593. It is hardly sufficient to suppose that that is well known, because a great many things have been alleged before us, as perfectly well known, that have fallen through?—I have seen a little of these things in my life, and I am satisfied that if they put off buying votes until the morning of the election, they might as well go and throw their money into the river.

27,594. At the previous election Sir Charles Napier and Mr. McCullagh were candidates?—Yes.

27,595. And we understand at that time, when no

money was spent, the Liberal, party polled 486 without money?—So they say, but it is not proven.

27,596. But the probabilities are, to say the least, that it was so?—I do not believe they could do it.

27,597. They did poll them?—But they lost the election.

27,598. I only talk of the number of bribable people. They polled 486?—Those were never polled without bribery.

27,599. You think that Sir Charles Napier and Mr. McCullagh bribed?—I believe there was bribery at that election. I have no doubt of it.

27,600. (*Mr. Russell.*) I suppose that two-thirds of the register must have changed between 1852 and 1865?—I should think so.

27,601. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose you do not think you know more about the bribed voters than the agents on each side?—I know very little about the bribed voters now, because I do not interfere with them.

27,602. Mr. Cooper estimates the part that will take bribes at 550, and Mr. Downing estimates that at 600, that is about one-third of the constituency?—If the election was left to itself as it were, and there was bribery on no side, I believe there are a great number of those who are put down as bribed men who would vote according to their opinions. I do not think they are all what is called bribed men.

27,603. Do you mean to say they are men that are open to temptation?—Yes.

27,604. And then the temptation must be put in their way?—Yes, and, as I said before you must see by the evidence brought before you, man after man coming, that Mr. Edwards came down, or Mr. So-and-so, and they helped one another first, and then they went out together to bribe others.

27,605. If the temptation is put in their way the money must come from somewhere?—It is proved it did come from somewhere.

27,606. We have had the parties who admitted they produced a certain sum?—We are talking, I apprehend, on the circumstance of Mr. Watkin's attempting to do for 750*l.* what nobody else could do for the money.

27,607. Mr. Watkin says that was all the money that passed out of his pocket. Can you suggest anybody else whose pockets were open for the electors of Yarmouth?—No, I cannot.

27,608. Do you believe the money was found somehow?—Yes, I do. I am certain of it. I am satisfied of it. I am perfectly certain that Mr. Watkin's election could not have been done for the money.

27,609. What are the grounds of your certainty?—The impossibility of polling those men.

27,610. What is the reason of the impossibility?—My experience tells me if Mr. So-and-so can get 15*l.* that he will not vote for nothing.

27,611. Supposing he does not get it offered?—But it was offered.

27,612. We have those who prove it was not offered?—That shows if it was offered to A., there is no reason that B. would not have had it.

27,613. No doubt Yarmouth is voracious enough to swallow 6,000*l.* and 12,000*l.*, if they can get it?—Yes. You see Mr. Brogden swallowed 6,000*l.*, and yet was in arrear.

27,614. And they would have taken 12,000*l.*?—Yes. And they might have been like the committee at Harwich, the whole lot of them bought.

27,615. But you see it was not offered?—We do not know it was not offered. You do not suppose you have caught all the fish here that were offered or bribed.

27,616. (*Mr. Russell.*) It is for us to say that. Mr. Brogden's 6,000*l.* was notoriously put into the market?—I do not think that, because we have the evidence of Mr. Downing that they had put 90 aside the week before.

27,617. I think it is very evident, when Mr. Cooper got the money, he took care immediately to secure those men that were not lame ducks. That is to say, men who if they had taken money on his side, would not take money to desert him, and that was done before Mr. Brogden was in the field?—I believe the whole part of that evidence to be a myth, that on both sides they held the men fast as far as it would go. The money it is quite evident, from the evidence before you, came simultaneously, Mr. Brogden acknowledges he came with his on Saturday, and he went to work with it on Monday, and we have the evidence I read in the papers, that Mr. Downing and Mr. Jones were at Gorleston on Sunday; and we also have the evidence on the other side, that this man came down on Saturday. They are all simultaneous.

27,618. (*Mr. Slade.*) You have reason now to change the opinion I suppose you once held, as we have heard, as to the report about the money being paid for the goodwill of Mr. McCullagh?—Yes, I have heard that. I think, if you refer to what I said, it is a thing I could not prove; it was a rumour.

27,619. It appears now to be totally without foundation?—They say it was not so; but it is a curious circumstance, when they went to Mr. Mackenzie with Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Mackenzie for some reason or other declined, and they did not agree with each other, and they went back and saw Mr. McCullagh, and then they picked up Mr. Young.

27,620. Then your opinion is unchanged?—I am not satisfied about it.

27,621. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose as far as Mr. Young is concerned you are satisfied?—I am satisfied Mr. Young says there is nothing in it as far as he is concerned. He did not pay the money, but there might have been something in it. It might have been asked, that is a matter merely of opinion and speculation.

27,622. That is a matter about which we cannot inquire?—I have a right to believe Mr. Young. I have no reason to doubt a gentleman of his position, but it is a curious circumstance that there should have been a meeting held at their own party, Mr. Owles', to come and demand of Mr. Young to know what reason he had to go and attempt to sell them. It did not arise from our party, it arose from theirs.

27,623. No doubt Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young have both denied it, and our inquiry as to any further matter is stopped?—Only you asked me my opinion. If you ask me my opinion, I believe there was something in it, but I have a right to believe that Mr. Young did not accede to it, and I have a right to believe that Mr. Watkin had nothing to do with it, because he said so.

27,624. Mr. Young not only did not accede to it, but says it was never made to him?—But Mr. Young tells me a meeting was called at the house of the very head of their party, by whom they were brought to Yarmouth, to call him to account for his great impropriety, as they thought it. I am not weak enough to believe that a meeting of that sort would have been called without there had been some origin for it. If an idle rumour was floating about the town, I should not call a meeting to bring parties up to know if they acted improperly.

27,625. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Young says that was the first time he heard of it, and there was no foundation for it?—Mr. Young appeared there and gave his denial to it.

William Collett Reynolds recalled; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald. *W.C. Reynolds.*

27,626. You have been present during the examination of Mr. Harvey and Mr. Preston?—Yes.

27,627. And you have followed the statement they have made?—Yes.

27,628. Can you throw any light upon a matter which seems in doubt, namely, how much money came to Yarmouth, and in what way it came?—I cannot alter my former evidence, which was, I believe it was

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1,500*l.* or thereabouts. I think, if you refer to my evidence, I did not express myself certain on that subject.

27,629. It appears Mr. Preston wrote an order for 1,000*l.* ?—No doubt about it.

27,630. Were you cognizant of it at the time ?—I have no immediate recollection of it, but I have no doubt it was.

27,631. And he says he gave it to Mr. Bunn, and on referring to Mr. Bunn's evidence, I find he said he did take an order to Norwich at that time ?—Yes.

27,632. No doubt the 1,000*l.* you brought to Yarmouth was that 1,000*l.* ?—I have no doubt about that.

27,633. On Mr. Preston's order ?—I have no doubt about that.

27,634. Then Mr. Bunn has told us that he subsequently brought a sum, what he believed to be about 500*l.*, to Yarmouth himself ?—Yes.

27,635. Have you any idea on whose order that was ?—Not the least, unless it was Mr. Preston's. I gave no order of any kind ; I had no authority, as I said before.

27,636. You supposed you had no authority, because after Mr. Harvey's evidence your orders would have been honoured ?—I think Mr. Harvey's evidence, if I heard it right, was, that one of the three names, not all three. I conceived therefore one party would do the whole.

27,637. Were you satisfied in conversation with Mr. Green that he had more than the 1,000*l.* ?—Yes. Because I saw the second parcel, that was the time Mr. Bunn brought it.

27,638. He said you were in the room ?—No doubt.

27,639. Did you ascertain the amount ?—I have no recollection of that.

27,640. There is one 500*l.* totally unaccounted for ?—Apparently so ; certainly.

27,641. (*Mr. Slade.*) It was your duty, on the part of Sir Henry Stracey, to ascertain from Mr. Green that Sir Edmund Lacon advanced a similar sum to himself ?—Yes.

27,642. Did you ever understand from Mr. Green that Sir Henry Stracey had advanced 2,000*l.*, and that Sir Edmund Lacon was to advance a similar sum ?—No. I have no recollection as to what the amount was, as I told you before, but I know it was somewhere about 1,500*l.*

27,643. Having heard the evidence of Mr. Harvey, can you say whether it was 2,000*l.* ?—No. I should not like to say so, but I have no recollection as to so large a sum as 2,000*l.* My impression was at the time, not less than 1,500*l.* It might have been more ; I have no reason to alter my opinion.

27,644. You have no doubt the two sums of 500*l.* were drawn out for the purpose of the election ?—Not a shadow of doubt.

27,645. And no doubt they found their way into Mr. Green's hands ?—Yes. And I have no doubt I must have known it at the time, but I cannot charge my memory with the amount beyond that.

27,646. Can you give us the names of any gentleman who would have acted in a similar way to Mr. Bunn in bringing money from Norwich, or who might have, in your opinion ?—No. I have no idea who it was at all, or who it could have been, and I should have thought the same person would have applied for the whole. I should have fancied so.

27,647. You are perfectly certain you only brought one parcel yourself ?—Perfectly certain, that was the 1,000*l.* That I distinctly recollect. What day was the 500*l.* you cannot account for ?

27,648. The 15th of April ?—Would that be a Saturday, because that would be the day Mr. Bunn would be in Norwich ?

27,649. I presume it would be the Saturday ?—It would be some person who would be going to Norwich market.

27,650. The last was the 23rd ?—Then the 16th would be the Saturday. Then I think it would not be Mr. Bunn, because he would not be in Norwich on the Friday. I cannot give you any clue as to who it would be.

27,651. And you cannot give us any clue as to who the gentleman was who brought that down ?—Not the least in the world. I have no idea of it.

27,652. I presume Mr. Green would not have gone himself for the money ?—It is possible. He might have gone. I do not know whether he did or not, it is quite possible ; he was at that time in very good health, and could get about anywhere ; he walked about the town and canvassed it, and it is quite possible he would have gone himself.

27,653. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you think Mr. Green could have got the money without an order ?—Not without an order from Mr. Preston ; not without some authorized order they would not have known him at the bank.

27,654. (*Mr. Slade*) Was that gentleman who appeared to-day Mr. Harvey, the gentleman you took for Mr. Hill ?—No. The gentleman I took for Mr. Hill was a gentleman who was at that time a cashier. I knew the gentleman by sight, I always spoke to him if I saw him, as Mr. Hill. He is a man I have always taken to be Mr. Hill.

27,655. Have you ascertained his name since ?—No. He is not at the bank now. I looked at the gentlemen at the bank yesterday, and could not pick him out. I know the gentleman by sight well ; he was a cashier there.

27,656. (*Mr. Russell.*) It has been suggested by Mr. Preston that possibly some part of this 2,000*l.* may have been spent by Sir Henry Stracey in subscribing towards the expenses of the petition ?—It is possible, but I have no knowledge of that. It is quite possible it might have been so.

27,657. It does not appear to me probable, because the petition would have been some little time afterwards ?—The petition was the year following. The petition account would not be settled until May, June, or July 1860.

27,658. And Sir Henry Stracey would not be likely to walk about with money in gold and notes the whole year ?—Mr. Preston's suggestion was, the money would be retained by Mr. Green, or some one here for the purpose of the petition, and then placed to the credit of Sir Henry Stracey with whoever was conducting the petition, but I do not apprehend that was so.

27,659. You yourself, I suppose, cannot tell us anything with reference to the payment of the expenses of the petition ?—All I know as to the payment of the expenses of the petition was, as I said the other day, that Sir Henry Stracey sent the account over to me for my opinion upon it, and I believe I returned it again, telling him what I thought of it.

27,660. Sir Henry Stracey would pay the money to Mr. Cory ?—Yes, he would pay the money to Mr. Cory.

27,661. Not through your hands at all ?—Not through my hands at all. I have no distinct recollection as to the amount. I have some recollection of it, but I cannot fix it.

27,662. I asked Mr. Preston, and you were asked whether any agreement was come to between Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey as to the share in which they should bear the expenses ?—I always understood them to be equal.

27,663. And I find, on reference to his evidence, Sir Henry Stracey has told us it was so ?—I have no doubt of that.

27,664. So that if 2,000*l.* was spent in illegal practices by Sir Henry Stracey, the inference is the same sum was spent by Sir Edmund Lacon ?—And more than that. I should have satisfied myself that it was so at the time. If 2,000*l.* came I should have taken the assurance of Mr. Green that he had a similar amount from the other party.

27,665. You, acting as solicitor of Sir Henry Stracey, would have felt it your duty to see he paid no further sum towards the election than Sir Edmund Lacon ?—Certainly. That was so.

27,666. I hardly understand that. If you say you considered it your duty to advise Sir Henry Stracey not to pay any further sum than Sir Edmund Lacon you must have known what sum each was to pay?—I have no doubt I did at the time.

27,667. And you are certain, whatever the sum was, it was share and share alike?—I was satisfied in my own mind at the time that it was so, share and share alike. Whatever sum came to Mr. Green's hands on behalf of Sir Henry Stracey, I was satisfied by some assurance from him that he had a similar amount from Sir Edmund Lacon.

27,668. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you ever hear how much Mr. Green got for his services?—No, I did not. I have no doubt I did at the time, but I have no recollection what the amount was.

27,669. Have you any idea about what sum he would get?—I should not like to fix it. I have no recollection on the subject what it was, or what it ought to be.

27,670. (*Mr. Slade.*) Why do you say you must have known at the time?—Because it would have come into the item of the expenditure. Sir Henry Stracey would pay part of it.

27,671. Did Mr. Green send in an account?—No. He would say, "I had so much money, there is so much for myself, and that is how I disposed of it."

27,672. And returned the balance?—Yes. I was satisfied there was so much spent.

27,673. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was there any account made out?—No. I took it from himself, that he had spent so much money.

27,674. Were there any papers about it?—I had no papers.

27,675. (*Mr. Slade.*) I thought Mr. Green was a gentleman who gave no account at all?—He must have satisfied me as to what he expended at the time.

27,676. Would he have told you the number of men he bought?—No; but he would have told me the amount he expended.

27,677. If he would have said, "Take my word for it I have spent so many hundred pounds," you would have been satisfied?—Yes.

27,678. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) This is a thing you must remember. Was there any balance of money unexpended?—No. There was no balance of money unexpended; he assured me and satisfied me at the time all the money he had he spent.

27,679. And yet you do not recollect the exact sum?—No, I do not recollect the exact sum. My impression is it was 1,500*l.* on each side.

27,680. When there was so large a balance as 500*l.*, there must be something to do with it?—My impression was it was 1,500*l.* I know nothing to alter my opinion except a statement that Mr. Harvey sent 2,000*l.*

27,681. (*Mr. Russell.*) Which is conclusive?—But it does not alter my opinion.

27,682. Supposing for the sake of argument it had been 1,500*l.*, still there would be the same expenditure on behalf of Sir Edmund Lacon not accounted for before us. Have you any idea where that money came from?—Not the least. I did not know anything where Sir Edmund Lacon's money came from, all I know is at the time Mr. Green satisfied me he had it.

27,683. (*Mr. Slade.*) There is a sum of 500*l.* unaccounted for in Sir Henry Stracey's account. Do you believe that money was spent by Mr. Green in electioneering purposes?—I have no means of forming an opinion about it. I have no doubt it got to the hands of Mr. Green if it came to Yarmouth. I have no recollection as to that 500*l.* whatever.

27,684. Can you form any opinion, one way or the other, whether it was paid for electioneering purposes?—I have no means of forming an opinion beyond this, that Mr. Harvey says he sent that to Yarmouth. If it came to Yarmouth it went to Mr. Green, and I believe he spent it, and I believe it was 1,500*l.*

27,685. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) And that was the amount you believed Sir Edmund Lacon's party advanced?—That was the amount Sir Edmund Lacon's party advanced, and that was the amount which ran in my mind as having been the amount, but I have no date to go upon, beyond my recollection at the time.

27,686. (*Mr. Slade.*) Do you think it very improbable that that 500*l.* was spent by Mr. Green, that extra 500*l.*?—I do not think it is improbable at all, or impossible; it is only a matter of my recollection whether it was or not.

27,687. (*Mr. Russell.*) I will put one question to you, not particularly to satisfy myself, but it is this. It is proved to our satisfaction that 500*l.* not accounted for was advanced by Harvey's bank?—Quite so.

27,688. Do you believe that that 500*l.* was spent for the purpose of the election, or do you believe that it was retained in the hands of anybody?—After the evidence I can only form an opinion.

27,689. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Only upon the evidence you have heard?—Upon the evidence I have heard; and I have no doubt it was spent for the purpose of the election, but that does not go at all with my own recollection as to figures—I go on the evidence I have since heard.

27,690. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was Mr. Green a man who if he had received the money, would have been certain to disburse it for the purpose for which it was entrusted to him, or, if it was not required, to return it?—Certainly, I have no doubt of it.

27,691. He was a man who was above retaining any portion of it for his own services?—I do not think he would have retained a shilling.

ARTHUR LARK sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE. *A. Lark.*

27,692. What are you?—A bootmaker.

27,693. Who did you vote for at the last election?—I did not vote at all.

27,694. Did you receive any money at the last election?—Yes, 15*l.*

27,695. Who did you receive that from?—Mr. Cooper.

27,696. Had you a vote at the previous election, in 1859?—No.

27,697. Why did you not vote?—After I received the money I intended to return it to Mr. Cooper on the morning of the election.

27,698. Was that because you could not vote for him?—Because I did not intend to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon.

27,699. Did you return the money to Mr. Cooper at any time?—No, I offered it to him.

27,700. When you accepted this money from Mr. Cooper did you tell him you would vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—No.

27,701. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you abstain from voting because you had the money from Mr. Cooper?—Yes.

WILLIAM MAYES sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *W. Mayes.*

27,702. What are you?—I was very ill.

27,703. Just answer my questions. Did you vote at the last election?—No, I did not. I voted, but that was not for Sir Edmund Lacon.

27,704. Did you vote at the election in 1859?—In 1859 I voted.

27,705. Who for?—I voted for Watkin and Stracey.

27,706. I forgot to ask you what you are?—I never took any money in my life.

27,707. What are you?—A gardener.

27,708. You say you voted for Stracey and Watkin?—Yes.

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27,709. They were opposite political parties?—Quite so.

27,710. How came you to vote for them?—A gentlemen came to my house—Sir Henry Stracey. He was a very strong man. He was a soldier-looking man, or had been.

27,711. Did he come to your house?—Yes, he came to my house.

27,712. Did he offer you any money?—No, he did not offer me one farthing of money, only John Cooper.

27,713. We are talking about the candidates?—No, he did not.

27,714. You say nobody offered you any money but John Cooper?—Yes.

27,715. Did he offer you any money?—Yes.

27,716. How much?—5*l.* He told me he had the money for me a day or two, I think, before the election. The election was on the Tuesday morning. I was going up to town. I was a Gorleston man, and he paid me directly. It was an old debt that Mr. Cooper owed me of 5*l.*

27,717. Did he not give you 15*l.*?—No, I never received a farthing from anybody. He never offered me 15*l.*

27,718. Did not Mr. Cooper see you at Gorleston?—Yes.

27,719. He came down there one day?—I believe he did.

27,720. And did he not give you 15*l.*?—No, not a farthing. I never received a farthing from anyone neither him nor anyone else.

27,721. What did Mr. Cooper come down to you for?—Just for a chat, that is all.

27,722. During the election time?—It was a long time before the election. He never offered me a farthing. You received my note, I suppose, gentlemen?

27,723. Did not Mr. Cooper come down to you shortly before the election?—Yes.

27,724. And he offered you 15*l.*?—No, he did not offer me a farthing.

27,725. Did he come down to you at Gorleston before he paid you the 5*l.*?—Yes.

27,726. What was the day he paid you the 5*l.*?—On the election morning. It was the Tuesday morning.

27,727. The election was on a Friday, not a Tuesday?—Well, Friday. It was on the election morning. I know he paid me 5*l.*

27,728. Are you certain that he did not give you 15*l.*?—I am certain of that.

27,729. For your vote?—For my vote I never had a farthing from nobody.

27,730. Did you vote for Sir Henry Stracey because Mr. Cooper gave you that 5*l.*?—No.

27,731. You voted for Sir Henry Stracey because he was a soldier-like looking man?—Yes.

27,732, But why did you vote for Mr. Watkin?—He was an old friend of mine. I never was asked before in my life.

27,733. Mr. Watkin was an old friend of yours?—Yes.

27,734. Did you vote for him in 1857?—I did not. In 1859 I voted for him.

27,735. Whom did you vote for in 1857?—I had not a vote at all that I know of.

27,736. Had you a vote then?—If I had a vote I voted, and it was McCullagh.

27,737. If you had had a vote you would have voted for Mr. Watkin and McCullagh?—I do not know.

27,738. Mr. Cooper said he gave you 15*l.* to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey?—No, I never voted for Sir Edmund Lacon in my life.

27,739. You did not like him?—No, I did not like him at all. He came to my house for my vote.

27,740. Did you refuse him?—I did refuse him. I said, "I do not owe you anything, I will not promise you anything, nor his party either."

27,741. (*Mr. Slade.*) How came Mr. Cooper to owe you 5*l.*?—For vegetables in the market, for potatoes and apples, and one thing and another. I sat in the market. I had no bribe at all.

27,742. Had you Mr. Cooper down upon your book for 5*l.*?—No, I had no book at all. We took each other's words. I had no book against him at all, or he against me.

27,743. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you supply him regularly with vegetables?—Yes.

27,744. How long before the election?—12 months.

27,745. And he then ceased dealing with you?—On the Saturday I told him to come no more. He said, "Very well." That is all he said to me, and I said to him, "You owe me 5*l.*" He says, "I know that very well."

27,746. Did you ever send him any bill for this 5*l.*?—No, no bill at all.

27,747. How long had it been owing?—Half a year.

27,748. Did you ever ask him to pay you?—Yes, but he said he had not got the money.

27,749. He said he had not got the money till the election time?—He had not got the money.

27,750. Did he say, when you asked him to pay you half a year before, that he had not got the money till the election time?—Yes.

27,751. And I suppose you did not ask him till the election time?—Yes, and he paid me.

27,752. At the election time?—Yes, it was a Friday.

27,753. How long had he been taking vegetables of you without paying you?—He had been taking it a twelvemonth. He and his son came for them.

27,754. Did you send them down to his house regularly?—No, he came for them himself.

27,755. And you let him have what he liked?—Yes.

27,756. And you never asked him for payment till the election?—No, I never asked him for payment till the election. He never offered me any till the election time. I call it no bribe. Do you call it a bribe?

27,757. (*Mr. Slade.*) We cannot give you our opinion; we are not allowed to do so.—You must know.

27,758. (*Mr. Russell.*) How came the bill to be exactly 5*l.*?—That is what he asked for, and I trusted him till it came to the 5*l.*, and I said I would not trust him any more. He said, "Very well, I never asked you." I call it no bribe at all; still you can do as you like.

27,759. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were the vegetables you supplied him with worth 5*l.*?—Yes, I daresay they were, or rather more. The 5*l.* he gave me I got it changed at the fish stall house directly for four sovereigns and two half-sovereigns, that is 5*l.*

27,760. (*Mr. Russell.*) Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Cook.

27,761. I mean the last election in Yarmouth; was it for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—No.

27,762. Yes, you did?—No, I did not.

27,763. They have given you the credit for having voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl at the last election?—No, I never voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl in my life.

27,764. Did you ever have any money for your vote?—No, I never had a farthing of money for my vote in my life.

27,765. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You did vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Did I?

27,766. Yes.—In 1857?

27,767. No, in 1865?—I might; I do not know, I am sure; I cannot say the people's names; I do not know the people.

27,768. You did not vote for Sir Edmund Lacon?—No, I never voted for Sir Edmund Lacon in my life.

27,769. (*Mr. Russell.*) If you forgot that you voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl in 1865, may you not have forgotten that you had 15*l.* from Mr. Cooper in 1859?—No, I never had 15*l.* in my life.

27,770. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Where did those vegetables come from you served to Mr. Cooper?—Out of my own garden.

27,771. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you a wife?—Yes.

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27,772. Did your wife ever get any money for you?—Never in my life. Thank God, I have a wife.

27,773. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) May I ask you how old you are?—82 come next August, something in August, please God, if I live so long. How came Mr. Cooper to say 15*l.*?

27,774. Mr. Cooper said that he gave you 15*l.*?—That is all damned lies.

T. Cross.

THOMAS CROSS sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

27,775. What are you?—Well, I am a rabbit merchant, but I sell cockles and mussels, and all that sort of thing.

27,776. Had you a vote at the last election?—No, I had not.

27,777. But you had at the election before?—Yes, I had.

27,778. In 1859?—Yes.

27,779. Did you receive any money for your vote then?—Yes.

27,780. How much?—12*l.*

27,781. Who from?—Well, it is a very curious thing that I am going to state. I never knew it till yesterday. I heard it after the election. A man came in my shop door, and he said, "I want you at your back doorway." I goes; I never expected anything of the kind. He says, "Where is your hand?" It was a very dark night that night, and he put it in my hand, and I found it was 12*l.* when I went in. I found it was from Mr. Buston, but I never knew till yesterday whom I got it from.

27,782. Was that for your vote?—Yes, I suppose so. Indeed it could not be for anything else, of course.

27,783. Is that all the money that you received?—Yes; that is the first time I ever received anything; I would not have taken it but that I wanted it.

G. Colk.

GEORGE COLK sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

27,784. Are you upon the register?—No.

27,785. Are you William George Colk?—No, only George.

27,786. Do you keep the "Bath Hotel?"—Yes.

27,787. Had you a vote in the election of 1859, or at the last election?—I never had, and never want.

27,788. Do you recollect taking part in the election of 1859?—I think I might probably say I did.

27,789. You acted under J. William Bunn, did you not?—Yes, I think so.

27,790. Did you receive any money from Mr. Bunn?—Well, I cannot say. It is a long time ago. I might, but if I did I paid it away again.

27,791. Can you recollect to whom you gave money?—No; to no one.

27,792. You cannot recollect anybody?—I think not.

27,793. You did give money to some voters?—Probably I might. If I did it was under his direction. You recollect that I had newly arrived in the town. I knew very few people, and if I did give it to anyone he told me who to give it to, and I did so.

27,794. Did he point out the man in the street to you?—Yes, he pointed them out, and I kept my eye upon them till I paid them the money. I do not know a single one by name.

27,795. Can you recollect at all how many men you gave money to by his directions?—No, I have not the slightest recollection.

27,796. More than one?—I think probably so. I may say whoever he pointed out to me he put the money into my hands, and I never even opened the packets.

27,797. The money was put up in packets?—I undid the paper, and slipped it into their hands, and threw the paper away.

27,798. That was in Gorleston and Southtown entirely?—Yes.

27,799. Do you know the name of Godbolt?—I know there is such a name since then, but whether he was the man or not I cannot say. I do not know one of them individually. I daresay I have seen them since, but I do not recollect them.

27,800. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) That is the reason, perhaps, that Mr. Bunn employed you?—I think very probably. I had known Mr. Bunn for years.

27,801. I suppose Mr. Bunn employed you to give the money because they did not know you?—Probably.

27,802. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you any idea how much money passed through your hands altogether?—Not the least.

27,803. Was all the money that was given to you by Mr. Bunn given in small sums to give to the electors?—Yes.

27,804. And you received no large sums?—I cannot say what there was. I daresay there was 10*l.* in a packet.

27,805. You never received many packets altogether?—No, I never received more than one at a time.

J. Cooper.

JOHN COOPER recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

27,806. You were not present when William Mayes was examined just now?—I was not.

27,807. He stated that you gave him no money for his vote at the election of 1859, but that you came down to Gorleston and had some conversation with him about the election, and afterwards he went away to Yarmouth, and you then paid him 5*l.* for a bill which you owed him for vegetables?—I never was indebted to Mayes a single penny in my life.

27,808. Did you deal with Mayes for vegetables?—Very frequently.

27,809. Had he a shop?—No, he kept a stall in the market.

27,810. Had you dealt with him within six months before the election?—Yes, I had dealt with him up to the election. I never dealt with him afterwards in consequence of his taking money from me and not voting right.

27,811. He says you had not dealt with him for six months before the election, and that you owed him 5*l.*, which you said you could not pay till the election time?—I can swear upon my solemn oath I never owed him a single shilling in my lifetime.

27,812. You paid it at the time?—I paid him in the market. I had not the slightest idea that a man could come here to make a base and false accusation. Allow me to say Mayes has first denied having had any money. I suppose this tale has been concocted in consequence of Mr. Bunn's evidence yesterday, he having stated that he took me down to Gorleston to give Mayes the money, and I suppose he thought he could not get out of it without telling this tale.

27,813. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did you tell him that you would withdraw your custom?—The election was upon the Friday. I went to his stall, directly opposite my shop in the market. I told him he was a big old blackguard to take the money and vote for Stracey and Watkin. That is why I mentioned Mr. Manthorpe's name; but Mr. Manthorpe has denied giving him money. All I can say is I gave Mayes 15*l.*; and more than that, Mr. Bunn gave me the money to give to Mayes. He took me in a cab to Gorleston. He met me at Yarmouth, and he took me to Gorleston and set me down at Mayes' door, because I knew Mayes. He gave me the money, and I went into his house and paid it to him.

27,814. I want to know what Mayes said when you told him that you should withdraw your custom?—He mentioned something about his brother-in-law went to him.

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27,815. Was he indignant?—I was very indignant with him, and I recollect at the time mentioning it to Mr. Lane, then the clerk of the market collecting the market dues. I told Lane what an old blackguard Mayes had been in voting that way.

27,816. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did he come up to you in Yarmouth before your visit to Gorleston about his account?—There is not the slightest foundation for it. I never owed him any money in my life, nor did I pay him 5*l.* for any debt that I owed him. It is a gross case of perjury.

27,817. He says he is 82 years of age?—Yes; and I am sorry an old man of his age should come here to perjure himself in the way he has done.

D. Carter.

DANIEL CARTER recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

27,818. You live on the South Quay?—Yes.

27,819. Have you been examined before?—Yes.

27,820. Had you a vote in 1859?—I had.

27,821. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—I voted for the Liberal side.

27,822. And what did you get for your vote?—Nothing, not a farthing.

27,823. Were you offered anything?—Never.

27,824. You got 15*l.* at Cattermole's the last time?—Yes.

27,825. (*Mr. Russell.*) You did not vote at all in 1859?—Did I not?

27,826. No.—Then it was a mistake; in 1857 it was; I forget.

27,827. How is it you did not vote in 1859?—I cannot answer the question. I did not feel inclined to vote. I had friends on both sides, and I did not wish to offend either party.

27,828. Were you offered any money?—Not a fraction.

27,829. You are called by mistake. We want the other Daniel Carter?—I think he is at sea.

27,830. Is he a relation of yours?—He is a son of mine.

27,831. Has he been examined before us?—Yes, he has been examined.

27,832. Is his name Daniel Draper Carter?—Yes, Daniel Draper Carter. He has been examined.

27,833. And he got 80*l.* from Benjamin Powell for staying on shore?—Yes, so he said. I do not know what he had.

H. Housago.

HENRY HOUSAGO recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

27,834. Are you a baker?—Yes.

27,835. You got 12*l.* at the last election?—Yes.

27,836. Did you vote at the election before that?—Yes.

27,837. Who for?—Lacon and Stracey.

27,838. What did you receive for your vote?—In 1859?

27,839. Yes.—Nothing.

27,840. What did Mr. Lane give you 1*l.* for?—He gave it me for a present.

27,841. And very kind of him?—Yes.

27,842. When did he give you this 1*l.*?—Upon the next morning.

27,843. Had you done anything for Mr. Lane?—No.

27,844. Did Mr. Lane say anything about voting?—Oh yes, several times.

27,845. Did he tell you to make haste and go up to the poll?—Yes, he did.

27,846. And he gave you a sovereign?—Yes, he gave me a sovereign before I went up, in my own house.

27,847. What o'clock was this?—Before noon-time.

27,848. (*Mr. Russell.*) Should you have voted if you had not had the 1*l.*?—Yes, I should have voted if I had not had any money at all.

27,849. (*Mr. Slade.*) You voted Liberal last time, did you not?—Yes.

27,850. Why do you say you would have voted Tory if you had not any money?—I changed my opinions then.

27,851. You had changed your opinions then?—Yes, I had done so.

27,852. You changed your opinions, I suppose, because you got 12*l.*?—No, it was not for that.

27,853. Was it not?—No.

27,854 (*Mr. Russell.*) How did you vote in 1857?—For the Tories.

27,855. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Is Mr. Lane in the habit of giving you presents?—Never before?

27,856. And never since?—He calls for the rates, but he never gave me anything before.

27,857. Has he given you anything since?—He has not given me anything since.

27,858. Do you think he would have made you a present of it if it had not been election time?—No, I do not think he would.

27,859. (*Mr. Slade.*) You do not call calling for the rates making you a present?—No, I do not.

27,860. (*Mr. Russell.*) That 1*l.* was all you received?—That is all I received.

J. Roling.

JAMES ROLING sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

27,861. What are you?—A baker.

27,862. How did you vote at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

27,863. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

27,864. How did you vote in 1859?—Lacon and Stracey.

27,865. Did you get anything for your vote then?—Yes.

27,866. How much?—15*l.* was left at my house.

27,867. Do you know who by?—I think Mr. Stolworthy. I think that is the man.

27,868. That was the reason I suppose that you voted for them?—No, I intended to stand neutral. I promised Sir Edmund Lacon I should not vote against him.

27,869. How did you vote in 1857?—Always Liberal; that is my principle.

27,870. Did you get anything for your vote in 1857?—Nothing.

27,871. Nothing from the Liberals?—No.

27,872. And how was it you voted Tory in 1859?—Well, Sir Edmund Lacon called upon me. I told him I should not vote against him, and Mr. Stolworthy left the money some time before the election. I cannot say how long according to my recollection; and after the money was left I thought I was in duty bound to vote, and I did so. I did not vote for it; not a bit of it, though I made very good use of it.

27,873. You made very good use of it?—Yes, I did; I gave it away.

27,874. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you offered any money at the last election?—I cannot say; I might have; I daresay I might. Mr. Edwards called upon me, and I ordered him out of my shop; I told him I did not want any conversation with him.

27,875. How was it you took money in 1859 and not in 1865?—That was a business transaction. My trade was so that I could not vote against the Tories that time, I could not.

27,876. Still you took money?—I never took it, it was left. It is about the same, I daresay. He called

several times, but I would have nothing to do with him, but he would leave it.

27,877. William Roling, the next upon the register, is he any relation of yours?—He is my brother, I believe.

27,878. Is he here now?—Yes, he is in business.

27,879. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Your brother did not vote at the last election?—I am sure I do not know, I have not had much to do with him for these two or three years.

27,880. (*Mr. Slade.*) Who canvassed you at the last election?—I do not think anyone only Mr. Goodson. I did not see anyone only Mr. Goodson, and I promised him I should not vote for him.

27,881. You made him that promise?—Yes.

27,882. But you did, did you not?—Yes.

27,883. No, you did not; you voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—I promised him I should not vote for him.

27,884. Did Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl canvass you?—I never saw them.

27,885. Did anybody canvass you for them?—No, I do not remember.

27,886. What made you vote for them?—Well, that is my principle, Liberal. I am a Liberal.

27,887. But you were not a Liberal in 1859?—Very likely not. I could not vote against my trade, not personally. I was taking from 1,000*l.* to 1,200*l.* a year from the party, and I thought it was a very wrong thing for me to do such a thing. I had the general contract of Yarmouth for the union.

27,888. Did anybody ever offer you any money at the last election?—No, nobody; I was solicited.

27,889. Who solicited you?—Mr. Edwards solicited me. I told him I did not want any conversation with him, that I should vote as I thought proper, and so I did. I think it was some time like half-past 9 in the morning when I voted.

27,890. And you did vote upon Mr. Edwards's side?—Yes.

27,891. Why did you not tell Mr. Edwards that you were going to vote for him?—Because I thought I was insulted.

27,892. By being asked?—Yes, I am very much against the canvass myself. I am telling you the truth.

THOMAS ELLIOTT sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

T. Elliott.

27,893. Do you live in Gaol Street?—Yes.

27,894. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,895. Who for?—Lacon and Goodson.

27,896. What are you?—A block-maker.

27,897. Did you receive anything for your vote?—Yes.

27,898. How much?—15*l.*

27,899. Who gave it you?—Mr. Shuckford.

27,900. Had you a vote at the election before that, in 1859?—No.

27,901. When you say from Mr. Shuckford, did Mr. Shuckford give it you himself?—No, he did not give it me himself, but it came from him.

27,902. Mr. Staff gave it you?—Yes.

WILLIAM HENRY STAFF sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

W. H. Staff.

27,903. What are you?—A block maker.

27,904. Had you a vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,905. For whom did you vote?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson.

27,906. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

27,907. How much?—15*l.*

27,908. From Mr. Shuckford?—Yes.

27,909. And Mr. Shuckford gave you another 15*l.* that you were to give to Elliott?—Yes.

27,910. Did you give any money to any other voter besides Elliott?—No.

27,911. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No.

WILLIAM MARTIN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

W. Martin.

27,912. What are you?—A draper and grocer.

27,913. Had you a vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,914. Whom did you vote for?—Lacon and Goodson; always Liberal till that time, till last year.

27,915. Where do you live?—At Gorleston.

27,916. Whereabouts?—In High Street.

27,917. Did you receive any money at the last election for your vote?—No.

27,918. Are you quite sure of that?—Quite sure.

27,919. Were you offered any?—No; I did not want to be offered at all.

27,920. Did you promise Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson when they canvassed you?—They did not canvass me, I met them. They said, "It is no use asking you, you have always been against us;" and I said, "Circumstances may alter cases."

27,921. How came you to change your opinions?—The post-office was vacant. I had the promise of the appointment, and the Liberal party interested themselves for Mr. Reynolds and took it away from me.

27,922. Who had promised you?—The Postmaster-General. The clergyman had made the application, and I had the promise.

27,923. Was that upon the recommendation of Sir Edmund Lacon?—No.

27,924. Upon whose recommendation?—The party who had it failed before I took it. The post-office had been in connexion with the business for many years, and when I took it the clergyman wrote on my behalf for me to be appointed, and I had the promise. I kept it on for six weeks, but after a time I think the Liberal party interested themselves for Mr. Reynolds, and represented him to be also a draper and grocer, and he got the business, and not me.

27,925. Who were the members for Yarmouth at the time?—Watkin and McCullagh.

27,926. Did you apply to them?—No, I did not. After I had the promise I thought I was quite secure, and I thought no more about it.

27,927. You did not receive the promise from them?—No; I never applied to them at all.

27,928. Did they use their influence?—On behalf of Mr. Reynolds; they took it from me and I lost it.

27,929. Were you offended?—I was offended, and I told them I would never vote again for them.

27,930. But you did vote for the Liberals before?—I did vote for the Liberals before, till this last election. That was the only cause of my not voting for them.

27,931. Did you receive any money in 1859?—No.

27,932. Do you know a man named Wilshack?—I do.

27,933. Did you not receive some money from him?—I did not.

27,934. 18*l.*?—No.

27,935. Did he give you a gold watch and chain?—No, he did not. I had a transaction with him. I bought a gold watch and chain some time previous to the election, and he took mine in exchange.

27,936. Was yours a silver one?—Mine was a silver one. He took it in exchange. He said, "If you will "vote for Lacon and Stracey I will make a fresh "bargain." I said, "Do so; do as well as you can "for me, and I will pay you the balance;" and he has put it down to my account. I know nothing else about it.

27,937. You have never paid him any balance since 1859?—I settled the account then and there.

27,938. Do I understand that you gave him an old silver watch, and that he gave you a gold one in

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exchange?—I have the receipt for them. I gave him the balance at once.

27,939. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What do you think the amount was of the balance?—I do not know if it was 18*l.* or not for the whole.

27,940. What was the balance you paid him?—I think about 15*l.* or 16*l.* I am not sure. I have the receipt at home. I keep all my receipts.

27,941. Do you remember what he told you?—It is down in the bill. I believe I have the same account now.

27,942. If I understand you rightly, Wilshack said he would make a cheap bargain with you?—I did not intend to vote for him, certainly not. I always voted Liberal, that was the only occasion.

27,943. You intended to get your watch cheap if you could?—I knew him perfectly well. I met him several times when the Tories were with him. I said, "Joe, make this as cheap as you can."

27,944. You must produce the receipt?—I can produce the receipt.

27,945. You had better come to-morrow with it?—Saturday is a busy day, and I would like to be excused.

27,946. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Are you prepared to swear that the money passed from you?—I believe it was something like 8*l.* that I paid him, and he said, "All right, I will give you the other."

27,947. You gave him 8*l.*?—Yes.

27,948. And the price of the watch was 18*l.*?—I suppose he got the value of it.

27,949. Your watch was a silver one?—My watch was a silver one, and guard.

27,950. Do you think that watch was worth 10*l.* at that time?—Certainly not. I fancy I paid him quite the value of what the gold watch was worth.

27,951. You got the gold watch for 18*l.*?—I have been in the trade since, and I know the value of it.

27,952. What was the gold watch and chain worth when you got it?—I suppose about 10*l.*

27,953. Have you got it on?—No.

27,954. Is it in your possession?—It is in my possession.

27,255. I think you had better bring to-morrow, the receipt, and the watch and chain?—I will, but it is a very awkward day, Saturday, it being a busy day in trade. It was a business transaction.

27,956. Were you aware Reynolds, the postmaster, was very active at the election?—He generally has been, I believe, an active party for the Liberal side. I did all I could for them, and I never charged them one farthing, and I thought if they could give me a little return they might have given it to me as well as him.

27,957. Were you aware of the services that he rendered?—No, I was not aware.

27,958. Are you now astonished at the preference?—No; only that he had been a supporter more years than what I had been.

27,959. You say you do not think he had been a more useful man than what you were?—I do not know; I know nothing about another man's business, or the affairs in canvassing, or anything of the kind.

27,960. How much do you think you gained by this bargain because it was the election time, and you were asked to vote for Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—Well, I do not think I gained anything by it.

27,961. To clear up your character you had better come here to-morrow morning with the watch and chain, and the receipt?—Yes.

27,962. (*Mr. Slade.*) Mr. Wilshack considered it to be a bribery transaction?—Mr. Wilshack knows I always voted for the other party. I think if they entrust their people with their money to spend they ought to be responsible for it. Mr. Wilshack has put down what he likes to my account, and I am under the scandal of it. I do not see that at all.

27,963. That is the only reason why we inquire into it?—If Mr. Wilshack has put down 15*l.* or 20*l.*, of course I cannot say, of course they must be paid for their services in some way. I do not know anything more about it.

27,964. Had you ever asked the price of this watch and chain before you proposed the exchange?—No, I never had done so.

27,965. Was there any chain attached to your watch?—It was a silver watch and a silver chain; it was a very good watch. I gave 7*l.* 10*s.* for it, and I had it for about six years.

27,966. I do not want to prejudge you, but if you want to clear your character, the best thing for you is to bring the watch and chain to-morrow, and the receipt?—If I cannot bring it I will send it to you; it is a very busy day with me. I will send it to you or bring it if you wish it.

27,967. You can send the receipt and the watch and chain?—I will send it to you to-morrow. If Mr. Ling comes I will give it to him to bring to-morrow. I never should have voted the other way.

J. Howard.

JOHN HOWARD sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

27,968. What are you?—A butcher.

27,969. Did you vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,970. Who for; for Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

27,971. Did you get any money?—No.

27,972. Were you offered any?—No.

27,973. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

27,974. Whom did you vote for then?—I voted for Lacon and Stracey.

27,975. At that time you did have some money?—12*l.*

27,976. Who gave it you?—No one gave it me at all, and yet it was, it was left at my house. I was out of town that day, and Mr. Lane and I put things to rights a bit, and when I came home I found it was there. I never took it, it was left there.

27,977. Have you heard it was Mr. Lane who gave you the 12*l.*?—Yes.

W. Hunt.

WILLIAM HUNT sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

27,978. What are you?—A tailor.

27,979. Had you a vote at the last election?—No.

27,980. Had you in 1859?—Yes, in 1859.

27,981. Whom did you vote for then?—Watkin and Young.

27,982. Did you receive any money?—7*l.*

27,983. From Mr. Eagleton?—Yes, from Mr. Eagleton.

C. Barham.

CHARLES BARHAM sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

27,984. What are you?—A cab driver.

27,985. Had you a vote at the last election?—Yes.

27,986. Whom did you vote for, Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

27,987. Did you receive any money?—Yes, 20*l.*

27,988. Who gave it you?—John Barber.

27,989. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

27,990. Whom did you vote for then?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

27,991. Did you receive any money?—No.

27,992. How is it you did not get any money then?—I was not offered any.

27,993. Should you have taken it if you had been?—Well, I much question whether I should not.

JAMES BENSTEAD sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

27,994. What are you?—A shoemaker.

27,995. Had you a vote at the last election?—No.

27,996. You had in 1859?—Yes.

27,997. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—Lacon and Stracey.

27,998. What did you receive?—5*l.*

27,999. From Lane?—Yes.

27,000. You are sure it was not 6*l.*?—Well, 5*l.* I received at the house, and 1*l.* he gave me a time after, which made 6*l.*

28,001. And that was all you got?—That was all.

J. B. Hall.

JAMES BARNARD HALL sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,002. What are you?—I attend the bathing machines in the summer time.

28,003. Had you a vote at the last election?—No.

28,004. You had no vote?—Not at the last election.

28,005. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

28,006. Whom did you vote for?—Lacon and Stracey.

28,007. Did you receive anything in money for your vote?—Yes.

28,008. How much?—I cannot remember if it was 14*l.* or 15*l.* I do not know exactly which it was.

28,009. From Mr. Lane?—From Mr. Lane; it was put up in paper; I did not undo it till some time after the election.

28,010. When were you paid?—It was left at mine the night before the election.

28,011. Were you offered any money by the other side?—No, not a penny.

28,012. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) How did you vote in 1857?—For McCullagh and Watkin.

28,013. What induced you to change your party?—Well, I had friends on the other side then, and afterwards I had not. I was not asked by that party afterwards.

28,014. Did you get anything for your vote in 1857?—Yes.

28,015. How much?—I think it was 8*l.*

28,016. You got that from the Liberals?—Yes.

J. Knowles.

JAMES KNOWLES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,017. What are you?—A mast and block maker.

28,018. Had you a vote at the last election?—No.

28,019. You had in 1859?—Yes.

28,020. Whom did you vote for then?—Lacon and Stracey.

28,021. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

28,022. How much?—15*l.*

28,023. Who from?—Mr. Lane.

J. Gowen.

JOHN GOWEN sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,024. What are you?—I am nothing at all; anything.

28,025. What were you?—A publican.

28,026. Had you a vote at the last election?—No, I had not.

28,027. You had in 1859?—Yes, I had then.

28,028. Whom did you vote for, Lacon and Stracey?—Yes.

28,029. Did you receive any money?—No.

28,030. Nothing whatever?—No.

28,031. Did you vote for the Conservatives in 1857?—Yes.

28,032. Did you give any money to other men in 1859?—No.

28,033. Were you a publican in 1859?—Yes.

28,034. Did you draw Sir Edmund Lacon's beer?—Yes.

28,035. Was that why you voted for him?—Yes, that was the reason I voted for him, certainly.

28,036. If you had not drawn his beer should you have voted the other way?—No.

28,037. What are your politics?—They always were Red.

28,038. Do you know a man named George Parker?—Yes.

28,039. Did you give him 13*l.* in 1859?—Yes.

28,040. You did?—Yes.

28,041. Whom did you get the 13*l.* from?—I forget the man's name.

28,042. Was it Mr. Stolworthy?—Yes.

28,043. Did Mr. Stolworthy give you any money besides that?—Yes.

28,044. How much?—36*l.* it was.

28,045. What did you do with that 36*l.*?—I gave it away.

28,046. Who to?—I have no recollection at all now. I have a paper here.

28,047. Give me the names?—One was Wright.

28,048. What was Wright's christian name?—William.

28,049. Did he live in King Street?—No, he lived in Charlotte Street.

28,050. How much did you give Wright?—10*l.*

28,051. Whom else?—George Francis, North End.

28,052. Did George Francis live at Row 96 in 1859?—No, he lived there the same as he does now.

23,053. Where does he live?—At North End, in the same house which he lives in now.

28,054. Was that in 1859 you gave George Francis the money?—Yes.

28,055. Do you know whether George Francis had a fish office in 1859?—Yes, he had.

28,056. Did you give him 10*l.*?—Yes.

28,057. Who is the next?—George Cady.

28,058. How much did you give George Cady?—10*l.*

28,059. Who else?—That is all.

28,060. Did you have anything for yourself?—No.

28,061. You have accounted now for having spent 43*l.*, and you said you only received 36*l.*?—I received 45*l.*, which I gave away.

28,062. You gave 13*l.* to George Parker?—No, 15*l.*

28,063. How came you to give away 45*l.* if you only received 36*l.*?—I received 45*l.* to give away.

28,064. Did you receive 45*l.* from Mr. Stolworthy?—Yes.

28,065. I thought you told me you only received 36*l.*?—45*l.* I told you.

28,066. You are sure that is all you received?—Yes.

23,067. Who made out that list for you?—I made it out myself.

28,068. (*Mr. Slade.*) George Francis is a rope-maker by trade, and does a little business in the fishing way?—No.

28,069. He has been examined here?—He has; he told me so.

28,070. I am telling you what he told us he was. Is this the same man?—No, he had nothing to do with the fishing, nothing of the sort.

28,071. He is asked, "What are you?" and he says, "I am a rope-maker by trade, but I do a little "business in the fishing way, but it is very little in "comparison?"—He does not do either of them.

28,072. (*Mr. Russell.*) What does he do?—He lives independent now.

28,073. (*Mr. Slade.*) We want to know who the man is?—I tell you who he is; he is George Parker, living at North End. George Francis keeps a public-house.

28,074. I will keep you to the same man, George Francis?—Yes.

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28,075. He has been examined before us?—I believe he has.

28,076. He was asked what he got in 1859 for his vote, and he said he got nothing?—That is wrong.

28,077. Did you give it him with your own hands? —Yes, I did.

28,078. Where?—At his house.

28,079. What was the name of the public-house?— Where I used to live?

28,080. Yes?—I do not remember what the sign was.

28,081. Was it the "Rose and Crown?"—No, the "Sir Samuel Hood." I have lost my intellect.

28,082. Then we cannot take your evidence?—I know right from wrong.

28,083. Have you told us the truth here?—I have told you every word of truth, and nothing but the truth.

28,084. Cady is a publican?—Yes.

28,085. He says that in 1859 he fancies he got something, and he thought it was 10*l.*; so that no doubt you gave it to him?—I did so.

28,086. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Do you know George Cady well?—I have known him for several years; he kept a public-house opposite where I did.

28,087. What party did he belong to?—Any party who would give him money.

28,088. Do you happen to recollect how he voted in 1857?—No, I do not.

28,089. Do you think he was paid in 1857 for voting?—No.

28,090. Why do you think he was not, he voted for the Liberals in 1857?—Yes, and he voted for the Tories in 1859.

28,091. And the Liberals in 1857?—I do not know.

280,92. Do you think he was paid or not?—I do not know whether he got paid at all or not.

W. Cooper.

William Cooper recalled; examined by Mr. Russell.

28,092*a*. What are you?—A shoemaker.

28,093. Had you a vote at the last election?—I had.

28,094. You have been examined before with reference to that election?—Yes.

28,095. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

28,096. You voted for Lacon and Stracey then?— Yes.

28,097. What did you receive?—Well, I could not say exactly, but I am under the impression it was 15*l.*, but I could not say.

28,098. From Mr. Buston?—Yes, whatever it was I got it from him.

28,099. Were you offered any money by the other side in 1859?—I was not.

28,100. When you were before us before you were asked if you received any money in 1859, and you said no?—I did not remember it.

C. Veale.

Charles Veale recalled; examined by Mr. Russell.

28,101. You have been examined before?—Yes.

28,102. You have come here to contradict a statement that had been made against you?—Yes.

28,103. By Mr. Reynolds, the postmaster?—Yes. I did not see it in the papers till yesterday.

28,104. Mr. Reynolds has said that you had 20*l.*? —I see it in the papers so.

28,105. He says you had 10*l.* in Yarmouth, you had 5*l.* given you by Rundle or King, and on the morning of the election you would not go up to vote without receiving 5*l.* more?—That was for expenses.

28,106. That made 20*l.* altogether?—15*l.* for my vote, and 5*l.* for my expenses.

28,107. What is it you want to deny?—Is that all his statement?

28,108. Yes.—That is not as I see it in the papers. I see yesterday the paper says that after I took 10*l.* in Gorleston I came up to Yarmouth and took 10*l.* more from the Liberal party, and then go to the Tories and take 25*l.*, and then turned round and said to them, "That is my principle, and that is what I mean to do," and that is what I see in last Saturday's paper that is what I want to come up to contradict. I never was offered a penny on the Tory side in my life, and never did I vote a Tory.

28,109. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You say you never voted for the Conservatives?—No.

28,110. You are a Liberal by conviction?—To the heart.

28,111. What Mr. Reynolds says is this, "I have "every reason to believe he took 25*l.* from the Tories, "for I found when he went up to vote they looked "very glum at him at the time, and he clapped his "hands on the board and said, that is my principle." —That is what I see in the papers.

28,112. And that is what you come to contradict? —Yes.

28,113. You mean the 15*l.* for your vote, and the 5*l.* for your expenses, was all that you received?—Yes.

28,114. Were you offered any more money?—No. I never was offered a farthing on the other side at all.

28,115. Who was it who gave you the 15*l.*?—You will see in my examination Mr. Greenhow gave me the 10*l.*, and through him George King gave me 5*l.*

28,116. Do you know a man named John Durrant? —Yes.

28,117. Did he not give you 5*l.*?—Yes, that was for my expenses.

28,118. It is all true except that you took 25*l.* from the Tories?—I never received a farthing, and never was offered any by them.

28,119. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—I voted for the Liberals; Mr. Watkin and Mr. Young, I think it was.

(The Commissioners then proceeded to the residence of Benjamin Ashby, who was unable from illness to attend before them.)

B. Ashby.

Benjamin Ashby sworn; examined by Mr. Russell.

28,120. Had you a vote at the last election?— Yes.

28,121. Did you get any money?—Yes.

28,122. How much?—20*l.*

28,123. Who gave it you?—I forget the man's name; a man I never saw before or since.

28,124. Had you a vote in 1859?—How many years ago is that?

28,125. Seven years ago.—Yes.

28,126-7. Did you get any money then?—Yes. I never got a farthing before in my life. They are wrong to say I have. I never got a farthing more than those two elections.

Adjourned till to-morrow at half-past 10 o'clock.

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R. Burwell.

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ROBERT BURWELL recalled; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,128. You have been examined before?—Yes.

28,129. You had a vote in 1859, had you not?—Yes.

28,130. Whom did you vote for then?—Lacon and Stracey.

28,131. You received some money in 1859?—Not for my vote I did not.

28,132. But you received some money. Did not Mr. Shuckford give you some money?—He did not for voting.

28,133. How much did Mr. Shuckford give you?—18*l.*

28,134. When was that?—That was, I think, on the Saturday week before the election, if I be not mistaken something like that.

28,135. If it was not for your vote, what do you think it was for?—I gave 10*l.* to a man of the name of George Holmes, a barber, living on the South Denes Road at that time.

28,136. (*Mr. Slade.*) George Martin Holmes?—Yes; of the South Denes Road.

28,137. (*Mr. Russell.*) George Martin Holmes has told us he got 15*l.* from you?—No.

28,138. It was 10*l.* you say?—Yes.

28,139. Did you give any money to anyone else?—Yes.

28,140. Who?—To a man by the name of Robert Earls, a cooper, living in the Tower Road.

28,141. Is Robert Earls dead?—Yes, since that.

28,142. Did you give any money to any other man?—Not any more. That was all I had.

28,143. Do you mean to say you did not receive anything for your own vote?—Not a shilling. Mr. William Beales told me that he had given Robert Earls previous to that, the day before, 15*l.*

28,144. You were examined before the Committee of the House of Commons, were you not, in 1860?—Yes.

28,145. Did you tell them you had taken this part?—No. I told them that I never received any money for my vote.

28,146. Were you asked if you had ever given money to others?—No, not to my knowledge, I was not.

28,147. Did you promise Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey when they canvassed you?—Yes.

28,148. Have you always belonged to that party?—I had not a vote until 1859.

28,149. How is it that you took money at the last election, and did not take it in 1859?—Because I stood in need of it.

28,150. Do you mean you were better off in 1859?—I do not know if better. I stood greatly in need of it this election, and that is the reason I took it.

28,151. And you swear you did not receive any money in 1859?—No money in 1859 for my vote.

J. Cox.

JOHN COX sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

28,152. What are you?—A publican.

28,153. Where do you live?—On South Quay, at the "Dog and Duck."

28,154. Did you vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl at the last election?—Yes.

28,155. What did you get for your vote?—15*l.*

28,156. Where was it paid?—At Mr. Cattermole's.

28,157. Who took you to Cattermole's?—Not any one. I went down there myself.

28,158. Had you heard that money was given away?—I did not come ashore from my vessel until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. A gentleman spoke to me on the Jetty—a strange gentleman, I do not know who he was—and asked me whether I would come down to Mr. Cattermole's in the evening,

28,159. Was that the day before the election?—Yes.

28,160. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who sent for you to come ashore?—Not any one. Most of our boats came in that day.

28,161. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Were you canvassed by the other side?—No. I never saw any one.

28,162. You were not offered any money on the other side?—No.

28,163. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

J. F. Neave.

JOSEPH FLEMING NEAVE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

28,164. What are you?—I am a ropemaker, and in the fishing.

28,165. Which way did you vote at the last election?—For Brogden and Vanderbyl.

28,166. Did you take any part in the election?—Yes.

28,167. What part did you take?—I was occasionally on the canvass for about one day out of two or three, as I might happen to be with the party; but I kept no canvass book.

28,168. Were you on any committee in any ward?—There were three or four parties named for the committee in the north ward, simply to get up the voters during the day, and the appointment of messengers, to make such necessary arrangements for the working of the ward, as might be considered necessary.

28,169. You are a brother of James William Neave?—Yes.

28,170. Did you give any voters money for their votes?—No.

28,171. Were you aware of any money being given?—I heard after the thing was over that money was given.

28,172. Did you know at the time money was being given to the voters for their votes?—A day or two before the election. I do not know what evening and when; when I came up to the town, I heard there had been a meeting at Wright's, and parties had been there and received money.

28,173. Did you send any person up to Wright's for money?—No. I was not aware of the meeting at Wright's until after the meeting was over.

28,174. Then you did not take the same active part that your brother did?—No.

28,175. Were you aware that your brother was bribing at that time?—Not till after the election; not until the day after the election.

28,176. What did your brother say to you then about his doings?—He told me he had given 15*l.* to Stanley. I said, "I should have left him alone if I had been you."

28,177. Did he say anything else?—He said he had offered another party money, but they did not get through.

28,178. What did you understand by that?—That he had offered—as by his evidence and Mr. Bland's

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evidence it came out—he offered him 15*l.*, and Bland wanted 20*l.* That was the day after the election he told me that. But I did not know it during the election day, nor did not know it previous to the election, that he was going to take that part in the business.

28,179. Did he say where he got the money from?—He said he got it of Mr. Jones. I think he went to the "Angel" and got it of Mr. Jones I understood him.

28,280. Did he say how much money he had got?—He said either 15*l.* or 20*l.* that he had then got, that he did not give to Bland.

28,181. Do you mean 15*l.* or 20*l.* more than he had given to Bland?—No. I understood he drew 35*l.* He gave 15*l.* to Stanley. I met him on the road, and he told me of that. The surplus money he did not give to Bland, consequently, he had it on hand for them; and I supposed at the time Jones would have called upon him, and the money would have been returned. He told me he had it in hand ready.

28,182. The day after the election?—That was the day after the election.

28,183. When did you see Jones the last time?—I think that very day.

28,184. The day after the election?—The day after the election. I think that was the last time I ever saw him.

28,185. You are aware now he did not leave Yarmouth until several days after?—I am aware he did not leave for some days, but I was not aware he was in the town after the first day after the election. I thought he went off immediately.

28,186. You knew Mr. Edwards, the agent?—Which Edwards?

28,187. The man who came from Preston?—Only by seeing him two or three times when I went up to the "Angel." That is all I know of him.

28,188. Did you see him after the election?—I believe the day after the election I went up to the "Angel" to see if Mr. Brogden was gone, and I saw Mr. Jones and Mr. Edwards, and I do not know whether I saw Mr. Salmon. There were two or three of them in the room, and I went and asked whether Mr. Brogden had gone.

28,189. Did you go with your brother?—No, I went alone.

28,190. Were you aware whether your brother ever offered to return that money to Mr. Edwards?—I never heard that he offered until Mr. Edwards came to town again. I did not know they were here after the election, and whether he did I do not know. I am not aware whether he went to the election. After the evening of the election he walked up then to the "Angel," and saw Mr. Brogden, but whether he ever went to the "Angel" after that time I do not know. That was 6 or 7 o'clock in the evening, the day of the election. He did not go with me.

28,191. You did not know anything at all about it?—I knew nothing at all about it.

28,192. Had you a vote in the election of 1859?—Yes.

28,193. Whom did you vote for?—Watkin and Young.

28,194. Did you give any voters money at that election?—No. I was not aware there was any money spent then until after the election was over, and I did not take any part particular. On the day of the election I went to several of my friends and tried to get them up to vote, but beyond that I did not know anything.

28,195. Did your brother take any part in the election of 1859?—I believe not. I do not know whether on the day of the election he went round and did as I did. We knew several friends of the candidates, and we tried to get them up to vote, but I am not certain whether he did as much as that in 1859.

J. Wilshack.

JOSEPH WILSHACK sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,196. What are you?—A watchmaker.

28,197. Had you a vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,198. For whom did you vote?—For Lacon and Goodson.

28,199. Were you canvassed by Lacon and Goodson?—Yes.

28,200. Did you promise your vote to them?—Directly.

28,201. You took no part in bribery?—No; I was away.

28,202. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

28,203. Whom did you vote for then?—Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey.

28,204. Did you promise them when they canvassed you?—Yes.

28,205. And received no money from them?—No.

28,206. You were called because your father told us that in 1859 you sold a gold watch and chain to a man named William Martin?—I did not sell it to him. I gave it him to vote.

28,207. Will you tell us exactly what passed with reference to this watch?—I go a great deal to Gorleston. I knew this man. He was wanting to buy a gold watch and chain just before the election; and he said, "Stop till the election, and I will have one." When the election came on I showed him this watch and chain. He said, "If you can get me 20*l.* I will "vote for which you like; that is what will pay for "the gold watch and chain." I told father of it, and he said, "You had better stop and I will see." Afterwards father gave me 18*l.* for a watch and chain, and he said he would vote for Lacon and Stracey; but he voted the other way, and he sent me a letter up (but I cannot find it, as I have been removing this last fortnight) to send him a receipt for the watch and chain, as he was courting a woman at that time, and she had a little money, and a rumour was floating about that he had taken it as a bribe.

28,208. Is that the receipt (*handing a receipt to the witness*)?—Yes. He sent up for this receipt to show himself clear of it, and to show this party whom he was courting during the time, as a rumour had got afloat, and he was afraid he suffered in her ideas.

28,209. Is this the receipt? "1859, April 21st. "Mr. Martin to J. Wilshack. To gold lever watch, "15*l.* To gold guard chain, 4*l.*," making 19*l.* "By watch and chain, 2*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*" That was a silver watch and chain that he gave to you?—Yes, in exchange.

28,210. "By cash, 16*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*?—Yes; that is how I gave it to him for him to make himself safe.

28,211. And then it says, "Settled, J. Wilshack, 16*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* April 21st, 1859?"—That is as I gave it to him.

28,212. The 16*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.*, as appears in the receipt as having been paid by him was not paid?—Not paid. I never took a halfpenny of him, not a farthing.

28,213. And do you swear it was with the distinct understanding that he was to vote for Lacon and Stracey?—Yes. That was in 1859.

28,214. Did he give you any sum of money?—Not a farthing, and he never gave me anything at all.

28,215. He swore yesterday he gave you 10*l.* in cash?—No, he never gave me a farthing. I cannot find the letter. Perhaps I have burnt it; but he said plainly in the note to send it up as he wanted to show it.

28,216. Had he given you an order in January 1859, to get him a watch?—He gave me an order to get him a watch, and then he told me to stop until the election as he had not any money then.

28,217. Did you ever remonstrate with William Martin for having voted the other way?—He did not care to show himself to me for a long time after that, or I should have spoken to him.

28,218. Have you ever said anything to him since?—Yes.

28,219. Have you spoken to him about it?—I have

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spoken to him and shaken hands with him, but I have not seen him until yesterday for a month or six weeks. I always nod to him, and he nods to me. I never saw him for about 18 months after I gave him the watch and chain.

28,220. Did you ever have any other transaction of the sort?—No.

28,221. Did you tell anybody at the time?—It was all over Gorleston; all the people knew it.

28,222. Have you told many people?—I did not tell them, but it oozed out itself. They saw me down at his house two or three days before the election. It never got out from me after the election. I told one or two friends of this case to show what sort of a gentleman he was, as he was supposed to be a very respectable man.

28,223. Can you tell me whom you mentioned it to as one?—Yes, young Rising.

28,224. What was his christian name?—I mentioned it to William Rising, of Gorleston, and to a man who is dead, a great friend of his, a Mr. William Leggett, a pilot, and he was chaffed all over Gorleston, because they knew it was quite true, although I did not tell them. Mr. Reynolds and George King, of Gorleston, both said they would have me up here because they knew I gave it him for a bribe.

28,225. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You undertake to swear that no money whatever passed from him to you?—No, none at all.

28,226. Not 8*l.*?—No; there was not any money at all.

28,227. (*Mr. Russell.*) Whose watch do you consider it to be?—I can hardly tell. I think it ought to be father's.

G. Arbon, jun.

GEORGE ARBON, junior, sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,228. What are you?—A fish curer.

28,229. Had you a vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,230. Whom did you vote for?—I forget.

28,231. Which side did you vote?—The Blue party.

28,232. Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes.

28,233. Did you receive any money?—Yes, I received 15*l.*

28,234. For your vote?—For my own vote.

28,235. Who gave it you?—He was quite a stranger to me.

28,236. Where were you paid?—At the "Army and Navy."

28,237. Who sent you up?—I cannot say who it was now. I was with several of them in the market-place, and talking about going down there.

28,238. Did you receive any money to give to anybody else?—Only the other, because when I received it they asked me whether my name was Daniel Arbon or George, and I told them the other was my father.

28,239. And they gave you for both?—Yes.

28,240. 15*l.* for yourself and 15*l.* for your father?—Yes.

28,241. That was all you received?—Yes.

28,242. Had you got a vote in 1859?—No, nor yet my father.

G. Holmes.

GEORGE HOLMES sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

28,243. Do you live on Hall Plain?—I did.

28,244. At the time of the election?—Yes.

28,245. What are you?—A bank agent.

28,246. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

28,247. Did you receive any money for your vote?—No.

28,248. This is the reason of the mistake. This is George Watson's evidence, and the question is "The next person you gave money to?" The answer is, "George Holmes, of Gaol Street;" and then the question is, "Is that George Martin Holmes?" Is there a George Martin Holmes in Gaol Street?—Yes.

J. Chapman.

JAMES CHAPMAN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

28,249. What are you?—A fish curer.

28,250. Do you live in Row 145?—That is where I had a vote from.

28,251. Did you vote for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes.

28,252. Did you get anything for your vote?—No.

28,253. Who canvassed you for your vote?—I believe I saw Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman once.

28,254. Did you see any other agents?—No; I saw Mr. Downing, he came to me one day, and he said he would serve me as he served other people.

28,255. He did offer you?—No, he did not offer me.

28,256. "He would serve you?"—Something of that kind; but I did not want anything of Downing.

28,257. You did not want anything?—No.

28,258. And you did not get it?—No.

28,259. Perhaps you will be surprised to hear you got 20*l.*?—I am surprised, and very much surprised at that, for no one ever came to me to offer it to me.

28,260. Had you a vote in 1859?—No. If anyone says I got 20*l.* it is a wilful piece of business, it is a scandalous business I call it, and they ought to be prosecuted for it, whoever they are.

J. L. Scott.

JOHN LARTER SCOTT sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

28,261. What are you?—I have been living on my property the last 15 years.

28,262. You do not look like a man who would take money for your vote?—I do not think they would offer it to me.

28,263. It is very odd, they put you down here as having received a D ticket?—No one took less interest in the election than I did.

28,264. You voted for Mr. Brogden?—No, for Lacon and Goodson.

28,265. Did you promise them when they canvassed you?—I did promise Sir Edmund Lacon.

28,266. I think it is altogether a mistake, they put you down here as voting for Brogden and Vanderbyl, and as having promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson?—I promised Sir Edmund Lacon and voted for him.

28,267. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

28,268. Who did you vote for then?—I did not vote at all. I am very sorry that my name should have been mentioned in such a disreputable affair.

T. C. Press.

THOMAS CRISP PRESS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,269. What are you?—A ship owner and retired master mariner, whatever you call it.

28,270. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

28,271. Were you offered any money by anyone at the last election?—Neither side offered it, and I never asked for it.

28,272. Had you a vote in 1859?—I had not.

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28,273. Did you vote late in the day, or what o'clock was it when you voted?—I voted as near as possible at half-past 10 in the morning, and perhaps it would be better for me to state, when Mr. Brogden and Mr. Marshman canvassed me, Mr. Scott and Mr. Livingston were with him, and I without the hesitation of a word gave them a promise, and on the election day, if you look back at the record of the Nelson Ward, you will find my name there as having voted at half-past 10, it might be a quarter-past 10, or a quarter to 11, only Mr. Cooper has made insinuations as to the Presses. He said he understood one of the Presses was hovering round the committee-rooms in the "Nelson Ward." I beg to state what I have said is correct, and my house is situated opposite to the committee-rooms, therefore I suppose on such occasions I might be seen to pass; and as regards what Mr. Cooper said that one of the Mr. Presses he understood had written to Mr. Brogden, I emphatically deny it, it is a base falsehood so far as myself is concerned. I neither directly or indirectly, in jest or in earnest, ever passed such a word on such an occasion. I challenge any man to bring a scrap of paper bearing my name. He said one of the Presses, and I appeal to my fellow townsmen, as they do not know but what I was the one.

28,274. They know it now that you are not?—They do, and I do hope no man will come forward and say that again.

W. Trett.

WILLIAM TRETT sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,275. What are you?—A confectioner.

28,276. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

28,277. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

28,278. How much?—15*l.*

28,279. Who from?—Mr. Blyth.

28,280. Were you offered any money by the other party?—I never saw one of the gentlemen.

28,281. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

I. Hayward.

ISAAC HAYWARD sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,282. What are you?—A professional man.

28,283. A profession, what?—A musician.

28,284. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

28,285. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

28,286. How much?—20*l.*

28,287. Who from?—Mr. Watson.

28,288. Were you offered any money by the other party?—No.

28,289. Had you a vote in 1859?—No; I supplied them with a band of 16 people and never got paid for it.

28,290. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Supplied who?—Several gentlemen at the committee-rooms.

28,291. Who employed your band in 1859?—The Conservatives.

W. Beales.

WILLIAM BEALES recalled; examined by. Mr. SLADE.

28,292. You have told us in the election of 1859 Mr. Shuckford gave you 30*l.*?—Yes.

28,293. What else did he give you besides that?—I am not able to say, it is so long ago I cannot recollect.

28,294. Can you say whether he gave you more or not?—No.

28,295. To whom did you give the money?—To Mr. Sam Roberts.

28,296. You gave us his name before?—And Bob Early, and, I believe, Mr. Hastings, the baker.

28,297. R. Hastings?—I think it is, I am not able to say his christian name.

28,298. And who else?—I am not able to say, it is so long ago I cannot recollect; my memory is wonderfully shallow.

28,299. So it seems, we have had those three names before?—Yes.

28,300. Have you anything more to tell us?—No.

28,301. Mr. Shuckford says he gave you 90*l.*?—No, I do not think that.

28,302. He has sworn he has?—I cannot say exactly, I cannot recollect so long ago.

28,303. You will be put down as having taken that money for yourself if you cannot give any names?—I cannot I assure you.

28,304. Do you know what the consequence is?—If I can recollect I will endeavour to send you a note.

28,305. Send it this evening; try and brush up your memory?—I will, but my memory is wonderfully shallow.

J. C. Press.

JOSEPH CRISP PRESS sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,306. What are you?—A master mariner.

28,307. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

28,308. Were you offered any money by anyone?—None.

28,309. Then of course you did not take any?—None.

28,310. What relation are you to the other gentleman we examined?—Brother.

28,311. Did you take any part in the election of 1859?—None.

28,312. Did you promise Mr. Brogden and Vanderbyl when they canvassed?—Yes.

28,313. Do you remember if you voted early in the day?—I do not recollect what time it was exactly, and I am sure I do not think it was very early; about dinner time I think, more or less in the middle of the day.

28,314. Do you know a man named Fill?—The ship chandler?

28,315. Yes.—Oh yes.

28,316. Did he offer you any money?—None.

28,317. Or Mr. Moore?—None; I was never offered any money by any party.

28,318. Had you a vote in 1859?—I was not in England.

28,319. You and your brother were summoned before us because your names have been given to us as having taken money?—So it appears; Mr. Cooper made mention of it, but he never saw me.

28,320. It is only right that you and your brother should have the opportunity of contradicting it?—I have told you the truth.

W. M. Hall.

WILLIAM MATTHEW HALL sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

28,321. Do you live at Market Gates?—Yes.

28,322. Is your name Matthew Barnard?—No, my name is William Matthew.

28,323. Have you gote a vote?—Yes.

28,324. (*Mr. Russell.*) What are you?—I am a labouring man now, but a currier by trade.

28,325. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

28,326. Did you receive any money ?—None.

28,327. Did you not get 15*l.* from Mr. Lane ?—No.

28,328. Were you offered any money ?—Never.

28,329. By neither party ?—By neither party, nor yet asked for it ; never asked for it, I know nothing about it ; I was lame at the time and had just come out of the hospital, I had been there 14 months.

28,330. What is your father's name ?—James Barnard Hall.

28,331. Do you know whether he had any money ?—That I cannot say.

28,332. Had you a vote ?—No.

28,333. Had you not a vote last election ?—No.

28,334. You had a vote in 1859, had you not ?—No.

28,335. Had your father a vote in 1859 ?—No.

28,336. Where does your father live ?—Down at the Market Gates ; I live with him.

28,337. Do you know whether your father had any money in 1859 ?—That I cannot say ; I did not live there then.

28,338. (*Mr. Slade.*) Your father is James Barnard Hall ?—Yes.

28,339. And he told us yesterday he received 15*l.* from Lane at the election of 1859 ?—That I cannot say, that was not my business.

28,340. Are you the man Mr. Lane mentioned as having given 15*l.* to ?—I never received any, I never asked for any, and no money was ever offered to me by one party or the other, neither was I asked for a vote by Sir Edmund Lacon or Mr. Goodson. There was a man came into a public-house where I was getting a glass of ale one night, but who it was I do not know ; but it was not Sir Edmund Lacon ; they never offered me any money.

28,341. This is Benjamin Lane's evidence : "Mat-" thew Hall I had on my list at the time. I forgot " to mention it in the excitement. Does he live in " Market Road ?—That is the man. What did you " give him ?—15*l.* I received from Mr. Shuckford?" —That is a falsehood. I never received a farthing.

28,342. Mr. Lane has sworn to that ?—I can face the gentleman if he is in the room ; he never offered me a farthing, or gave me one.

28,343. That was the last election ?—I never had a vote except about 25 years since, and I never had one from that time to this time.

28,344. You could not have forgotten it ?—I am certain I never received a farthing or asked for one. I never went further from my house, no more than I went to Mr. Lane on my crutches, and from there I was driven up in a fly because I could not walk. I never received a farthing either in silver or gold.

28,345. Did you go up to Mr. Lane's ?—Yes.

28,346. In a fly ?—I walked there on my crutches. The reason was I was in the hospital. I did not know I had a vote, although I paid the rate. I did not know I was put on the list, and Mr. Lane said he would look after me, and by that I voted. They never asked me any more questions. I thought he knew it was right. I always voted the Tory side, both the municipal and this election. I never had but one vote before, and that was 25 years since, and I voted for Sir Edmund Lacon. He never asked me if I wanted money, or anybody else, although it was said in the paper I took 20*l.* from Mr. Lane.

28,347. Are you a married man ?—Yes.

28,348. Did your wife get any money ?—That I cannot say. I do not live with my wife.

28,349. Did you at the time of the election ?—No.

28,350. Did your father get any money ?—I cannot say. I believe my mother got it after the election, but it is unknown to me.

28,351. (*Mr. Russell.*) You think your mother had it ?—Yes.

28,352. How much ?—14*l.* from what I can learn.

28,353. Did she give anything to you ?—No. Neither should I have known anything about it, if this job had not come out.

28,354. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You should have told us before that your mother had it ?—I cannot tell you everything. I answer your questions as near as I can.

28,355. When did your mother get it ?—After the election, from what I can learn, but I knew nothing about it until a month or so ago.

28,356. Who told you your mother had it ?—Mother told me after it was found out.

28,357. After the election ?—It was about a month or two ago. She took the money and gave it to my wife. They are like eagles when they get the prey, it is a hard job to get them to let it go, and so my mother got it and gave it to my wife, and they clawed it out of me, and I should not have known it if this had not come out ; but I shall have the money now to spend instead of spending it at the election.

28,358. Have you ever got the money from your wife ?—No.

28,359. No part of it ?—I do not know. I go there now and then and get my victuals.

28,360. Have you got any part of it ?—It is on account of the living being a little better. I do not know that I ever had the money, and I suppose never shall, not in cash.

28,361. Had Mr. Lane told you he was going to bring the money ?—No. He never mentioned a word about it.

28,362. Had your mother or your wife told you which way to vote ?—I should have sense enough to know that myself. I fancy I do not want to go to a woman to be persuaded.

THOMAS DOWNING recalled ; examined by Mr. SLADE.

T. Downing.

28,363. What have you got to say ?—I wish to make a few remarks on Mr. Shuckford's evidence. I understand he said he gave me 40*l.*

28,364. We know you gave money to the voters, and they voted contrary to what you asked them to do ; but we are perfectly satisfied you gave them the money. Is that what you want to say ?—Mr. Shuckford never gave me the money for those four particular voters at all. Mr. Yaxley gave me the money. He has dragged my name before the public, and said I went through the Bankruptcy Court. I did, but it was to please the party. The whole of them were mixed up in it ; both Mr. Reynolds and others were mixed up in it. I have been up to their door riding up with Mr. Shuckford when he went in. They mixed me up in the concern and said I was to go through the Bankruptcy Court. I did not owe a single shilling in the town. It was an old grievance six years old. And then he says he paid my solicitor's bill. He is a false man. I can prove Mr. Cufaude was not my solicitor. At the time of the election Mr. Costerton wished me to vote the other side. Some time, as late back as 1851, I had a lawsuit, and Mr. Costerton defended the action against me. He said he would do it for about 40*l.* I had paid him something like 42*l.* 10*s.* He never made any other claim on me from that time until the election time, and after the election he says, "I know what you have been doing," and he says, "I will put put you up for this ;" and he sent me in a bill of 122*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* I took it to Mr. Shuckford. He said, "We will settle it for you ;" and there is the bill, sir, which will prove the time the work was done. The bill was six or seven years past, and Mr. Shuckford promised to settle it or get it settled, and I believe some conversation ensued between the solicitors on each side, and they offered Mr. Costerton 20*l.* to settle the difference, which he refused. After the petition was brought forward Mr. Shuckford sent Richard Yaxley for me. Unfortunately he is dead. I went to Mr. Shuckford and he says, "You must go away by the 6 o'clock train to-morrow morning." I said, "I cannot go, I am suffering from bronchitis."

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He said, "You must go.' I said, "I cannot." I went down to Dr. Bore and got a prescription, and I went away the next morning. This was early in February, and I was away seven weeks; and as to Mr. Shuckford saying he did not send me away, why he sent me to Truro in Cornwall. He said there was a man, Frank Comyns, owed him a deal of money, and I was to catch all the information I could. He wrote me several letters to Truro, and he promised me when I came my expenses should be paid, which they never were. After that he said, "With refer- "ence to this bill of Mr. Costerton's, we cannot settle "it. You will have to go through the Insolvent "Court, and I will get you through." He makes a fictitious bill of 30*l.* which I will expose for him. He drew up a bill of 30*l.* at three months date, and got me to sign it to say I was indebted to Richard Yaxley for 30*l.* Richard Yaxley at the time I signed the bill gave me three 10*l.* notes of Lacon's bank, which I returned to Mr. Shuckford or his agent, and with that I was arrested on it; and when he says he paid my solicitor I say it is false, because I paid Mr. Cully of Norwich 16*l.*, and 3*l.* to Mr. Palmer to put me through; and as he says Mr. Cufaude was my solicitor, I say it is false. I never employed him. I will prove Mr. Cufaude was not my solicitor in the case, and that is the only thing I went through the court for. He dragged my name before the public, and I wish to explain what he said. I never went through the Bankruptcy Court for any debts in Yarmouth, and not only that, Mr. Cufaude opposed me in the Bankruptcy Court, and there sits the gentleman in the court who can prove it. He opposed me for Mr. Powell in an action that occurred in 1851.

28,365. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I understand you went through the Bankruptcy Court to relieve yourself from Mr. Costerton's bill?—Yes.

28,366. And you say that bill was not sent in until a long time after?—You see the date; it was sent in two days after the election.

28,367. The last election?—Yes.

28,368. Is it since the last election you have gone through the court?—I went in June after the election.

28,369. How long previous to the election was the debt incurred?—In 1851, most of it, but Mr. Shuckford took the bill and brought it back to me.

28,370. Are you alluding to the election of 1859?—Yes.

28,371. What I want to know is when was this legal business done for you?—In 1851 and 1852.

28,372. Was it all over then?—There is the bill and there are the dates.

28,373. Was there nothing else?—There is a little trifle in 1855, not much, not above a few pounds.

28,374. And did Mr. Costerton at that time send you in any bill?—No.

28,375. After the business was done?—No, I paid him that 42*l.* 10*s.* and he said, "I suppose I shall "never get any more, Tom, it is no use asking for "more."

28,376. Had he sent you in a bill?—No, the bill was delivered a few days before the election.

28,377. I thought I understood you to say he agreed to bring the action or defend it for 40*l.*?—He said it should not exceed 30*l.* at first, and then it was referred to arbitration, and I had to pay Mr. Couch 10 guineas more for fees.

28,378. You paid 42*l.* 10*s.*?—Yes.

28,379. And you never heard anything more of it until the election?—No.

28,380. Then he sent in the bill?—Yes.

28,381. And then you were obliged to go through the court?—Yes.

28,382. Is that the only debt in the schedule?—Except the disputed account of Mr. Giles that occurred a few years, and the bill of Mr. Powell's for the arbitration on account of the lawsuit.

28,383. Whom did you employ as your solicitor to carry you through the court?—Mr. Cully.

28,384. Did you pay him?—Yes.

28,385. What was Mr. Cufaude employed for?—It appears he employed Mr. Cufaude to arrest me.

28,386. Was there any agreement you were to pay him too?—Certainly not.

28,387. What did he arrest you on?—On the bill of three months for 30*l.*

28,388. That you had given?—Yes.

28,389. What was the bill for?—Nothing at all. Mr. Yaxley gave me the three 10*l.* notes, and I returned them to Mr. Shuckford, and he only wanted to make it appear that he paid this money for my going through the court; but there is Mr. Cully's bill.

28,390. You are entitled to make that explanation in public; there is nothing else you wish to say?—Nothing, only I wish to explain how the case stood. He wanted to establish that I went through the court to swindle the people and he had to pay for it.

28,391. (*Mr. Russell.*) Why did you consent to go through the court?—I knew Mr. Costerton was pressing me for this bill, and I knew he was very vindictive on account of my going the other side at the election, and Mr. Shuckford promised he would see it settled somehow or another, and they offered him 20*l.*, and he refused to accept it, and I was pressed, and I was obliged to do one thing or another, and I was in their hands.

28,392. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) What advantage had Mr. Shuckford to get by your going through the court?—It was no advantage, but I went away on his account. I was away seven weeks and never got a fraction for it. If I had gone the other side Mr. Costerton would not have brought any bill.

28,393. Was it your idea or Mr. Shuckford's, the sham bill?—Mr. Shuckford's. He got it me and sent it me through Mr. Yaxley to sign it, and Mr. Yaxley brought the notes with the endorsement upon the backs so that he should know he got the same notes back, and I did not make use of them. I sent the three notes back to Mr. Shuckford. I gave them to him. I can hardly say which, but he had them back.

28,394. Did you say before the court that you had received any money on account of that bill?—No, I was not asked it. The fact is, it was a mixed up job. Mr. Cufaude was opposing me, and we were hand in hand with the Tories.

28,395. (*Mr. Russell.*) You allowed the bill to be put in as a *bonâ fide* debt?—Yes, Yaxley gave me the 30*l.* He said he gave me the 30*l.*, and he said, "You will have to return it to Mr. Shuckford," which I did do.

W. Gedge.

WILLIAM GEDGE sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

28,396. What are you?—A publican.

28,397. Had you a vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,398. Whom did you vote for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

28,399. Did you get anything for your vote?—15*l.*

28,400. At Cattermole's?—Yes.

28,401. Who sent you up there?—I was going past that evening?—I went to get a glass of ale, and some strange gentleman who was there told me to walk upstairs, and I went upstairs and the money was given me.

28,402. Were you offered money on the other side?—No.

28,403. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

28,404. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you draw Sir Edward Lacon's beer?—No.

S. Clark.

SAMUEL CLARK sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

28,405. Where do you live?—No. 2 Crown Place.

28,406. What are you?—A superannuated officer.

28,407. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Mr. Vanderbyl.

28,408. Did you get anything for your vote at the last election ?—No.

28,409. Never, no, never.

28,410. You voted, I see, for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—Yes.

28,411. I think it is a mistake summoning you here ?—I think it is.

28,412. Have you always belonged to the Liberal party ?—Yes.

WILLIAM ROLING sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD. *W. Roling.*

28,413. What are you ?—A baker.

28,414. Whom did you vote for at the last election ?—Not anybody.

28,415. You did not vote at all ?—No.

28,416. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—For the Tories.

28,417. Lacon and Stracey ?—Yes.

28,418. Whom did you vote for in 1857?—Sir Edmund, I believe; I forget who the other one was.

28,419. I think you voted for Watkin and McCullagh?—Watkin and McCullagh was the first I voted for.

28,420. That was in 1857, was it not ?—I was thinking it was in 1855.

28,421. There was no election in 1855; it was in 1857?—Yes.

28,422. Was that the first time you voted?—Yes.

28,423. And have you voted twice?—Twice I voted; I am not positive.

28,424. Why did you vote for Watkin and McCullagh in 1857, and the Tories in 1865 ?—My father has been employed with Messrs. Cobbs for 28 or 29 years, and I suppose I could do no other than oblige him.

28,425. In 1857 that was ?—He had been working for many years so I was obliged to vote for Watkin and McCullagh.

28,426. That was in 1857 ?—Yes.

28,427. You voted against your principles in 1859?—That was not my principles.

28,428. What were your principles ?—Tory.

28,429. And you voted against your principles in 1857 ?—Yes, to oblige my father.

28,430. And in 1859 you voted according to your principles?—Yes.

28,431. Mr. Watkin thinks you voted according to your principles and were bribed to vote against him in 1859?—No, they pressed me very hard where my father was employed, and I could not do any other than oblige him.

38,432. (*Mr. Russell.*) How was it you did not vote at the last election?—To tell you the truth, my wife was very ill, and has been for some time, and so she is now. I have no opportunity of getting out from my business without trusting to a stranger, therefore I did not vote.

28,433. Were you offered any money at either election?—No, not on either side.

THOMAS SONES sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL. *T. Sones.*

28,434. What are you ?—A mariner.

28,435. Had you a vote at the last election?—No.

28,436. You had a vote in 1859?—Yes.

28,437. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—Lacon and Stracey.

28,438. Did you get any money ?—15*l.*

28,439. Who from ?—Mr. Shuckford.

28,440. Were you offered any money in 1859 ?—No, nothing.

28,441. Do you know anybody else who got money from Mr. Shuckford ?—No.

28,442. He did not give money to you to hand to anybody else ?—No.

GEORGE WATSON recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE. *G. Watson.*

28,443. You told us you spent 150*l.* at the last election. Did you spend anything at the election of 1859?—No, I think not; not that I am aware of at all.

28,444. Were you not occupied in these practices at that election ?—I was very little, I think; I took no interest in it. I do not recollect.

28,445. Did you receive any money at that election?—I think not.

28,446. Can you say whether you did or did not?—I really cannot say; at these times you get so excited you can hardly tell. You hardly know what you do. I would not answer positively that I did not, certainly not.

28,447. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Who would you have got it from if you did get it?—It is some time ago. I do not think I was mixed up in the affair, or have anything to do with it.

28,448. You do not think you had anything to do with it?—Not as to the money affairs; I think not.

28,449. Who would you have got the money from if you had had anything to do with it ?—In fact I do not know where it came from or anything else; at that time I was merely running about.

28,450. Do you know Mr. Green?—Yes, I must have known him, but I never had anything to do with him.

28,451. You never had any money from him?—No.

28,452. Nor from Mr. Cooper at any time?—No, certainly not.

28,453. (*Mr. Slade.*) You stated that before about Mr. Green?—I did.

28,454. You acted under Mr. Cooper at the election of 1859?—The last election ?

28,455. No, the election of 1859?—No, I cannot say.

28,456. I asked you, "What did you do at the pre- "vious election, did you spend any money?—I really "cannot say whether I did or not." I say, "Did you "act under Mr. Cooper then? Yes, I was about with "him or about by myself"?—I might be about with him but not as to money matters in any shape whatever.

28,457. Have you been trying to recollect whether you had anything to do with that election or not?—Yes, at different times, and I cannot bring it to mind that I had anything whatever to do with it as far as that goes. I was inclined for the Tories.

28,458. Do you remember giving Thos. Gooch money at the last election?—Well, they told me I did. I think very likely I might; I would not positively say whether I did or did not. I got so excited for the whole week that I did not know what I was doing. I gave, to the best of my judgment, the amount he stated; and I might have given him 15*l.* or 20*l.*

28,459. He says you brought him 20*l.*?—I might have given it him perhaps, 150*l.* I had I know, I was a good bit out of pocket.

28,460. You were out of pocket yourself?—Yes plenty.

28,461. Can you give us any more names than those you gave us when you were here last?—I cannot; in fact I was not aware of him.

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SAMUEL SEAGO recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

S. Seago.

28,462. You were examined before?—Yes.

28,463. And when you were asked why you voted for Lacon and Stracey in 1859 you told us it was because Fill behaved unpleasant?—That was the reason. I saw Mr. Harvey this morning, and he told me he had been up here, and said I had some money. I do not know anything about it. I think I got some money but it was not through Mr. Harvey; I think it was through Powell. I was taking money from Mr. Harvey backwards and forwards; at that time I was in a little calamity, and Mr. Benjamin Powell gave it me. I entirely forgot it when I was up here.

28,464. It is true that you got money?—I recollected it afterwards. It was at Mr. Harvey's house. I think Mr. Harvey was present when it was given to me.

28,465. Did you get 15*l.* for your father?—No, I never see him take any.

28,466. How much did you get?—15*l.*; it was given me in this way, it will be a little good to you. I had a couple of boats, and things went bad. Howsoever, Mr. Fill took a great part in the canvassing, or I would rather have voted that side than the other. I never see the old chap take any money, but I believe he had some from Mr. Powell, not from Mr. Harvey, I never took it from Harvey; I told Harvey so on the Quay. I said, "I am quite certain I did not take it from you."

28,467. Benjamin Powell accounts for the money he got from Mr. Green but he did not mention you?—He did not mention it where he got it from, but I am almost certain Mr. Powell gave it to me in Mr. Harvey's house. I would just say I think it must be 10 or 11 years ago, I am not positive; I had a job on the beach, and I lost my time and he gave me 5*l.*; whether it was with regard to the election or anything of that kind I cannot tell. He said, "You will lose your time," and he gave me 5*l.*, that was Mr. Steward; that is all I know.

28,468. Did you vote for Watkin and McCullagh in 1857?—I think I did.

28,469. In 1859 you voted for the Conservatives?—Yes, I did.

28,470. What was the reason of your change?—The reason was that Mr. Fill was the first one who sold me up; he was canvassing for the Blue party, and that is why I did it.

28,471. That is why you voted so in 1859?—No, in 1859. In 1859 I voted for Lacon and Stracey.

28,472. Mr. Fill offended you?—He served me with a writ, and my things were sold, that did not want to be done.

28,473. You were not bribed with money?—It was when Mr. Powell gave me this money. I assure you I forgot it when I was up here or I would have told you before.

J. Appleton.

JAMES APPLETON sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,474. What are you?—A mariner I was, but I have left off now.

28,475. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl, I think.

28,476. Did you receive any money?—5*l.*

28,477. Who from?—I cannot tell you.

28,478. Where were you paid?—At Cattermole's, at the "Army and Navy."

28,479. Who sent you up there?—I cannot say.

28,480. Did you ever hear that other voters received as much as 20*l.* for their votes?—Not that I know of. I do not recollect hearing anybody say so.

28,481. Did you never know that other voters got much more than you did?—No, I never made any inquiry at all about anything. I do not know anything at all about bribing going on.

28,482. Had you got a vote in 1859?—Yes.

28,483. Whom did you vote for then?—Well, I think it was Young.

28,484. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Was it Watkin and Young?—Watkin and Young I think.

28,485. (*Mr. Russell.*) You did vote for Watkin and Young?—Yes.

28,486. Did you get any money at that election?—I was brought out of the Roads to vote. I was sent for from the Roads; a man was sent off to seek for me.

28,487. Who sent for you?—John Barker.

28,488. What were you paid then; how much were you paid on that occasion?—I was paid 10*s.* a day for six days, and 2*l.* boat hire for coming ashore and going aboard again.

28,489. You got exactly the same sum in 1859 that you did in 1865?—Yes.

28,490. Who paid you the money?—John Barker.

28,491. Did Barker tell you you were to vote for Watkin and Young?—He told me that I was to vote for Watkin and Young. I always did vote on that side. I never voted any other way in my life.

28,492. (*Mr. Slade.*) How do you spell that man's name?—Barker.

28,493. He is dead, is he not?—Yes.

28,494. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You said just now you had nothing to do with bribery; what was that 5*l.* you received at Cattermole's for?—I do not know. I met Mr. Livingston coming up the New Street, and he asked me if I was going to give him a vote, I said, "I do not know I shall vote at all." I said, "I think I can get 5*l.* without voting." I never asked him for it; but he said, "I cannot give it you," he said, "You must go and speak to somebody, I do not know who." I said, "I shall not trouble myself about it; I never had a bribe and I should never think of one."

28,495. You went to Cattermole's and got 5*l.*?—Yes.

28,496. What for?—A man came that evening, or the evening after, and brought me a card, and told me I was to go to Cattermole's and deliver it there to some person, and I went at 9 o'clock, and I saw a person there. When I went to the door, Mr. Cattermole I suppose it was, said, "Are you looking for anyone?" I says, "Yes." He says, "Have you got a card?" I said, "Yes." He said, "Follow me." Accordingly I followed him through a dark passage to some stairs, and he told me to walk up there and you will see a person there; and I went up there and along a dark landing. I saw a person against the door; I laid the ticket down on the table and he took it up and gave me 5*l.*, but who it was I do not know.

28,497. You do not know what it was for?—I guessed what it was for, but I never asked for it.

28,498. What did you mean by telling us you did not know anything about bribery, do you not call that a bribe?—Yes, I should think it is a bribe.

28,499. It was a bribe?—I am sure I was not aware of it, and I never asked for it.

28,500. Who gave you the ticket?—I cannot tell you who it was, a man brought it one evening to me and told me I was to go to Cattermole's.

28,501. Somebody you did not know?—I did not know the man who brought it.

28,502. (*Mr. Russell.*) Did the man bring you the ticket the evening that Mr. Livingston had spoken to you?—No, I think it was on the evening after, I think so, I will not be sure, I think it was.

28,503. Did anyone except Mr. Livingstone canvass you?—No, the other side never canvassed me at all because they knew I never voted any other way.

J. Walsh.

JOHN WALSH recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

28,504. You told us before about the ticket system; did you receive any money for your own vote?—No, not for my own vote. I received some money for my trouble and labour.

28,505. How much did you receive?—15*l.*

28,506. Who gave it you?—I do not know.

28,507. Was it not Mr. Stagg?—Yes.

28,508. You received 15*l.* for your time and trouble?—Yes.

28,509. Who paid you that?—I do not know.

28,510. That was upon the Liberal side?—Mr. Downing gave me the order to get the money.

28,511. At Cattermole's, at the "Army and Navy?"—At Cattermole's.

28,512. Did Downing give you a ticket?—Yes; he gave me about a dozen, or 14 or 15. I cannot say how many.

28,513. Did Downing give you a ticket to get money for yourself?—Yes; not for my vote, but for my trouble and my expenses.

28,514. What expense had you been at?—Going about the town, and my wife going about losing a lot of time, and being about of a night.

28,515. You voted for Brogden and Vanderbyl?—No.

28,516. Did you not?—No; I never promised Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl. I told Mr. Brogden I should not vote for him, when he called upon me perhaps a fortnight or three weeks before; it was through Downing, and my being intimately acquainted with him, that I worked for him. He asked me if I would do him the favour, and I did so. The truth is, there has been always a good understanding between I and Downing, not upon election matters, but upon other matters which did not concern anything about electioneering.

28,517. You voted for Lacon and Goodson?—I voted for Lacon and Goodson.

28,518. And you received some money, did you not, upon that side?—I received 2*l.*; I received 3*l.*, and I received 10*l.*, but that was for work and labour.

28,519. Who gave you that money?—Mr. Stagg.

28,520. What labour had you done for Mr. Stagg?—Well, I forget now, I am sure; things that transpired 18 months ago I do not recollect. In fact, I do not remember the names I gave you upon that paper the last time I was here. When I come to talk the thing over with my wife she bears the thing in mind better than I do. What occurs to-day I never think about to-morrow.

28,521. You voted the way in which Mr. Stagg asked you?—Mr. Stagg never asked me at all. Sir Edmund Lacon called upon me, and I did not give him any positive answer. There was a little demur between I and Sir Edmund Lacon, it had nothing to do with election matters; this was some three or four years ago.

28,522. Can you carry your recollection back to the previous election in 1859?—No, I cannot.

28,523. How did you vote then?—I think I voted Red. I think I voted Red, with the exception of once, ever since I have been in Yarmouth.

28,524. What year was it you voted Blue?—Well, I think I plumped the Jew if I recollect right.

28,525. Did you receive any money in 1859 for your services?—I forget, I am sure. I cannot say, it is so long ago that I do not recollect.

28,526. For your loss of time?—I cannot recollect.

28,527. You can recollect if you were paid or not?—No, I do not recollect anything about it; in fact, I did not know who was returned till the other day, when I was looking in the paper and I saw it was Lacon and Stracey.

28,528. Did you take any part in the election of 1859?—Well, I really forget all about it. I do not bear in mind anything at all about it. Anything that I can give you any information about I would tell you immediately.

28,529. Have you ever asked your wife if you received any money in 1859?—No; I have never said a word to her about it. She told me the names of the parties, and I put them down on a piece of paper, and I handed them in to you; that is all I know about it. I do not know the names now if you were to ask me that I gave you in, they are on the paper; that is all I know about it.

28,530. In 1859 you voted Red?—Yes.

28,531. Did you know old Mr. Green?—Yes.

28,532. Did he ever give you any money?—Not a penny; I never took a penny from the man in my life. I have never taken any money in the shape of a bribe, or anything of that kind, but what I have worked for. I have always been paid for my trouble at the municipal elections and at other times.

28,533. You can tell me whether you were paid in 1859?—No, I cannot.

28,534. You say you are always paid?—If I work for them, not else.

28,535. Did you work for them in 1859?—No, not that I am aware of. I am not aware that I did.

28,536. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Did you do any work for the Liberals at the last election?—You can tell by that paper that I did. I told you the last time I was up here that I did.

28,537. Mr. Downing employed you?—Yes.

28,538. Did Downing know that you were going to vote for the other side?—He did not know how I was going to vote, and he did not know that I was going to vote.

28,539. Did he know that you were working for the Conservative side as well as the Liberal?—Not that I am aware of. If a man employs me I do the best I can for him.

28,540. At the same election you were employed by both sides, and you tell us you did do work for both sides. What work did you do?—I went and got parties to vote in the Blue interest.

28,541. Upon either side?—It mattered not to me.

28,542. It did not matter to you which side they were for; you went and fetched the voters?—It made no difference to me.

28,543. You went and fetched up the voters on both sides?—I did not fetch them.

28,544. What did you do?—I asked a man how he was going to vote.

28,545. Do you call that doing work?—Yes.

28,546. When you ascertained how he was going to vote what did you do then?—I told Mr. Downing.

28,547. Did you do the same with the other side?—No.

28,548. What did you do with the Conservatives?—I kept a sharp look-out, and ascertained who was going to vote one way and who the other.

28,549. You told us what you did for the Liberals, that you asked people how they were going to vote?—Yes.

28,550. What did you do with the Conservatives?—I did the same, at least, similar. I do not mean to say exactly the same, but similar.

28,551. Do you think you deserve to be paid for going to people to ask how they are going to vote?—Certainly I do.

28,552. Did not you think Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson went and asked for themselves?—They might for what I know; I cannot say that at all.

28,553. Do you not think Mr. Brogden and Mr. Vanderbyl did the same?—I do not know, I am sure, I never followed them about.

28,554. Do you not know that your services were perfectly colourable?—Perfectly what?

28,555. Utterly worthless; merely pretended?—Why should the tickets be brought to me for me and my wife to give away.

28,556. I am talking of your work upon the Conservative side?—It was just the same.

28,557. Were there any tickets upon that side?—No, not that I am aware of.

28,558. Downing wished to put 15*l.* into your pocket, so he employed you upon his side?—Mr. Downing came to my garden and asked me if I would do so for him. He came down to me twice, and he promised to bring me the tickets down, and I was to give them to these parties.

It is not worth while inquiring any more what you did.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

T. Harbord.

13 Oct. 1866.

THOMAS HARBORD sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,559. What are you?—A whitesmith.

28,560. Do you live in Priory Plain?—Yes.

28,561. Had you a vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,562. Whom did you vote for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

28,563. Did you get any money?—I got 10*l.*

28,564. Who gave it you?—Tom Edwards, the tailor.

28,565. Were you offered any money by the Conservatives?—No.

28,566. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

28,567. Whom did you vote for then?—Watkin and Young.

28,568. What money did you have then?—Nothing. I never had anything before for any vote.

28,569. Were you offered any money in 1859?—No.

28,570. Then how came you to take money in 1865, and not in 1859?—Because it was offered to me.

I. Shuckford.

ISAAC SHUCKFORD recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

28,571. Do you wish to make any explanation?—I understand there has been some little dispute between Mr. Downing in his evidence this morning and mine the day before yesterday; I thought the Commissioners would like to ask me some questions upon it, or give me an idea of Downing's evidence, because I shall be glad to correct it.

28,572. We allowed Downing to come to make an explanation in consequence of what you had said about him a day or two ago, but we have no jurisdiction to decide upon these collateral matters between you. We shall be happy to hear your explanation, and it will appear upon the notes.—I have only to say, the evidence I gave before the Commissioners, I think the day before yesterday, is strictly correct.

28,573. If you have not heard what Downing did say, we will read the evidence over to you?—There is only one little matter. He disputed my paying the expenses of his going through the court, and here is the memorandum of the solicitor, if the Commissioners would wish to receive it, of my having done so.

28,574. It is better. I should say that Downing's explanation was not very creditable to himself?—My only wish is, if I could do so, to impress upon the Commissioners that my evidence was the truth.

28,575. (*Mr. Russell.*) Mr. Downing informed us, that you had made some offer of paying Mr. Costerton's bill?—No. Mr. Cufaude, not Mr. Costerton I think.

28,576. He did say Mr. Costerton. Then he made a mistake, it may have been Cufaude. He then went on to state that an arrangement was made that he should go through the Bankruptcy Court?—No arrangement.

28,577. And to effect that arrangement so as to defraud Mr. Costerton of his bill, a bill of exchange for three months was drawn up by him with your knowledge, I believe by your advice, that no money really passed between you; that it was a sham and a pretence; that he was then arrested upon that bill and passed through the Bankruptcy Court, and so defrauded Mr. Costerton of his bill?—I am not aware of any bill being drawn at all.

28,578. The bill was given by Mr. Yaxley?—I know nothing about Mr. Yaxley.

28,579. But with your knowledge?—Not with my knowledge.

28,580. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) The imputation was, that the money was paid to Downing, and he was told at that time to return it to you, and therefore it was assumed that the money came from you originally?—I know nothing at all about the statement Downing has made. All I know is this, he said he was in difficulties, and he wanted to go through the court, and except I would go to Mr. Cufaude and be guarantee for some expenses for getting him through the court, he was fearful that he would not get through. He said, would I do it as a matter of form, and I did so; and, as a matter of fact, I have had to pay Mr. Cufaude's expenses, and I have the receipt for it here.

28,581. Mr. Cufaude the solicitor?—Mr. Cufaude the solicitor.

28,582. Was Mr. Cufaude the solicitor to the bankruptcy?—That I cannot say. Here is the memorandum, which I will hand to you, of the expenses I paid Mr. Cufaude. Mr. Cufaude is not in town or I should have asked him to come up. Mr. Wilshire is Mr. Cufaude's partner.

28,583. You say that you had nothing to do with Downing's bankruptcy further than being guarantee?—Not the slightest in the world.

28,584. You know nothing at all about it?—I know nothing at all about it.

28,585. (*Mr. Russell.*) Were you aware that Downing was arrested upon a bill due to Mr. Yaxley?—I was not aware of anything of the kind, beyond saying he was fearful he could not get through the court unless I went to Mr. Cufaude, and was answerable for some expenses. I had not the slightest knowledge of that in the world.

28,586. Were you aware that the bill handed over to Mr. Yaxley was part of the proof of debts at the bankruptcy?—I have not the slightest idea of it at present.

28,587. Had you at the time?—No, I have not the slightest recollection of anything of the kind in the world, nor do I believe anything of the kind was ever mentioned or took place.

28,588. Were you aware at that time that Mr. Costerton, as we understood, had a claim for 120*l.* or something of that sort against Downing?—I had not the slightest idea in the world of it. I did not know what his liabitities were with Mr. Costerton or anybody else. All he said was, that he was endeavouring to go through the court, and would I go to Mr. Cufaude, and be answerable for the expenses. What I did was to oblige him. I did so, and this is the result of it.

J. Starling.

JOHN STARLING sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

28,589. What are you?—A hatter.

28,590. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—No one.

28,591. Whom did you vote for in 1859?—I had no vote.

28,592. Have you never had a vote?—Never before 1865.

28,593. (*Mr. Russell.*) Was any means whatever used to induce you to abstain from voting?—No.

28,594. None whatever?—None whatever.

28,595. It has been stated to us that you attended at the nomination and held up your hand for the Liberal candidate?—I attended the nomination, as a great many others did, for the sake of seeing the fun; undoubtedly, at the time I held up my hand, but whether I held it up for the Liberal candidates solely, I will not charge myself to say. I may have done so.

28,596. May I ask you why you did not vote?—Simply for reasons of my own. I was never asked by anyone save by the candidates, and I told them that personal reasons would prevent me from voting, and they did so.

28,597. Did you tell the candidates what your reasons were?—No further than that.

28,598. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I suppose you will not tell us?—I cannot, it was an impulse. I had made up my mind many months before the election came I would not vote. Knowing the state of affairs in Yarmouth I did not wish to offend anybody. I had my

business to make and to support. I have nothing to conceal.

28,599. (*Mr. Slade.*) I think you are put down that you will not vote?—Yes, I honestly told them I should not, and nothing would have induced me. If a man had asked me to vote, I would most probably have gone and voted against him directly. Everyone in Yarmouth knows that I came up before to be heard just before the Commission adjourned; I could not be heard then, and my only reason for letting it wait so long was that I spoke to every one I knew, and nobody believed it, and therefore it did not matter.

28,600. Mr. Garson Blake says, "I know what the "influence upon him was. He was afraid to vote, and "therefore abstained from voting altogether." Then he is asked, "Do you mean the influence of the grain?" "No, the use of another influence. It was a case of "this sort, that his friend lent him money in his "business, and he was afraid to vote contrary to his "friend's wishes." Is that true?—No, it is not.

28,601. Is there any foundation in for it?—My brother-in-law passed his word when I first went into business, that is some time ago, which, with the exception of 50*l.* paid off before the election took place, I have paid. That 50*l.* was upon a promissory note which had been signed by me about the 28th or 29th of the December previously, so that the obligation had virtually gone away.

28,602. Was it the remembrance of the obligation that induced you to abstain from voting?—No.

28,603. Did your brother-in-law ask you not to vote?—No; he never mentioned politics of any kind to me, although we met weekly and do now.

28,604. Is your brother-in-law a voter?—Yes.

28,605. What is his name?—William Wright, a town councillor.

28,606. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) You got into the difficulty by holding up your hand?—So it appears, from my love of fun.

William Albrow sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

W. Albrow.

28,607. What are you?—A cabinet maker and upholsterer.

28,608. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

28,609. Whom did you vote for in the election of 1859?—Lacon and Stracey.

28,610. I believe in 1857 you voted for the Liberals?—I did; I think I have explained that previously to this morning.

28,611. Explained what?—I sent a letter.

28,612. You are now telling us on your oath what it is. How came you to vote for the Liberals in 1857?—It was in this way; it was the first year I was on the register for the borough, and a year or a year and a half previous to the election I was at work off and on for Mr. McCullagh; when he came forward as candidate for the borough, he came round and solicited me, and I promised him, and I carried out the promise and supported him.

28,613. You also voted for Mr. Watkin?—Yes; it is no use making a split of it; it is no use doing a thing with the right hand and spoiling it with the left.

28,614. That is, it is no use doing a thing by halves you think?—No.

28,615. In 1859 did you receive a bribe?—No; I promised Sir Edmund Lacon on his first canvass, and supported him. I never received a bribe in my life; and likewise the municipals, I always voted on the Tory side.

28,616. Mr. Watkin thinks everybody who voted for him in 1857, and against him in 1859, did so because they were bribed?—Then my being summoned here is through the evidence given by Mr. Watkin?

28,617. You are summoned because your votes for two years were inconsistent.—I do not see why nor wherefore.

(*The Commissioners then proceeded to the house of Mr. Longhurst to take his examination.*)

William Overton Longhurst sworn; examined by Mr. Fitzgerald.

W. O. Longhurst

28,618. Whom did you vote for at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

28,619. Did you receive any money for your vote?—Yes.

28,620. How much?—20*l.*

28,621. Who gave it you?—A stranger to me, a person I do not know, I never saw him before or since.

28,622. Where at?—The "Angel."

28,623. (*Mr. Russell.*) Who sent you up to the "Angel?"—Mr. Downing. I had promised Mr. Brogden, and I had refused Sir Edmund Lacon, who came first of all, because I never have voted that way. I told Sir Edmund Lacon plainly I should not vote for him, and the answer he gave me was, "I wish "every one would be as straightforward." When he came I was in very peculiar circumstances at the time from misfortunes that I had had, and I was then laid up with the same accident as now, only with one leg. I had injured one which I had been lame with for many years, I did not know how I was situated. He said it was rather unkind of me, I must vote for Sir Edmund Lacon; but I told Mr. Brogden, "I do not "know how it will be, I do not know whether I can "vote for you;" but I said, "If I cannot vote for you "I will not vote against you." However, the night before the election Mr. Downing came to me—I could get out on two crutches then,—he came to me, I should not have thought of it, and he said, "You might as "well have it as anybody else." He said, "You go to "the 'Angel;'" and I went, and they gave me the 20*l.*

28,624. Did Downing give you a ticket?—No, I had no ticket. After that, as I was coming out, there was a man of the name of Shearman outside of the "Angel." It appeared he had wanted some money, and they were afraid to trust him, and he would not trust them. He asked them if they would give the money into my hands; he would trust me, and I was not to give it him until after he had voted. That was how I had the money for Shearman.

28,625. What was Shearman's christian name?—Joshua Shearman. That was the only time I was at the "Angel" at any time. I saw a report in the "Independent" that Mr. Jones represented I called myself, and said I had bribed two voters. Neither of these men I ever saw, in fact one I do not know at all. I do not know that I ever saw him to my knowledge, and the watchmaker in Gaol Street, Bambridge, I knew him by sight, and he has come to me since I have been laid up, because his father-in-law belongs to the same society, and he told me that night where he got his from, and he has told you, from the landlord of the "Turk's Head," Mr. Humphrey. I had no other money, and nothing to do with any other election further than what I have stated to you.

28,626. Did you vote in 1859?—No, I had no vote in 1859, not here.

28,627. (*Mr. Russell.*) What is your trade?—I have been brought up to the seafaring, in the yacht service, all my lifetime.

28,628. Now you are a publican?—Yes.

(*The Commissioners then proceeded to the house of John Woods.*)

Mrs. Elizabeth Woods sworn; examined by Mr. Russell.

Mrs. E. Woods.

28,629. What is your husband?—He was a gas collector.

28,630. Did he vote at the last election?—Yes.

28,631. Who for?—Brogden and Vanderbyl, and Mr. Marshman came forward first.

28,632. Did he receive any money for his vote?—

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Mrs. E. Woods.

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None at all, he never received a penny in his life. If anybody had offered him money, he would not have voted at all, he is that sort of man, he is always straightforward.

28,633. Did Mr. Brogden send a bath-chair for him here?—No, he came with a carriage, so I suppose; he went and told him he had ordered one. I never saw any more of him after the morning of the election. Mr. Kelf, the clerk, came down and asked him to vote for Mr. Brogden. He said, "You have no need to "ask me that, you know that I shall not be able to go "out at all, but if I can do him any good, I will." He said nothing about the bath-chair until I saw it in the paper, and I was angry, and I said I would put an advertisement in the paper that it was not so.

28,634. What is your husband's christian name?—John Woods.

28,635. (*Mr. Russell.*) He voted the same way in 1859?—Yes.

28,636. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Your husband is too ill to be examined by us?—I am afraid he is.

Adjourned till Monday morning at half-past 10 o'clock.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

Town Hall, Great Yarmouth, 15th October 1866.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY.

R. Bean.

15 Oct. 1866.

ROBERT BEAN sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

28,637. What are you?—A fish merchant and smack owner.

28,638. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Lacon and Goodson.

28,639. Did you get anything for your vote?—Nothing.

28,640. Were you canvassed by anyone?—They called on me, and I promised Sir Edmund Lacon and Mr. Goodson, and I voted for them.

28,641. Were you canvassed on the other side?—Yes, I believe the parties called, and I gave them a denial.

28,642. Were you offered any money?—No, nothing at all.

28,643. Nothing on the other side?—No.

28,644. Had you a vote in 1859?—Yes.

28,645. Did you vote for Lacon and Stracey?—Yes.

28,646. And in 1857?—I cannot say whether I did vote or not. I cannot say whether I was at home at the time.

28,647. Did you ever vote for the Liberals?—Never that I know of.

28,648. And you never got any money?—Never a shilling.

28,649. Then we have been misinformed.—You are quite wrong if you have. I never received a shilling in my life from anyone. I did not want any money.

W. Edwards.

WILLIAM EDWARDS sworn; examined by Mr. SLADE.

28,650. What are you?—A seaman.

28,651. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

28,652. How much did you receive?—15*l.*

28,653. Where?—At the "Army and Navy" tavern.

28,654. Did you get any other money besides that?—Not any more.

28,655. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

28,656. Who sent you up to Cattermole's?—I frequently go there. I merely called in to get a pint of beer, as I frequently do.

28,657. Who sent you upstairs?—I heard they were giving away money, and I thought I would go up, I went up; they asked my name, and where I lived, and they gave me the money. That was all the questions that were asked of me.

E. Smith.

EDWARD SMITH sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,658. What are you?—A blacksmith.

28,659. Who did you vote for at the last election?—Watkin and Young.

28,660. At the last election I asked?—I had no vote at this last election.

28,661. Did you receive any money for your vote in 1859?—Yes.

28,662. How much?—10*l.*

28,663. Who from?—William Newman.

28,664. Was that all you received?—That was all I received.

28,665. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) Had you a vote in 1857?—Yes.

28,666. How did you vote then?—Mr. Watkin and McCullagh.

28,667. Did you have any money then?—No.

J. Smith.

JAMES SMITH sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

28,668. Where do you live?—In Yarmouth, in Church Plain.

28,669. What are you?—A tailor.

28,670. For whom did you vote at the last election?—Brogden and Vanderbyl.

28,671. Did you receive any money?—Yes.

28,672. How much?—20*l.*

28,673. Where were you paid?—At Mr. Wright's.

28,674. Who sent you up to Mr. Wright's?—Mr. Newman, the tailor.

28,675. Were you offered any money by the Conservative party?—Yes, Mr. Cooper did offer me 15*l.*

28,676. Did you take it?—No.

28,677. Did Mr. Cooper offer you the 15*l.* after you had taken the 20*l.* at Wright's?—Before.

28,678. Do you mean you would not take money from that party?—So far I did not take it.

28,679. Had you a vote in 1859?—No.

28,680. You were examined before the Committee of the House of Commons, were you not?—Yes.

28,681. Were you asked if you had had money before that committee?—Yes.

28,682. And did you say that you had?—Yes.

WILLIAM NEWMAN recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

28,683. Do you wish to say anything?—When I was recalled last Monday morning I stated the money I received in 1859. I found afterwards that Mr. Eagleton had said on the Saturday, I was not aware he had been examined, that I had more money, or I kept money, and I beg to contradict that statement; 28*l.* was all I received, and I accounted for it. Mr. Eagleton does not say any particular sum that he gave me, more than any other people, and if his figures are gone into, it can be proved there are 116*l.* that can be easily accounted for, with my 28*l.*, and Louttid's 25*l.*, and the dead men he talks of. I assure you I never received more than 28*l.* of him.

28,684. You told us that before?—I thought you did not understand it. I only do not wish to go under any more than I am guilty of.

28,685. You accounted for two 10*l.*'s and one 8*l.*?—Yes, I did.

JOHN TRICKER sworn; examined by Mr. RUSSELL.

J. Tricker.

28,686. What are you?—A tailor.

28,687. You are not on the register now?—Not the last register.

28,688. You had no vote in 1865?—No.

28,689. Had you a vote in 1859?—I had.

28,690. For whom did you vote in 1859?—Watkin and Young.

28,691. Did you receive any money?—Not a penny.

28,692. Were you offered any?—I was.

28,693. Who by?—Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Smith, in the Broad Row.

28,694. How much did Mr. Reynolds offer you?—10*l.*

28,695. Did you refuse it?—I did.

28,696. Is that Mr. Reynolds who is in court?—That is the gentleman.

28,697. Were you offered some more money by a man of the name of Smith?—He was with Mr. Reynolds at the time.

28,698. What Smith was that?—He is living, I think, in a shop in the Market Row. Edward Smith I think his name is, and a person by the name of George Bilsdon was along with him.

28,699. You have been employed by the Commissioners as messenger to serve summonses?—Yes.

28,700. I have in my hands a list of the names of men alleged before us either to have given or to have received money for their votes, who are said to be dead. I will read you their names one by one, and tell me whether of your own knowledge you know they are dead. Robert Beales?—Dead.

28,701. Daniel Beales?—Dead.

28,702. John Collins?—Him I cannot speak to of my own knowledge.

28,703. Do you know whether John Collins is in Yarmouth, if alive?—I do not know him.

28,704. Stephen Cullum?—He is dead.

28,705. William Darnell?—He is dead.

28,706. William J. Dye?—Dead.

28,707. William Ellis?—Dead.

28,708. William Houghton?—I have got two Houghtons here. I know of only one.

28,709. Is one of the Houghtons dead?—One of them; the eldest one.

28,710. Where does he live?—I do not know what street. It is going to the train from the bridge.

28,711. Does he live on the North Quay?—Yes; on the North Quay.

28,712. Do you know whether Thomas Houghton of Gaol Street is dead?—I do not know him.

28,713. Abel King?—Dead.

28,714. John Lummis?—Dead.

28,715. Stephen Peachment?—Dead.

28,716. Robert Read?—Dead.

28,717. Abraham Solomons?—Dead.

28,718. John Walker?—I do not know him.

28,719. John Walker, of Howard Street in the register of 1864, was reported to us as dead?—He may be.

28,720. You do not know whether he is?—He may be, but I cannot speak to it.

28,721. And John Grimes Rivett?—He is dead.

28,722. I have here a further list of men who are alleged either to have received money for their votes, or to have given money to others for their, votes, and who are said to be at sea. Will you inform the Commissioners whether of your own knowledge they are so?—As near as I can guess, I will.

28,723. I will read you the names, one by one, George Wright?—At sea.

28,724. William Frosdick?—At sea.

28,725. Samuel Haylett?—At sea.

28,726. James Howes?—At sea.

28,727. Samuel Johnson?—At sea.

28,728. Edward Devereaux?—He is at sea. He belongs to the pilot cutter or did. I called on Friday and he was not at home then.

28,729. William Miller?—Of where?

28,730. Of Hall Plain.—He is at sea.

28,731. John Julier?—He is at sea.

28,732. Edward Sutton?—He is at sea.

28,733. Daniel Carter?—He was at sea on Friday.

28,734. Joseph Fill?—He is at sea.

28,735. Benjamin Press?—At sea.

28,736. And William Wright of Charlotte Street?—He is not at sea.

28,737. Is the Wright of Charlotte Street at sea?—No. He is a shoemaker by trade, but he is out of employment, and he goes down to the beach to get jobs where he can. His wife said he might be in the roads fishing to earn a shilling that way, but he is not a regular sailor.

28,738. Have you endeavoured to serve a summons upon him?—I have.

28,739. And have not been able to find him?—I could not serve him, but when I went back the wife was out. I found her first in the morning.

28,740. Have you received summonses from the Commissioners, and endeavoured to serve them on all the men whose names I have now read to you?—I have.

28,741. I will now read a list of names of men against whom there are similar allegations, and who are alleged to have now left Yarmouth. I will read their names one by one, and you tell me whether you of your own knowledge know they have left. John Adcock?—He is gone I know.

28,742. Stephen Alsop?—I do not know him.

28,743. I have on this list "Cheltenham," placed in front of Stephen Alsop, but do you know whether he is at Cheltenham?—I do not. I believe I shall have intelligence in the course of the day of his whereabouts.

28,744. William Butcher?—In London, at a brewery I think.

28,745. Augustus Easter?—Him I do not know. I have no account myself of him, although we have received this information from different parties I have been to.

28,746. Have you heard he has gone to Australia?—Yes, I did.

28,747. George C. Hunt, have you heard that he has left Yarmouth?—I have heard of it.

28,748. Andrew Lottimer?—He is gone I know.

38,749. William R. Mayor?—I do not know.

28,750. Have you heard he has gone to the Isle of Wight?—I know there is one person went to the Isle of Wight, that Mr. Tivy has an account of.

28,751. William J. Miller?—In what street or where.

28,752. The Apsley Road.—That is right; gone to London. He is in the printing office belonging to the railway company.

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28,753. Robert Myhill?—He has left.

28,754. Samuel Parsley?—He has gone to Australia or New Zealand, I do not know which.

28,755. William Scott?—He has left for Beccles, I think he has been examined.

28,756. John B. Stevens?—He is down, I think, in Manchester.

28,757. William Worledge?—He has not removed out of the town, but we could not find him anywhere.

28,758. Henry Cooper?—He has been up to London, but he has since gone down somewhere to the north of England.

28,759. Joseph Crisp?—I do not recollect him.

28,760. Have you heard he has gone to London?—Joseph Crisp of Southtown?

28,761. Yes; of Southtown.—Yes; he has gone to London.

28,762. George Hastings?—I cannot say anything about him.

28,763. Do you know whether he has gone to London?—I do not know. He has left Gorleston, and they did not know positively where he was gone.

28,764. William Fisk?—He left about six months ago.

28,765. James Libbis?—I think he is dead.

28,766. Has he gone to Australia?—I do not know.

28,767. Have you endeavoured to serve summonses on all the men whose names I have just read to you?—All of them.

28,768. And you have been unable to find them?—Unable to find them.

F. Smith.

FREDERICK SMITH sworn; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

28,769. Do you recollect being with Mr. Reynolds at the election of 1859, when he canvassed a man by the name of Tricker?—Yes; I think I was with him at the time he canvassed.

28,770. Do you recollect hearing Mr. Reynolds offer him 10*l.*?—No. Neither to Tricker or any other person that he canvassed, not 10*d.* or one farthing

28,771. Do you undertake to say that Mr. Reynolds did not do so?—Not in my presence he did not. I will swear that positively, or to any other person in my presence.

28,772. What are you?—A general dealer. I keep a shop in the Market Row.

28,773. Are you upon the register, and are you a voter?—Yes.

28,774. For whom did you vote at the last election?—For the Conservatives, ever since I have been in Yarmouth, the last three elections.

W.C.Reynolds.

WILLIAM COLLETT REYNOLDS recalled; examined by Mr. FITZGERALD.

28,775. You heard the evidence given by John Tricker, that you offered him 10*l.* at the election of 1859?—Yes.

28,776. Is that so?—It is perfectly untrue.

28,777. You did canvass him?—Yes. I canvassed him no doubt.

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JOHN TRICKER recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

28,778. Have you any further explanation to give, there is some mistake?—No. I do not think there is a mistake. It is bad memory. I should wish to state that Mr. Smith, Mr. Reynolds, and Mr. Bilsdon, called at mine on the Sunday afternoon, the Sunday previous to the election. Mr. Bildson came round, I was at the back, because we do not open our shop on a Sunday. He called at the back door, and said there was a gentleman wished to speak to me outside. I went outside and saw Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Smith; and Mr. Reynolds asked me if I would oblige him by voting for Sir Edmund Lacon and Sir Henry Stracey, and I told him I had not made up my mind. Mr. Reynolds walked a few steps away, and left Mr. Smith and Mr. Bilsdon to make an arrangement with me. Mr. Smith said he did not hear it, but he must have heard it; Mr. Bilsdon said, "If you vote for Lacon and Stracey you can have 10*l.*"

28,779. Who said that?—Mr. Bilsdon and Mr. Smith were both together, because I walked away with them after that, and then we had a conversation after that about the 10*l.* Mr. Smith must recollect it, or else his memory is very bad.

28,780. You said before, it was Mr. Reynolds offered it you?—Mr. Reynolds was accessory before the fact, he was with them at the time it was offered.

28,781. That explains both stories?—Mr. Reynolds did not offer it himself, but he was with the parties who offered it at the same time.

F. Smith.

FREDERICK SMITH recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

28,782. Do you hear that statement?—Yes; and I can positively state, I never saw Mr. Reynolds on a Sabbath Day, nor spoke to him in my life.

Mr. C. J. Palmer.

Mr. CHARLES JOHN PALMER recalled; examined by Mr. SLADE.

28,783. Are you a member of the town council of Great Yarmouth?—I am.

28,784. And have been mayor?—I have.

28,785. On more than one occasion?—Twice. Would you permit me to refer to the evidence which Mr. Harvey of Norwich lately gave. I found, as reported in the *Independent*, he said he had been called upon by Mr. Reynolds, Mr. Palmer or Mr. Preston—he did not know which—previous to the election of 1859.

28,786. I did not understand he had been called upon?—I think that is it.

28,787. No, that he had instructions from Sir Henry Stracey to honour the order of Messrs. Palmer and Reynolds, or Mr. Preston, but not that you had called upon him?—I read it so. I wish to say I had no communication with Mr. Harvey at all, and that the circumstances deposed to by him and Sir Henry Stracey and Mr. Reynolds, were totally unknown to me until I saw them in print. I only wish to state that, that my former evidence may be consistent with what has been given since.

28,788. We understand that you yourself gave no orders to Messrs. Harvey and Hudson's bank?—None whatever. I had no connexion with Messrs. Harvey and Hudson directly or indirectly, in any manner whatever.

28,789. We want to ask you a few questions about the ancient history of Yarmouth. Will you tell us when Yarmouth first sent a member to Parliament?—It was first summoned in 1296. It was among the first boroughs that were summoned to send members to Parliament. Before that time counties only sent members. It was one of the very first boroughs that sent members to Parliament.

28,790. Who were the electors of Yarmouth before the Reform Bill?—The first electors were the freemen. The freemen in the time of King John were members of a fraternity or merchant guild, and they transmitted the freedom to their sons, and so on, and then other parties obtained their freedom by a servitude of seven years to another freeman. But in the early time the governing body of persons, that which now forms the town council, returned members. They did not go

to the freemen at large, but they returned the member, and they continued to do so for a great number of years. They used to elect a committee, or an inquest as they called it, of six freemen and six common council-men, and that inquest nominated the members, and those members were frequently or almost invariably, members of the governing body at the time. That continued until the time of the Commonwealth ; and in the last Parliament that was summoned by Oliver Cromwell, the freemen asserted their right to vote at the election of members of Parliament, but the governing body would not allow it. They returned their own members. A petition was presented against that return, and the question was heard by a Committee of the House of Commons, and the committee determined the right was in the governing body and not in the freemen at large. Then at the next election, which was the Parliament that brought in the restoration, a double return was again made. The freemen claimed the right of voting ; the governing body claimed the exclusive right. There was a double return, and another petition, and the Committee of the House of Commons on that occasion reversed the decision on the previous one, and admitted the freemen to vote at large. Then James the Second, after filling the corporation with his own adherents, granted a charter in which he endeavoured to confine the voting to the members of the corporation, but that arrangement was upset by the revolution of 1688, and from that time the freemen at large voted until they were extinguished.

28,791. That was in 1848 ?—Yes.

28,792. What is called St. Andrew's Ward here consists of the parish of Gorleston and Southtown, does it not ?—Yes, it does.

28,793. When were they incorporated with the municipal borough of Yarmouth ?—At the passing of the Reform Act ; a commission was issued at that time to determine the limits of boroughs, and that commission sat here for some little time, and made inquiries, and on their report the parish of Gorleston, which includes the hamlet of Southtown, was added to the borough of Yarmouth for electioneering purposes.

28,794. Gorleston includes Southtown ?—Yes, Gorleston includes Southtown, Southtown was a hamlet of Gorleston, comprising about one-third of the area.

28,795. Gorleston is situated on the right bank of the river Yare, and in the county of Suffolk ?—It is.

28,796. Yarmouth is in the county of Norfolk ?—Entirely.

28,797. The population of Yarmouth we have heard is about 35,000 ?—Yes, it is more now, that is altogether.

28,798. Gorleston included ?—I had better refer to figures.

28,799. Do, if you please.—I have the last census, when the total was 34,573.

28,800. Does that include Gorleston ?—That includes Gorleston and Southtown. That was in 1861.

28,801. That is the census of 1861 you have given us ?—Yes.

28,802. Have you formed any estimate of what it would be now ?—I have no doubt there has been a very considerable increase, perhaps 15 per cent., or something of that sort. I can give you the separate numbers, if you please, of Yarmouth, Gorleston, and Southtown. I have them here.

28,803. If you please.—The population of Yarmouth in 1861 was 34,573, which comprised 30,088 in Yarmouth, and Gorleston and Southtown 4,485—that was in 1861, and I have no doubt the population has considerably increased since that date.

28,804. Then Yarmouth, I may take it, is an increasing and not a decreasing place ?—Increasing, and it has gone on increasing ever since.

28,805. What is the area of Gorleston ?—I think about 2,000 acres or nearly 2,000 ; that is Gorleston and Southtown.

28,806. What is the principal industry of the inhabitants of Yarmouth and Gorleston ?—The fishery, unquestionably. Probably the shipping has decreased, particularly in the coasting trade, since the introduction of railways, but other trades have increased. The number of visitors has increased enormously, and other branches of industry have increased, but the shipping has decreased. The fishery has increased very much in consequence of the rapid communication with the markets.

28,807. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) I think you told us before that the corporation of Yarmouth were possessed of considerable property ?—Yes, it is.

28,808. Have the freemen any pecuniary interest in the propetry ?—None whatever.

28,809. And never had ?—And never had.

28,810. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you know at all up to what period the electors were in the habit of returning exclusively local men ?—They were generally in the habit of returning local men until the commencement of the last century. Of course there were exceptions. The old law was, that they were compelled to return resident freemen. There is an Act of Parliament to that effect. I think in 1430, or something of that sort, and that was broken through in some instances, not so much in Yarmouth as in the other places perhaps, and on the accession of Queen Mary she sent a requisition that the old law should be adhered to, the returning of a resident freeman, and she also recommended that good Catholics should be returned at the same time. Then, in the next reign, in Queen Elizabeth's time, came the great constitutional axiom promulgated, that members of Parliament were not merely deputies to represent the place they came from, but that they should legislate for the country in general, that they represented the whole country, and not any particular district. Still Yarmouth continued to return resident members, and they made a law of their own in 1585 to that effect, and so great was this feeling that during the Commonwealth, or in the time of Charles the First, they resisted all the efforts of the Crown. In James the First's time, and Charles the First's, and with all the influence that was used to induce them to elect the adherents and supporters of the Government, or parties residing out of the town, they steadily declined doing so, and always held their own, and they did elect to the Long Parliament one man belonging to the town. They also elected Myles Corbett, the recorder, who was a Norfolk man, not a Yarmouth man, and he became one of the King's Judges, and signed the warrant for the execution of Charles the First, but they still so far adhered to their old principle, that they compelled him to take a house in Yarmouth and reside here.

28,811. Have you in your antiquarian researches come across any records or papers showing that corruption existed in those days at Yarmouth ?—Corruption was not always on one side, because I find members of Parliament endeavoured to be corrupted. There is an instance now, 400 years ago, where an elector in Yarmouth applies to the member, and tells him if he can get him a good place in the Customs, he will allow the member's son a sufficient yearly allowance to keep a horse. You will find that in the Paston letters which have recently excited so much interest.

28,812. Do you believe, when local gentlemen were invariably elected, that they were elected on the ground of personal popularity or importance in the town, or do you believe they paid money to the electors ?—There is nothing whatever to show that any money was paid at those periods that I can ascertain.

28,813. Do you believe Yarmouth was purer in those days than in the days when the candidates travelled from a distance with sovereigns in their portmanteaus ?—I think so, unquestionably. I think the payments began when the arrangement was made that every elector should receive two guineas if he liked to claim it ; what they called head money. It was not at the time considered bribery, but that was, I have no doubt, the actual beginning of it—the touching the money was the beginning of what ensued.

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Mr. J. C. Palmer.

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28,814. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) When did that practice commence ?—I think about somewhere near 100 years ago, in the last century. A sort of arrangement was come to that the freemen should be paid two guineas each by all the candidates, whether they were successful or not. The defeated candidates paid as much as the successful ones, but they paid no more than two guineas, and no more was expected, or ever received at the time.

28,815. (*Mr. Russell.*) It was the payment of head money which led to their disfranchisement, was it not ?—It was, because the inquiry in the House of Commons decided that, although the custom did excuse it, it was neither more nor less than bribery, and they declared it to be illegal. Notwithstanding that, it went on, and the freemen were disfranchised. I was asked on the last occasion, whether, after the passing of the Reform Bill, the 10*l.* householders, being added to the freemen, took the two guineas as well. I find they did to some extent, and I find in that election, of Lennox and Coope 1,200*l.* was paid for head money; of that 900*l.* went to freemen, and 300*l.* to householders.

28,816. Where did those accounts appear ?—They appeared in the evidence then before the House of Commons on that question, and you also find the great expenses that were incurred in the elections of that time were even then more considerable than they are now. Two of the most eminent leaders of the Liberal party in Yarmouth, men of great weight and ability, gave evidence on that occasion—the late Mr. Shelley and the late Mr. Bath—they said that the election on their side cost from 8,000*l.* to 10,000*l.*, that money was principally expended in bringing voters from a distance. Persons were brought from all parts of the country at very considerable expense, and the travelling expenses were not minutely looked into. That evidence is in print, as having been given in the House of Commons.

28,817. (*Mr. Slade.*) Is there any family in the neighbourhood who has any territorial influence in this borough ?—None whatever. I do not think there is any family having any territorial influence whatever. I think it has been independent of that.

28,818. The Anson family had property in Gorleston ?—The Anson family had property at Southtown, that formerly belonged to an old family, the Pastons, who were Earls of Yarmouth; they never well agreed with Yarmouth. There was always a jealousy on the part of Yarmouth against anything going on in Gorleston or Southtown. They wanted to prevent trade there, and in that time ships could not unload that side at all; but in the time of Charles II. Sir Robert Paston got an Act of Parliament passed that enabled ships to load and unload that side of the river, and other privileges were attached to Southtown. On the death of the last Earl of Yarmouth, which was in the commencement of the last century, the estates were sold, and were purchased by Lord Anson, the celebrated circumnavigator, and he left them to Mr. Adams, who took the name of Anson, and who is the ancestor of the present Earl of Lichfield; and the Anson family have from that time held the great portion of that property; but I do not think it has given them any material influence.

28,819. What was Mr. Rumbold's connexion with Yarmouth ?—Mr. Rumbold had no connexion whatever with Yarmouth. He was brought down with Mr. Anson in the first election in 1817, I think it was. He was very much liked, and was very popular, and was very much esteemed for his knowledge, and he represented the borough for a great many years.

28,820. (*Mr. Russell.*) Do you happen to know by what influence Gorleston and Southtown were made part of the electoral system of Yarmouth at the time of the Reform Bill ?—I do not know at all. It was considered desirable the borough should be extended. Whether the Anson family had any influence in getting it done I do not know at all, I am not aware of it. At any rate, I do not think it did them any material good, but I cannot say they did interfere at all about it. Local men continued to be elected until about the year 1734, when the Townshend and Walpole influence first became prominent.

28,821. (*Mr. Slade.*) How did that arise ?—They were a family of great importance, not only in Norfolk but in the country. Sir Robert Walpole, being Prime Minister for many years, and Lord Townshend being his brother-in-law, they had great influence in obtaining appointments and matters of that sort; and I believe the majority of the electors were in favour of the principles they asserted, which were the principles of the revolution of 1688.

28,822. They maintained their influence here for nearly a century ?—Yes; the Hon. Charles Townshend represented the borough 30 years, and was returned eight times. He was a Lord of the Treasury, and had considerable patronage and power.

28,823. (*Mr. Fitzgerald.*) The Walpole influence in this place was established I suppose before the system of head-money was introduced amongst the electors ?—I think it was; but I think it was introduced while the Townshends and Walpoles were representing the borough.

28,824. I suppose the electors thought they ought to share in the advantages which the corporation at that time derived from it ?—Probably they thought they ought to have something. It was generally put under the head of "loss of time."

28,825. (*Mr. Russell.*) Contrasting the population of Great Yarmouth proper, and of Gorleston and Southtown, are the inhabitants of Gorleston and Southtown a poorer class ?—I think they are certainly; I think they have been; they are getting up rather now; they are rather more prosperous now. In consequence of a large fleet of smacks which sail from Gorleston, and other causes, they are getting better off, but they were in a very poor state for many years.

28,826. Have you any idea what proportion of the electors of Gorleston and Southtown might be designated as working men ?—I should think the great majority of them in Gorleston, certainly. Not so in Southtown, because Southtown is more for places of residence; but in Gorleston certainly the working men would have a very large majority.

28,827. Two-thirds ?—I should think full that.

28,828. A much larger proportion than in Yarmouth proper ?—I should think so. I do not know exactly what the proportion would be in Yarmouth; but certainly in Gorleston there is a very considerable majority, I should say, of working men, or men in moderate circumstances.

28,829. Is house rent cheap or dear, do you consider, in Yarmouth and Gorleston ?—There is this difference, in Yarmouth the rates are much higher than they are in Gorleston, very considerably higher. In Yarmouth, we pay all the borough rates, and the poor rate is heavier, and the board of health rate; and in Gorleston and Southtown there is no board of health rate, and the poor rate is exceedingly moderate, because it is joined and incorporated with the hundred.

28,830. That would be an inducement to the poorer class of ratepayers to live in Gorleston rather than in Yarmouth ?—Yes; only the poor man must live where his business is, or near to it.

28,831. Except the fishing trade, is there any trade in Yarmouth that is prominent rather than others ?—There is the boat-building, and there is a silk factory which employs a great many hands.

28,832. It appears to me, there are a great many shoemakers; is that so ?—I do not know. Norwich is a great place for making shoes, and they send their shoes out to Australia, and they have a very large trade. They may perhaps employ some hands here, I do not know myself whether that be so or not. There are a great many businesses connected with the fishery, such as making and mending the nets, barrels, and a great number of trades supplying the fishermen with what they require, so that a very great deal of the trade and business of the town depends upon the fisheries.

28,833. (*Mr. Slade.*) And it is an increasing trade ?

—It has increased very much of late years; also the deep sea fishery, the fishery for cod, turbot, and those fish that they catch by the Dogger Bank, and about there; there is a large fleet of vessels which sail from Yarmouth, which did not do so formerly.

28,834. Formerly it was confined to the herring fishery?—Yes. These vessels sailed from Barking and the Thames, and they have now been transferred here. Other persons have joined them, and it is a large business and employs a great many men. It is a profitable business; I believe it is uncertain, but there are large profits and large losses too, I suppose, at times.

28,835. (*Mr. Russell.*) Have you any idea what is the average rent paid for the house of a working man in Yarmouth?—I should think 6*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* or 7*l.* I am not quite so well acquainted with that subject as other parties.

28,836. You do not know what proportion of the whole electors are working men?—I think a very large proportion, a very considerable proportion indeed.

28,837. What proportion should you say?—Do you mean of electors who must live in a 10*l.* house?

28,838. Yes.—I think a large proportion; but if the franchise were lowered, of course there would be a very large addition, because the houses they live in I think are under 10*l.*

28,839. From my little experience of the matter, no statistics are more difficult to arrive at, for it is a fiction very often to term them as working men in such statistics, when in truth and fact, they are small shopkeepers, and hardly to be designated working men proper?—A small shopkeeper works very hard at times; but I could not give such reliable information on these points as some other parties.

28,840. What gentleman do you think could give us the most reliable information?—Really, I cannot say. I should think those parties that have been connected with the poor rates and the administration of the poor laws, can give you much better information as to rents. Of course the poor rates will show all the houses assessed to the poor rates. Here is an analysis of the elections during the 18th century, if you wish to have it (*handing a paper to the Commissioners.*) I find, that on an average, during the last century and during the present, there has been an election every three years or nearly so.

28,841. (*Mr. Slade.*) We have nothing more to ask you. We thank you very much, Mr. Palmer, for the very valuable information you have afforded us. We have now closed our labours at Yarmouth, and adjourn to London. Through you, as a member of the town council, we wish to convey our thanks to the mayor and corporation for the courtesy and consideration they have shown to Her Majesty's Commissioners. We have to thank them for these rooms they have placed at our disposal, and for the admirable arrangements of the police force, and generally for the order that has been maintained. Throughout this inquiry, which has been painful no doubt to many people, the Commissioners wish to state that they have been very much struck with the general character of the truthfulness of the witnesses called before them, and also with the desire of all parties in this town to afford them all the information in their power. You, Mr. Palmer, were the first witness called before us, and you are the last. You have had nothing whatever to do with the matters which we came to inquire into; therefore, I wish to say to you, which I can do with all propriety, that we consider that you have in very many respects reason to be proud of your native town, and to assure you, that though our official connexion with Yarmouth is now over, the Commissioners will always have and always bear a very deep interest in the prosperity of the borough.

(*Mr. Palmer.*) On behalf of the inhabitants generally, sir, I think I ought to thank you for the courtesy you have displayed to every person who has been brought before you.

The Commissioners then adjourned till 1 o'clock on Saturday, the 20th inst., at 1, Essex Court, Temple.